

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting  
June 13, 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 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 Trustee Cota, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

**\*MINUTES**

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Doucette, to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

**\*BILLS AND CLAIMS**

MOTION by Trustee Doucette, second by Treasurer Clapp, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES; COTA, YES; BALMES, YES; ROGERS, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15192 through #15220- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7661 through #7674- Garbage Fund Money Orders (new checks were ordered).

**\*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 was looking for compliance guidance from the Board on several matters. Discussion regarding the Conditional Use Application for Gerou, upcoming requests for additional campgrounds within the Township, and the activity taking place at the Northern Arms Shooting Range was made. In addition George Sisco and the Right to Farm Act was also discussed.

ZBA - MOTION BY Supervisor Balmes, second by Treasurer Clapp to appoint Toni Lee as an alternate to the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Trustee Doucette to appoint Donna Shields to the Zoning Board of Appeals, effective immediately. MOTION CARRIED.

Assessor - Supervisor Balmes noted that he and Assessor Maki met with Attorney Greg Murphy regarding the VanNeste Surveying Complaint. No direction was offered by Attorney Murphy as of yet.

Cemetery - Sexton Moore noted that there were no issues this past month.

Recreation - Trustee Doucette presented information to the Board regarding upcoming recreational activities. She attend the May meeting of the APRD, where they discussed the Ice Fest, Concert in the Park Series, Golf Tournament, Day Camp (which started today), yoga classes, tennis classes and the Baseball Little League.

Community Building/Promotion - It was noted that the building is being used for Karate Classes.

First Responders – First Aide support to the Fire Department is still being provided.

Fire Department – Due to the lengthily discussion that will be required regarding the Fire Department, it was moved to a different point of the meeting.

\*PUBLIC COMMENTS - Public Comments were received from Chris Latvala and Mr Inman. Mr. Inman requested access to his back yard off Woodland Avenue through Au Train Township property on the west end of the tot lot. MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Trustee Cota, to give permission to Excavator Mr. Verbrigge use Township property off Woodland Avenue to access Mr. Inmans property for his septic and drainfield installation. MOTION CARRIED.

\*TREASURER’S REPORT - For the Month of May 31, 2016, as presented by Ann Clapp, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	111277.27
Deposits		1625.00
Interest		1.31
Disbursements		14558.68
Ending Balance	\$	98,344.87

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	333262.33
Deposits		
Interest		4.20
Disbursements		7939.32
Ending Balance	\$	325,327.33

Certificate of Deposit \$ 50,299.86

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	115942.80
Deposits		
Interest		1.42
Disbursements		10680.00
Ending Balance	\$	105,084.22

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	235426.60
Deposits		
Interest		3.00
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	235,429.60

\*A Complete copy of the May 31, 2016 Report is on file with Clerk Rogers.

\*CLERK’S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on recent activities. She noted that Munising Public School was billed for the May Election. The audit with Anderson, Tackman & Company is scheduled to start the week of June 27<sup>th</sup>. The Election Commission will meet on July 11, 2016 at 5:30 pm to address matters related to the August 2<sup>nd</sup> Primary Election. In addition, a dividend check from Michigan PAR Plan in the amount of \$1,330.27 was received.

\*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Balmes updated the Board on recent meetings attended. He also noted that he met with Bob Lindbeck of the Alger County Road Commission to continue discussion of the new 5 Year Road Plan, discussed possible brush drop off locations with the Forest Service. Also information regarding garbage pick up on Perry Road was provided.

Canoe and Kayak Launch - Au Train River Access - Becky Cain of the USFS Munising Ranger District was not able to be present but Supervisor Balmes and Trustee Doucette provided information on a proposal to the Board to begin with parking development and signage to assist with the congestion at the Au Train River launch sites. The proposed parking area was reviewed along with the placement of a porta jon. The proposed cost of the project for the Township would be \$1,701.43. This would commit to signage, fencing for the parking area and providing a porta jon. After much review and discussion, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Balmes, to partnership with the US Forest Service and the Alger County Road Commission to commit to signage, directing locations for parking and access points, fencing for the parking area, and providing a porta jon at Au Train Forest Lake Road to improve the parking and access to the Au Train River Recreation Area at a total Township cost of \$1,701.43. ROGERS, YES; BALMES, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Supervisor Balmes noted that the parts needed for the dock have arrived and installation is complete. In addition the Dust Control Application is complete and we were able to provide good product distribution throughout the Township.

\*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Doucette provided information regarding the rescue equipment and placement was provided. In addition to the cost and placement of a pet waste dispenser for the beach area.

\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Ballfield Permit - Clerk Rogers noted that the Forest Service Ballfield permit has been received.

ACRC Contract Woodland Ave - Clerk Rogers noted that the contract for the Woodland Avenue project with the Alger County Road Commission has been received.

Zoning Ordinance Text Updates - Clerk Rogers noted that the text amendments and corrections to the Zoning Ordinance, as authorized by the Board in August of 2012, are complete and the Ordinance has been updated on the website and copies provided to the Board. In addition, copies are available to the public via the website and hard copy at a minimal cost of \$5.00.

\*NEW BUSINESS - None

\*FIRE DEPARTMENT - Monthly report has been received and on file. Chief King requested permission to purchase candy for distribution at the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota to authorize \$300.00 for the purchase of candy for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July parade. ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; BALMES, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

The Extrication Equipment has been received by the department. In addition, the thermal imaging camera needs to be replaced at an approximate cost of \$7,000. It is possible that a grant may be obtained for its purchase.

Discussion regarding the fire that broke out at the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall on May 31<sup>st</sup> was made. The buildings and contents are considered a total loss. Clerk Rogers, Chief King, Treasurer Clapp and Supervisor Balmes have all been working together to provide information to the insurance company regarding the claim.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Balmes to authorize the purchase of equipment required to be fully operational in relation to the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall fire, as advised by our Claim Advisor at Tokio Marine (our insurance company). ROGERS, YES; BALMES, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief King noted that he has looked at replacement costs for the Pumper Truck that was lost. The entire process is on hold until the building and contents are released by the Fire Investigator that was hired by the insurance company to try and determine cause. There will be a meeting on June 30, 2016 in which the building and contents will be reviewed by any parties noticed for the claim.

Clerk Rogers noted that there is a \$500.00 deductible for the building and no deductible for the truck. Both are insured with replacement costs riders. The process, which has involved much of Chief Kings time, will be a long one before we get to the stage of design and bids for the replacement of the hall and being authorized to find a replacement truck. In the meantime, a truck is being stored at Fire Department member Norm Balko's house so that respectable response time in the area can still be met.

\*PUBLIC COMMENT - Public comments were received from Rusty Atherton and John Carr.

**\*ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:57 pm.

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