

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
December 14, 2015
6:30 o'clock p.m.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Au Train Township Board convened in the Community Building, Au Train, Michigan, on the above date at 6:30 p.m.

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

*VISITORS PRESENT – Approximately 10 persons attended the Board Meeting. A complete sign up sheet is on file with Clerk Rogers.

*APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions and Changes to the Agenda were made as necessary. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to approve the Agenda. MOTION CARRIED.

*MINUTES

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Doucette, to approve the minutes of the November 9, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

*BILLS AND CLAIMS

MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Clerk Rogers, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. BALMES, YES; ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15030 through #15063- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7571 through #7605- Garbage Fund Checks Numbered #1582.

*SPECIAL PRESENTATION

Rhonda Lassila of the MBTN (Munising Bay Trail Network) presented a grant opportunity to the Board for consideration. Much of trail is located within Au Train Township. The MBTN would like to apply for the Michigan's Iron Belle Trail Grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. The application would need to go through the Township, as the sponsoring governing body, but any expenses related to the grant, should it be awarded, would be handled by the MBTN.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to sponsor the Munising Bay Trail Network's Grant application proposal for the Michigan's Iron Belle Trail Grant through the Michigan Department of Natural Resources. ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; BALMES, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

*COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Clerk Rogers noted that the Zoning Administrators Report has been received and is on file. Information was provided regarding the alleged mobile home park in Christmas, Uncle Ducky's expansion and permit for his campground in Christmas, and an update on the George Sisco animal complaint.

Trustee Doucette provided information to the Board regarding the November Planning Commission meeting. Any action was tabled on the wind turbine issue. Upcoming meeting dates were established, and Susan Bovan was named chairperson.

Board member term dates were confirmed as follows: LaCombe 6/30/14 to 6/30/17; Bovan 6/30/14 to 6/30/17; Rolfe term extends until 6/30/16. Board member Fillmore term will expire 1/1/16.

MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Trustee Cota, to extend the term of Planning Commission Member Millard "Duke" Fillmore from 1/1/16 to 12/31/19, 3 years. MOTION CARRIED.

Assessor - The December Board of Review is scheduled for December 15 from 2:00-5:00 pm.

Discussion regarding correspondence and results of the State APAR Report - Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements was made. A draft of action to correct the issues and come into compliance is due January 25, 2016. Supervisor Balmes is working with Assessor Maki preparing the draft for compliance.

Cemetery - No report

Recreation - No report

Community Building/Promotion - Clerk Rogers noted that she plans to replace the old microwave in the kitchen.

First Responders – Treasurer Clapp noted that there were three calls this past month.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. An update on the Christmas Storage Building project was provided and the decision to order bigger doors, which has delayed the completion. Chief King noted that the Rescue Rig needed a brake line repair.

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - 7:10 pm - No public comment

upon arrival of Commissioner Jerry Doucette;

County Commissioner Report - Commissioner Doucette was present to update the Board on activities over the past month. He recently attended an Altran Meeting and 3 new busses were shipping. In addition, construction for their new building should get underway in the Spring of 2016.

Discussion regarding attending the MACO meetings, cyber security and the decision by the ACRC to not allow the snowmobile trail to Miners Castle to go along H58. There has been damage from the groomer to the road. They are working to reroute the trail for next year.

In addition, information on the State's Bond Obligation for the \$103,000 per year Bond Payment was provided. Other issues discussed were the ACRC and the ability of the County Commission to take over the Road Commission, no requirement to do so., State Transportation Bill discussion, tentative Budgets and Employee Health Insurance.

*TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of November 30, 2015, as presented by Ann Clapp, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	72,615.27
Deposits		960.04
Interest		0.78
Disbursements		13,332.03
Ending Balance	\$	60,244.06

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	186,297.55
Deposits		
Interest		2.13
Disbursements		32,545.73
Ending Balance	\$	153,753.95

Certificate of Deposit	\$	50,224.72
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GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	113,017.99
Deposits		
Interest		1.38
Disbursements		10,521.37
Ending Balance	\$	102,498.00

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	95,041.52
Deposits		
Interest		1.14
Disbursements		14,515.95
Ending Balance	\$	80,526.71

*A Complete copy of the November 30, 2015 Report is on file with Clerk Rogers.

Treasurer Clapp noted that the winter tax bills were send out on December 1st.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on the upcoming Presidential Primary, which will be March 8th and noted that the month of January she will prepare and send out W2's and 1099's, as well as begin preparing for February Budget workshops.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Balmes updated the Board on recent meetings attended. He also noted that Adam Carpenter, with the burned out blight house in Christmas, was finally served by the Sheriff Department.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - None

*UNFINISHED BUSINESS

River Dredging Maintenance Project - Clerk Rogers noted that the total cost for two days of service from Oberstar for the River Dredging Maintenance Project was \$1,705.00. It was proactive action by the Board that, unfortunately, may be overtaken by Mother Nature. After the first day of opening, it blocked over night. On the second day it was done again. Further discussion was made regarding the action, and the need to contact MDOT regarding the parking lot and other issues at the Au Train River Beach.

Jurmu Blight - Supervisor Balmes noted that the work was completed to the satisfaction of the complainant regarding the November Blight Complaint on Harbor View Drive.

*NEW BUSINESS -

Correspondence - Clerk Rogers provided correspondence received over the past month to the Board for review.

2016 Township Board Meeting Dates - After review and discussion, the Board agreed to meet on the following dates in 2016, with a change in start time to 6:00 pm.

January 11th , February 8th , March 14th , April 11th , May 9th , June 13th , July 11th , August 8th , September 12th , October 10th , November 14th , and December 12th . Budget Workshop Meetings will be held on February 15th and February 22nd .

*PUBLIC COMMENT - 7:56 pm. Public comments were received regarding the current condition of 16 Mile Lake Road. Supervisor Balmes noted that he would discuss the matter with ACRC Engineer/Manager Bob Lindbeck, but also encouraged residents to attend the ACRC Meetings and also voice their concerns there.

John Carr thanked the Board for their proactive handling of the Au Train River flooding and blockage concerns.

***ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Trustee Cota, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:19 pm.

Submitted by: Mary F. Rogers, Au Train Township Clerk