

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
April 10, 2017
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 Michelle Doucette, with the following members present: Mary Rogers, Clerk; Ann Clapp, Treasurer; Kristy Cota, Trustee and John Carr, Trustee.

*VISITORS PRESENT – Approximately 8 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 Trustee Carr, second by Trustee Cota, to approve the minutes of the March 13, 2017 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; CARR, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15469 through #15491- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7830 through #7841- Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2013).

*SPECIAL PRESENTATION

None

*COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Clerk Rogers noted that the Zoning Administrators Report has been received from and is on file. Zoning Administrator Jennifer Wagener presented her report and it was review and discussed by the Board.

Discussion regarding the Kleeman matter was made. Supervisor Doucette noted that a Noise Ordinance Violation and Blight Complaint had been received regarding Mr. Kleeman.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is May 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

It was noted that a CUP Hearing has been scheduled for April 20, 2017 at 7:00 pm to present Conditional Use Permit Applications for LaFave and Oas.

Assessor - No monthly report was received prior to the Board meeting (it was received the next day and will be reported at the May meeting).

Discussion regarding the Elm Street abandonment request by Mike Sanderson was made. Supervisor Doucette will be meeting with Assessor Maki and the Alger County Road Commission regarding the matter.

Cemetery - Discussion regarding the grave digger position was made. Supervisor Doucette will be contacting the City of Munising and Munising Township to see if they have someone who would be available to provide that service for the Township on an as needed basis.

Recreation - Supervisor Doucette noted that she resigned from the Alger Parks and Recreation Board effective immediately. The Board will not be considering a replacement at this time.

Community Building/Promotion - LED Lighting replacement was again discussed. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr to proceed with replacing the light bulbs with LED bulbs from Menards at \$60.00 per case, 11 cases needed. ROGERS, YES; CARR, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. There was 4 calls this past month.

Clerk Rogers presented correspondence from the Tri County Volunteer Fire Department requesting funding for a contract for services, as they provide assistance to the Township Fire Department, covering areas within the Township.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Treasurer Clapp, to contract with the Tri County Volunteer Fire Department to provide assistance in fire protection services, covering areas within the Township in the amount of \$3,000.00. ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; CORR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Chief King will be obtaining 3 bids for the Brush Truck purchase for consideration by the Board.

Chief King noted that the MDOT Truck Certifications and vehicle maintenance need to be completed by Sanderson. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, to authorize the MDOT Certifications and Truck Maintenance by Sanderson and Son, at a cost up to \$3,500.00. ROGERS, YES; CARR, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion regarding the reinstallation of the generator at the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall was made, in addition to the possible need for an additional unit at the Christmas Fire Hall.

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - 6:59 pm - Comments were received from Nancy Bailey, Jake Miller and Donna Shields.

*TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of April 30, 2017, as presented by Ann Clapp, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	113,736.30
Deposits		4,160.17
Interest		1.41
Disbursements		10,736.31
Ending Balance	\$	107,736.31

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	536,896.34
Deposits		21,483.99
Interest		7.02
Disbursements		5,751.16
Ending Balance	\$	552,636.13

Certificate of Deposit	\$	50,450.44
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GARBAGE FUND CHECKING			
Beginning Balance	\$		65,553.25
Deposits			4,400.04
Interest			.80
Disbursements			10,893.60
Ending Balance	\$		59,060.54
ROAD FUND CHECKING			
Beginning Balance	\$		189,733.71
Deposits			8,711.54
Interest			2.49
Disbursements			
Ending Balance	\$		198,447.74

*A Complete copy of the April 30, 2017 Report is on file with Clerk Rogers.

Treasurer Clapp noted that the AED Unit at the Hall as been completely replaced.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on the recent activities relating to final Budget. In addition wording for the Road and Garbage Millage Proposals were prepared, along with off year Budget Prep.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Carr noted that he visited all 3 fire halls, and had discussion with Chief Perry. He also noted that with the contracts for service, the maintenance should be scheduled for the heating units this summer.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent meetings attended. She noted that the dock installation at the Heritage Trail Center was completed thanks to Fire Department members Chief Perry King, Amber Denman Weathers and Dan Weathers.

The County Dog Ordinance was placed on the Township website for residents to review and/or download.

Discussion regarding current blight complaints for Ed Smith's Antique Shop in Christmas was made. It is an ongoing issue. In addition a complaint was received this evening for Kleeman. Supervisor Doucette will proceed with sending violation notices.

Discussion regarding a concern noted from resident Tom Christianson on the condition of Reindeer Run was made. Supervisor Doucette will be meeting with Mr. Christianson and the Alger County Road Commission.

The Special Meeting noted with the members from State Legislature (Representative Kivela) and MDOT was held on March 31, 2017. Discussion regarding the river mouth blockage, actions in the past by the Township for dredging and concerns for residents and flooding was made. Only 1 Board member, Supervisor Doucette, was present. MDOT noted their asset is the bridge and that they have nothing to do with the river. At this time it was noted that Au Train Township will no longer cover the costs involved with dredging.

An evidence hearing for the Sliter matter is scheduled for June 21, 2017 at 10:00 am. At this time the Township is no longer involved in the case.

A brief discussion regarding the Insurance Review was made. Suggestions for additional policies for the Board to consider was offered.

*UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

The following Resolutions to place millage proposals for the August Primary were presented by Clerk Rogers:

AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

Au Train Township, Alger County
Resolution Number 17-006
April 10, 2017

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Au Train Township wishes to provide additional road maintenance and improvements, not currently provided by the Alger County Road Commission; and

WHEREAS, townships have the authority to provide road maintenance and improvements as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by Article 9, Section 6, Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Au Train Township wishes to levy 2 mills, for Five (5) years to provide road maintenance and improvements;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Au Train Township, Alger County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 8, 2017 election ballot:

ROAD MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT MILLAGE, WITHIN
THE TOWNSHIP OF AU TRAIN, COUNTY OF ALGER.

Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes with Au Train Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said Township at 2.00 mills (\$2.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 5 years from 2017 to 2021 for the purpose of Road Maintenance and Improvements within Au Train Township; and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for said purpose, thereby raising an estimated \$137,965.00 in the first year the millage is levied.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Board Member: Trustee Carr

Second offered by Board Member: Trustee Cota

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

"Aye": Carr, Cota, Clapp, Doucette, Rogers

"Nay": None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Mary F Rogers

Mary F. Rogers, Au Train Township Clerk

AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD
RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

Au Train Township, Alger County
Resolution Number 17-007
April 10, 2017

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Au Train Township wishes to provide curbside pick-up of garbage, maintain the closed Munising Landfill, as required, and offer Spring/Fall clean-ups to its residents;

WHEREAS, townships have the authority to provide garbage collection services as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963; and

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by Article 9, Section 6, Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Au Train Township wishes to levy 3 mills, for Five (5) years to provide curbside pick-up of garbage and supporting services,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Au Train Township, Alger County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 8, 2017 election ballot:

GARBAGE COLLECTION AND SUPPORTING SERVICES,
WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF AU TRAIN, COUNTY OF ALGER.

"Shall the tax limitation on general ad valorem taxes with Au Train Township imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution be increased for said Township at 3.00 mills (\$3.00 per \$1,000 of taxable value) for the period of 5 years from 2017 to 2021, for the purpose of providing curbside garbage collection and supporting services, within Au Train Township, including ongoing costs related to the closure of the Munising Landfill; and shall the Township levy such increase in millage for said purpose. The millage is estimated to provide revenues of \$206,947.00 in the first year it is levied?"

The foregoing Resolution offered by Board Member: Trustee Cota

Second offered by Board Member: Trustee Carr

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

"Aye": Cota, Carr, Rogers, Doucette, Clapp

"Nay": None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Mary F Rogers

Mary F. Rogers, Au Train Township Clerk

***NEW BUSINESS**

Dust Control - Supervisor Doucette presented Dust Control options to the Board to consider. Pricing was obtained from Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales and MJ VanDamme. After review and discussion comparing last years cost, price per gallon and the number of times it must be applied, MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Trustee Cota, to authorize up to \$22,000 for Dust Control purchase and application through Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales - Bay Dust Control, at a quote of \$0.749 per gallon. DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES; CARR, YES; COTA, YES; ROGERS, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Hiawatha National Forest Service Open House - Supervisor Doucette noted that the Hiawatha National Forest Service will be holding an open house on Wednesday, April 19th from 5:00-7:00 pm, at the Township Community Building - to present information on the Au Train Public Access, Parking and Rehabilitation Project - Au Train River.

Township Newsletter - Supervisor Doucette noted that she would like to see a Township Newsletter prepared and published (whether online or mailed to residents) - noting Township happenings and updates.

Spring Cleanup - The Spring Cleanup has been confirmed for May 13, 2017 from 9:00-12:00 at the Wood Island Landfill.

*PUBLIC COMMENT - 8:14 pm. No public comments

***ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:15 pm.

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