

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
January 11, 2016
6:00 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 6:00 p.m.

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

*VISITORS PRESENT – Approximately 7 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 Supervisor Balmes, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

***MINUTES**

MOTION by Trustee Doucette, second by Treasurer Clapp, to approve the minutes of the December 14, 2015 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

***BILLS AND CLAIMS**

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Balmes, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. ROGERS, YES; BALMES, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15064 through #15085- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7606 through #7613- Garbage Fund Checks Numbered #1583.)

***SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

None

***COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Clerk Rogers noted that the Zoning Administrators Report has been received and is on file. An update on the Duckwall campground expansion and Sisco violation was provided. In addition, a Letter of Resignation from Zoning Administrator William Rogers was received. MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Treasurer Clapp, to accept William Rogers Letter of Resignation effective, January 31, 2016. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Rogers provided information to the Board from the Michigan Townships Association regarding the assignment of duties of Zoning Administrator to a Board member. After much discussion, MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Clerk Rogers, to assign additional duties to Trustee Doucette to temporary take on the responsibilities of Zoning Administrator, effective February 1, 2016, with additional compensation of \$500.00 per month. BALMES, YES; ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES. DOUCETTE, ABSTAINED. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Rogers noted that a Letter of Resignation was received from Planning Commission member Susan Bovan, effective December 18, 2015. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Balmes, to accept Susan Bovan's Letter of Resignation. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Rogers will advertise for a Planning Commission member, with letters accepted through February 8, 2016, for consideration at the February Regular Board Meeting.

After discussion, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Treasurer Clapp, to appoint Trustee Kristy Cota, as the ex-officio member of the Planning Commission, effective February 1, 2016, replacing Trustee Michelle Doucette. MOTION CARRIED.

Assessor - Supervisor Balmes noted that he was working with Assessor Mark Maki, and discussed with member of the Board of Review, a Plan of Action and response to the State regarding the Audit of Minimum Assessing Requirements. The response was mailed in on January 6, 2016.

Cemetery - No report

Recreation - Trustee Doucette noted that the next meeting of the APRD is January 14, 2016.

Community Building/Promotion - No report

First Responders – Treasurer Clapp noted that there was one call this past month.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. An update on the Christmas Storage Building project was provided

Jerry Fitzgibbon and Norm Balko will handle the snow removal responsibilities at the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall for one hour Fire Department pay per time.

Chief King presented a request to the Board regarding paying Fire Department personnel for training sessions. MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Clerk Rogers, to pay Fire Department personnel \$20.00 per training session attended, effective January 11, 2016. BALMES, YES; ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion was made regarding the current pay structure for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief. Chief King would like to see all call out hours and training sessions be paid to the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, based on current personnel pay.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Balmes, to amend the Fire Department pay schedule to include call out hours and training sessions to the pay for the Fire Chief and Assistant Fire Chief, based on current Fire Department personnel pay, effective January 11, 2016. ROGERS, YES; BALMES, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Lakeshore and River Committee - Trustee Doucette noted that the LS&R Committee met on January 4, 2016. They discussed flooding of the river, the changing shoreline, life saving equipment placement, and a dog ordinance to address waste at the beaches. Supervisor Balmes noted that he spoke with MDOT regarding the placement of the life saving equipment and they are okay with it's placement.

Supervisor Balmes also noted that the annual permit with MDOT for river dredging activities expired on December 31, 2015. He is working on renewing the permit.

*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. Commissioner Doucette noted that they have come to tentative agreements with the Sheriff's Union, Courthouse and Non-Represented Employees. They have no state obligation yet for the bond payment issue.

Discussion regarding commission appointments, going forward with the airport, public defender rates and an update on the Jail Expansion Project was made. In addition, information was provided on SB571 - that limits information that Boards can provide regarding upcoming elections for millage approval.

*TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of December 31, 2015, as presented by Ann Clapp, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	60,244.06
Deposits		43,248.37
Interest		0.74
Disbursements		15,363.99
Ending Balance	\$	88,179.27

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	153,753.95
Deposits		92,169.39
Interest		2.15
Disbursements		9,162.68
Ending Balance	\$	236,762.81

Certificate of Deposit \$ 50,224.72

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	102,498.00
Deposits		16,942.31
Interest		1.33
Disbursements		10,680.00
Ending Balance	\$	122,540.86

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	80,526.71
Deposits		61,445.71
Interest		1.19
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	141,973.61

*A Complete copy of the December 31, 2015 Report is on file with Clerk Rogers.

Treasurer Clapp noted that the above amounts include 2 dispersals of 2015 Winter Taxes.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on the upcoming Presidential Primary, which will be March 8th and noted that she will be sending out W2's and 1099's within the next couple weeks.

The Election Commission must meet to address Election Inspector appointments for the Presidential Primary. The Commission will meet at 5:45 on February 8th, just prior to the Regular Board Meeting.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Balmes updated the Board on recent meetings attended. He also provided additional information on an upcoming meeting with Guy Meadows from MTU, who plans to come and do a field check on the river status.

Supervisor Balmes noted that the Fire Department hopes to put in a ice rink this winter at the Au Train tot lot.

Supervisor Balmes spoke with Alger County Road Commission Manager/Engineer Bob Lindbeck and relayed concerns about 16 Mile Lake Road that were brought to attention to the Board at the December Board Meeting.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Doucette noted that she attend the LS&R Committee Meeting and APRD meetings.

*UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

*NEW BUSINESS -

Emergency Procedure Hydro Plan - Clerk Rogers presented information regarding the updated Emergency Procedure Hydro Plan.

Correspondence - Clerk Rogers presented correspondence from the State of Michigan regarding the end of the Metro payment, CUPPAD, and the DEQ providing a copy of a recent after the fact permit within the Township.

W4's - Clerk Rogers presented 2016 W4's to Board members for completion.

*PUBLIC COMMENT - 7:40 pm. Public comments were received from Norm Balko, regarding the condition of the 16 Mile Lake Road, and Chris Latvala regarding the road project for Au Train River Estates.

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Treasurer Clapp, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:50 pm.

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