

Au Train Township Special Board Meeting
January 7, 2015
8:00 o'clock p.m.

The Au Train Township Board convened on an emergency basis, in the Community Building, AuTrain, Michigan, on the above date at 8:00 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Tom Balmes with the following members present: Mary Rogers, Clerk; Ann Clapp, Treasurer; Kristy Albro, Trustee and Michelle Doucette, Trustee.

*VISITORS PRESENT – 2 person attended the meeting.

Supervisor Balmes noted that he contacted 4 contractors in Marquette and heard back from two. Oberstar said they would be willing to try at a rate \$180.00 per hour, and a \$500.00 set up fee to get the equipment on site. Associated Contractors noted that their rate is a \$150.00 per hour, and they also have a \$500.00 fee to get the equipment on site.

Oberstar visited the site this afternoon, along with their operator and they think they can do it. Associated had a manager on site, but still need to visit again with their operator. Oberstar said they would do it as early as tomorrow morning, as there is an expected break in the weather.

The time involved will depend on many factors, but could take up to 20 hours, and cost as much as \$5,000.00.

Supervisor Balmes also noted that New World Energies (UP Hydro) sent out a worker to shut down the plant at Forest Lake to reduce some of the water being released into Au Train lake/river.

MOTION by Trustee Doucette, second by Supervisor Balmes, to authorize up to \$5,000.00 to contract with Oberstar in an attempt to remove the ice blockage, which should alleviate the flooding of the Au Train River, in an effort to protect our citizens and their property. DOUCETTE, YES; BALMES, YES; COTA, NO; CLAPP, YES; ROGERS, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion regarding precautions and liabilities was made.

Public Comment - None

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Balmes, to adjourn the workshop. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:25 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary F. Rogers, AuTrain Township Clerk