

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
May 9, 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 6:04 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 5 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 Trustee Doucette, second by Clerk Rogers, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

***MINUTES**

MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Clerk Rogers, to approve the minutes of the April 11, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2016 Special 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; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; BALMES, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15162 through #15191- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7645 through #7660- Garbage Fund Checks Numbered #1588 through #1591.)

***SPECIAL PRESENTATION (6:09 Start)**

Surveyor Glen VanNeste presented information to the Board regarding the conduct of Assessor Mark Maki in his role as Land Division Application representative for the Township. Clerk Rogers presented information to the Board from Assessor Maki as to the matter at hand. A disagreement exists between Mr. Maki and an applicant as to the number of splits allowed. Mr. VanNeste would like to see the Board reprimand Mr. Maki for his actions. Supervisor Balmes will request to meet with Attorney Murphy and Assessor Maki to review the matter and present that information to the Board.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Zoning Administrator Jennifer Wagener presented her report to the Board, which was reviewed and discussed. Jennifer informed the Board of a Public Hearing scheduled for May 19, 2016 at 7:00 pm, originally planned to address two Conditional Use Applications. Since scheduling the meeting, the application from Matter Marenger has been withdrawn. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for June 9, 2016. Supervisor Balmes noted that new meeting dates have been scheduled, and will be held as needed, for the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Assessor - Supervisor Balmes noted that he attended the CUPPAD Meeting with Assessor Maki to discuss the possibility of a joint effort to prepare GIS mapping for the Townships in Alger County. The initial cost estimate is \$6.00 per parcel, or approximately \$12,000 for the Township. They are still working on details before a formal presentation is made to the Board for consideration.

Cemetery - Sexton Moore noted that the water is up and running, the lights are on and flags for Memorial Day have been purchased.

Recreation - Trustee Doucette presented information to the Board regarding upcoming recreational activities. She attend the April meeting of the APRD, where they discussed the July Concert in the Park Series, Golf Tournament, Day Camp, and the Baseball Little League.

Supervisor Balmes noted that the Township Recreation Plan needs to be updated and CUPPAD could assist with that. Supervisor Balmes also noted that the dock is fully installed and ready for use. Thanks to Len Clapp, Rusty Atherton and Jeff Moore for their assistance.

Community Building/Promotion - It was noted that the Township was approached regarding use of the community building to hold Karate Classes.

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

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. Information was provided to the Board regarding the purchase of the Extrication Equipment. Three bids were obtained and are as follows: TNT Rescue Systems - \$16,885; Alexis Fire Equipment \$17,503; Fire Rescue \$15,510. Chief King noted that the Fire Rescue Company offers the best warranty, set up and training. The additional need for RAM purchase in the amount of \$1,200 was discussed.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Treasurer Clapp, to approve up to \$17,000 to purchase Extrication Equipment from Fire Rescue for the Fire Department. ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; BLAMES, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

County Commission Update - Commission Chair Jerry Doucette presented information to the Board on recent happenings with the Commission. The ORV Ordinance was published and is now in effect. Mr. Doucette noted that they plan to hold ground breaking for the jail project on May 23, 2016.

Commissioner Doucette noted that they settled with the state regarding the DHS Bond Issue and that \$677,000 has been received for the bond payoff. Information was also provided regarding the Brownfield Grant, Veterans Fund and Services and the 1/10 mill request, start up of the Community Corrections program again, snowmobile trails and road damages and the 911 call center.

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - Chris Latvala noted that the River Committee hasn't recently met and wondered what work was being done at the Au Train River Beach. Will the life saving equipment be placed? Trustee Doucette will look into the status of the liability bill. Supervisor Balmes noted that the walkway repairs were being addressed by MDOT.

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	98961.55
Deposits		21156.97
Interest		1.18
Disbursements		8845.46
Ending Balance	\$	111,277.27

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	322718.22
Deposits		21730.46
Interest		3.96
Disbursements		11190.29
Ending Balance	\$	333,262.35

Certificate of Deposit \$ 50,299.86

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	119467.82
Deposits		7153.56
Interest		1.42
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	115,942.80

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	200993.89
Deposits		34430.15
Interest		2.56
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	235,426.60

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

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on recent activities. She noted that the Munising Public School Bond election was held with 135 voters. The school will be billed for the Township's cost related to conducting the election of their behalf. Anderson, Tackman and Company have been contacted regarding the audit schedule and a contract for services, previously approved, was signed. Finally, an update to Quickbooks was required and purchased.

*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 and began developing the new 5 Year Road Plan. Information from the Alger County Treasurer was presented regarding lands available for tax sale within the Township. There was nothing of interest at this time.

As previously noted, the dock installation was completed, but a few additional parts have been ordered. He attended the recent Fire Department meeting, checked the new Christmas Fire Department storage building, and also recommended floor sealing. Finally, it was noted that the road restrictions were lifted today, so dust control will be scheduled.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Doucette noted that if her schedule allows it, she would like to attend the MTA's UP Summit. She also noted that corrections to the text for the zoning ordinance are complete and were given to the Clerk for implimentation. One working copy of the Ordinance will be available to all Board Members and in PDF format on the website.

Discussion about Fireworks within the township and whether there was a need for an Ordinance to Ban them was made.

*UNFINISHED BUSINESS

None

*NEW BUSINESS -

Munising 4th of July Celebration - Clerk Rogers presented correspondence from the Munising 4th of July Committee asking for funds for fireworks. MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Trustee Doucette, to contribute \$750.00 for fireworks. BALMES, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES; ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence - Clerk Rogers presented correspondence from the Tri County Volunteer Fire Department asking for funding. MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Treasurer Clapp, to enter into a contract for services with the Tri County Volunteer Fire Department, to supplement our Fire Departments coverage, in the amount of \$3,000. BALMES, YES; CLAPP, YES; ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

ACRC Woodland Avenue Project - Clerk Rogers presented the contract estimate from the Alger County Road Commission to pave the remaining portion of Woodland Avenue from Maple Street west. The total Township Contribution would be \$41,125.00. MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Trustee Cota, to contract with the Alger County Road Commission for the Woodland Avenue paving project, to be completed Summer of 2016, at a total township contribution of \$41,125. BALMES, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES; ROGERS, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Budget Amendment - Clerk Rogers presented Road Fund Account Budget Amendments as necessitated by the much larger NFR Payment and the additional contract for services with the Road Commission. Total Revenues were amended to \$372,090.17 and Contract for Services amended to \$180,000.00. This change resulted in a reduced Ending Fund Equity in the amount of \$191,990.17. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Treasurer Clapp, to accept the Road Fund Budget Amendments as presented. ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; BALMES, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

*PUBLIC COMMENT - Public comments were received from Chris Latvala, Perry King, Jerry Doucette and John Carr.

***ADJOURNMENT**

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

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