

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
September 12, 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 Treasurer Clapp, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

***MINUTES**

MOTION by Trustee Cota, second by Clerk Rogers, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 2016 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

***BILLS AND CLAIMS**

MOTION by Supervisor Balmes, second by Trustee Cota, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. BALMES, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; ROGERS, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15274-through #15304- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7699 through #7711 - Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2002)

***SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Alger County Sheriff Department representative Undersheriff Todd Brock presented information to the Board regarding a recent meeting held with Supervisor Balmes and Trustee Doucette regarding additional patrol hours in the Township. While the need for patrol in the Township, during the busy tourist summer months is needed, the funds to pay for the service are not available unless the General Fund Millage request gets approved. Undersheriff Brock and Deputy Blank were thanked for their efforts and presentation.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Zoning Administrator Jennifer Wagener presented her report to the Board, which was reviewed and discussed. George Sisco was sent a Notice of Violation for his farming activities. Jennifer also noted that she determined that Northern Arms, LLC was a legal non-conforming use. The Sliter Conditional Use Application was approved, however neighbors were upset because they said they didn't receive notification until after the hearing because the address used was incorrect. Additional applications and contacts were presented and discussed.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is a Conditional Use Hearing on September 28, 2016 and their Regular Board Meeting in November.

Assessor - Supervisor Balmes noted that correspondence from Attorney Murphy regarding the Mollanen Parcel Division matter was received. The issue has been resolved, allowing 7 splits as recommended. No further action required.

Cemetery - No report.

Recreation - Trustee Doucette presented information to the Board regarding recent activities of the APRD Board and presentation of Fall Programming. The current lease situation for the building and Munising Public Schools will remain as is for the next year.

Community Building/Promotion - Discussion regarding needed pick up truck repairs was made. In addition, it was noted that the Township will be hosting the November Regional Government meeting on November 30, 2016.

Fire Department – Clerk Rogers noted that the monthly report has been received and is on file. There were several calls this past month. Extrication training for the Department went well.

Chief Perry noted that Auto cribbing for the Rescue Rig is needed. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to authorize up to \$2,000 for auto cribbing purchase for the Rescue Rig. ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; BALMES, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Chief Perry noted that he is working on truck purchase bids. Will be meeting with Pomasl in the next few weeks.

MDOT Certifications will be completed this month by Mike Sanderson. Pump testing will take place on September 15th and Ladder testing on September 22nd. Discussion about the current generator in Christmas was made, as well as the need to consider purchasing a Road Rescue Vehicle in the \$15,000-\$20,000 range.

The Board would like to thank White Pine Lodge for donating a room for the Rescue Training instructor.

Clerk Rogers presented the prepurchase propane option from Superiorland Gas Co. (formerly Bowman Gas). MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to prepurchase propane for the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall from Superiorland Gas Co. at a minimum quantity as last years usage, at the cost of \$1.06 per gallon. ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; BALMES, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Clerk Rogers will place an advertisement for 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall snow plowing bids in The Munising News.

16 Mile Lake Fire Hall Bids - Clerk Rogers presented the only bid received for the construction of the new Fire Hall, as specified. The bid from Walther Construction, without a Water Suppression system, was \$115,414 with options as noted. The time from for completion is by the end of the year. An insurance payment in the amount of \$60,884.19 is expected.

MOTION by Trustee Doucette, second by Trustee Cota, to accept the bid from Walther Construction for the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall project, in the total amount of \$115,414.00, with the inclusion of Options #1, #2, #3, and #4, as discussed. DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; BALMES, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

County Commission Update - Commission Chair Jerry Doucette presented information to the Board on recent happenings with the Commission. Discussion regarding the Jail Construction Project, which is ahead of schedule, was made. In addition project update for the Altran building was provided. Information regarding a Public Defender, possibly with Schoolcraft County, MERS 911 System upgrade, Courthouse security, the airport project and a Coop Agreement with Townships for a County GIS mapping system was also provided.

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - Public Comments were received from Teri Grout of Alger Conservation District who presented information to the Board regarding a grant application and requested a letter of support. She also provided information on the Contract for Services and the Loan agreement. Those matters will be placed on the October Regular Board Meeting agenda. Clerk Rogers noted she would prepare a letter of support for the grant application.

*TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of August 31, 2016, as presented by Ann Clapp, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	96179.91
Deposits		19459.00
Interest		1.05
Disbursements		17913.63
Ending Balance	\$	98,726.13

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	219478.31
Deposits		
Interest		3.61
Disbursements		11476.83
Ending Balance	\$	280,005.10

Certificate of Deposit \$ 50,299.86

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	93377.62
Deposits		
Interest		1.04
Disbursements		21360.00
Ending Balance	\$	72,018.60

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	217261.90
Deposits		
Interest		2.77
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	217,264.67

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

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on recent activities. MTA will be holding an event in Marquette on October 6, 2016. Anyone who would like attend should left her know for registration. The audit with Anderson, Tackman and Co. is complete and will be presented this evening. Wording for the General Fund Millage request was submitted to the County Clerk for inclusion on the November ballot. Preparations are underway for the November 8th Election.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Balmes updated the Board on recent meetings attended. He also noted that he received a maintenance position inquiry. The Heritage Trail dock will be moved within the next month for winter storage. Supervisor Balmes also noted that he met with the Alger County Road Commission to review our 5 Year Road Plan, and noted that he would be attending the Alger County Board Meeting on September 19th at 4:00 pm.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Doucette noted that she will also attended the County Board Meeting on September 19th, where discussion about the GIS Mapping will take place. She also attended the Regional Government meeting and, along with Supervisor Balmes, met with the Sheriff Department regarding patrol hours within the Township.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Designated Beach Policy - No Board action.

General Fund Millage Resolution & Public Awareness - Clerk Rogers noted that she felt it was important to get the public aware of how a General Fund Millage would benefit the residents within the Township. After discussion the following will be put together as services provided by the General Fund: Adding Sheriff Dept Road Patrol, Recreation, Street Lights, Elections, Board Member payments for Planning Commission, Board of Review, Election Inspectors, etc., Salaries of the Zoning Administrator and Assessor, Cemetery Maintenance, tot lot, community building upkeep and utilities, signage, Alger Conservation District, website, maintaining records. Funds would also be used for matching grant awards and development of the GIS mapping system.

***NEW BUSINESS**

Audit Presentation - Clerk Rogers presented the completed Audit for Board members to review. Any questions or concerns will be addressed at the October Regular Board Meeting.

L4029 Tax Rate Request - Clerk Rogers presented the Tax Rate Request form for consideration by the Board. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Treasurer Clapp, to request the following millage be collected for each of the noted funds, to support the 2016-2017 Fiscal Year Budget, as recommended: General Fund 0.7069; Road Fund 1.9798; Fire Fund 2.9697; Garbage Fund 1.0000. ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; COTA, YES; BALMES, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Fall Clean up - Supervisor Balmes presented information to the Board for the Fall Clean-up with GAD, Munising Landfill on October 8th from 8:00-12:00. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Balmes, to authorize funding up to \$2,500.00 for the Fall Clean-up with Great American Disposal, at the Munising Landfill, with the date to be confirmed. ROGERS, YES; BALMES, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES; COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Election Commission Meeting - Clerk Rogers noted that the Election Commission will meet on October 10th at 5:30 pm, for business related to the November 8th General Election.

GIS County Wide Mapping System - As previously discussed the County is seeking bids for GIS Mapping services and will cooperate with the Townships on cost and maintenance. After further discussion, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to commit to Alger County and the development of a GIS System and support their decision on who they award the contract to that will best serve the needs of all those involved. ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; BALMES, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion about estimated costs and maintenance fees were made.

*PUBLIC COMMENT - Public comments were received from Matt Beaupied of ReMax Superiorland regarding a recent Parcel Division application. Concerns about accessibility by a Forest Service Road were voiced. Supervisor Balmes will discuss the application with Assessor Mark Maki, who reviews and approves Parcel Division Applications on behalf of the Township.

***ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Doucette, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:29 pm.

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