

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting  
July 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, Michelle Doucette, Trustee and Kristy Cota, Trustee.

\*VISITORS PRESENT – Approximately 9 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 Doucette, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

\*MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Trustee Cota, to approve the minutes of the June 13, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

\*BILLS AND CLAIMS

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; BALMES, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15221-through #15246- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7675 through #7685)

\*SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

\*COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Zoning Administrator Jennifer Wagener presented her report to the Board, which was reviewed and discussed. Jennifer noted that an email was set up for the Zoning Department - easier for contact and carry over to any Administrator. [autrainzoning@gmail.com](mailto:autrainzoning@gmail.com) - the password will be provided to Clerk Rogers and Supervisor Balmes. The Right to Farm Act was discussed as it relates to the George Sisco property - it is not a Blight Issue, but rather a Zoning Issue. Also the Board was notified, after discussion with Attorney Murphy, and Planning Commission Chair Duke Fillmore, that Mr. Gerou would be reapplying for his Conditional Use Permit for a campground on Reindeer Run (5 Mile Point Rd).

Assessor - Supervisor Balmes noted that the July Board of Review will be on July 19, 2016 from 2:00-5:00 pm. Information was provided from Assessor Maki regarding CUPPAD price quotes for mapping services and noted that field checks continue.

Cemetery - Discussion regarding grave markers we made. No other issues.

Recreation - Trustee Doucette noted that the next meeting of the APRD Board will be on July 14, 2016.

Community Building/Promotion - Treasurer Clapp noted upcoming rentals for the building.

First Responders – No report

Fire Department – Clerk Rogers noted that the monthly report has been received and is on file. There were 3 fire halls this past month, including one on the Au Train Basin Island. The need for a boat for access to the island was discussed.

The No Parking signage on the FD doors should be complete this week. The VHF Radios have been ordered. In addition, needed turn out gear to replace what was lost in the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall fire has also been ordered.

Chief King noted that the Gladstone Fire Department offered a pump and 17 air packs to the Department at a minimal cost. Chief King recommends that we offer \$2,000. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Treasurer Clapp to pay the City of Gladstone up to \$2,000.00 for a pumper truck and equipment from the Gladstone Fire Department. ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; BALMES, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief King also provided information to the Board regarding the updates on the 16 Mile Lake Fire and the adjuster estimates for replacement of the building, truck and inventory. Once information has been received Chief King will notify the Board for direction.

County Commission Update - Commission Chair Jerry Doucette presented information to the Board on recent happenings with the Commission. Discussion regarding security at the courthouse, recycling programs in Alger County, GIS System bidding for mapping services as a County wide program, the Jail Expansion project and the construction start date for the Altran Building.

The County will be putting out for bids a Countywide GIS Mapping request - where costs would be shared between the County and Townships, for the state required GIS Maps.

\*PUBLIC COMMENTS - Public Comments were received from Perry King, Donna Sheilds, Rusty Atherton and Jerry Doucette. Comments closed at 7:34 pm.

\*TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of June 30, 2016, as presented by Ann Clapp, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	98618.85
Deposits		15770.39
Interest		1.15
Disbursements		13358.08
Ending Balance	\$	101,032.31

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	325327.23
Deposits		69.20
Interest		3.84
Disbursements		18186.01
Ending Balance	\$	307,213.66

Certificate of Deposit \$ 50,299.86

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	105084.22
Deposits		
Interest		1.21
Disbursements		11709.00
Ending Balance	\$	93,376.43

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	235429.60
Deposits		
Interest		2.85
Disbursements		18173.31
Ending Balance	\$	217,259.14

\*A Complete copy of the June 30, 2016 Report is on file with Clerk Rogers.

\*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on recent activities. The field work for the audit with Anderson, Tackman & Company occurred the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Election Commission met prior to this evenings Regular Board Meeting. 5 inspectors were approved the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election. In addition, Clerk Rogers noted that the Public Accuracy Test will be held on July 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 at the Munising Township Hall, and Inspector Training will be held on July 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 am, also at the Munising Township Hall. Clerk Rogers noted that the commission approved paying Election Inspectors for attending the training.

\*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Balmes updated the Board on recent meetings attended. He also noted that he continues to discuss with Bob Lindbeck of the Alger County Road Commission the new 5 Year Road Plan. In addition parking issues for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July weekend along Au Train Forest Lake Road was discussed. Despite the No Parking Signs, persons are still parking along North Shore Road while they access the river. There was an issue regarding a Traffic Ordinance approved by the Alger County Road Commission which would allow the Sheriff Department to issue tickets. That has been resolved and enforcement should be expected in the future.

Supervisor Balmes also noted that the Summer Homes Road garbage pickup issue has been resolved. The Noise Ordinance, Right to Farm Act, and 16 Mile Lake Road signage was also discussed. In addition, WLUC-TV6 will be doing a story on the Village of Christmas.

\*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Doucette provided information regarding the High Banks Forest Service camping area, and noted that she contacted the Michigan Townships Association regarding SB265 and the Township concerns on liability. They noted that a Designated Beach Policy should be adopted by the Board which may assist in Governmental Immunity. Trustee Doucette provided a copy to the Board for review. Discussion about the need for an insurance rider as well to place the Life Rescue Equipment at the Au Train River Beach. The fact that it is not a beach owned by the Township, but rather the Michigan Department of Transportation is the concern.

Much discussion was made regarding fireworks in residential areas, enforcement of the State law, and whether the Township should consider a Fireworks Ordinance. The concern about such Ordinance is enforcement. Once again the lack of a police presence in the Township is a concern. It may be time to once again start a conversation with the Alger County Sheriff about providing services to the Township.

\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Audit Letter - Clerk Rogers presented a letter of engagement and the communication of matters related to scope, timing and consideration of fraud risk, from Anderson, Tackman & Co. Upon review each Board Member signed acknowledgment of their role in governance.

\*NEW BUSINESS

MTA Regional Meeting - Clerk Rogers noted that the Michigan Townships Association will be holding Regional Meetings in Marquette on October 6, 2016. Any Board members who would like to attend should let Clerk Rogers know so they can be registered.

CUPPAD Membership - Clerk Rogers provided information to the Board regarding the renewal of membership with CUPPAD. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Treasurer Clapp, to continue membership with CUPPAD for Fiscal Year 2016-2017, with dues of \$228.00. MOTION CARRIED.

\*PUBLIC COMMENT - Public comments were received from Donna Shields.

**\*ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Clerk Roger, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:41 pm.

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