

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting  
July 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 20 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 Supervisor Doucette, second by Clerk Rogers, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

**\*MINUTES**

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, to approve the minutes of the June 12, 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; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15546 through #15512- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7876 through #7888- Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2018).

**\*SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

Rod DesJardins, Board of Directors Chairman for ALTRAN made a presentation to the Board requesting short term financial assistance. They currently have a deficit in their budget and are asking for support from local municipalities who use their service. They are looking at a ½ mill request for the August, 2018 Election, but need support in the meantime. They asked for a one time financial contribution from the Township in the amount of \$15,000. They believe that ALTRAN is important to the residents of Au Train Township. An informational packet was provided for review. The Township Board indicated that they would review their current financial status at the August Regular Board meeting but felt that they too were operating on a limited budget and didn't expect they could contribute at this time.

Bob Lindbeck, Manager and Doug Miron Road Commission Member for the Alger County Road Commission made a presentation to the Board. Mr. Miron thanked the Township for their cooperation and noted that working with the local townships is key to the operation of the ACRC. Mr. Lindbeck presented an outline of projects completed within the Township, and the 5 Year Road Plan Improvement Schedule, that would be possible with the Townships millage renewal.

Several residents from the Reindeer Run location were present to ask questions and voice their concerns over the condition of their road surface. Reindeer Run is expected to be addressed in 2018 based on the current Road Plan, which was noted to the residents. But it is just a guideline for the Township and ACRC so that they can plan where funds would best be directed for future projects.

**\*COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is August 10, 2017 at 7:00 pm.

Assessor - July Board of Review has been scheduled for July 18<sup>th</sup> from 2:00-5:00 pm.

It was noted that the meeting with the State Tax Commission went well and they are pleased with the Townships progress.

Cemetery - It was noted that many projects were completed over at the cemetery in the past month. In addition several plot purchase inquiries were received.

Recreation - No Report

Community Building/Promotion - Dan Weathers noted that there was a break in at the Township Hall. The vandalism included a broken table, chairs, and glass throughout. Discussion about the installation of a security camera system was made. The approximate cost would be \$900.00

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, to purchase a Security Camera System for use at the Township Community Building at a cost up to \$900.00. ROGERS, YES; CARR, YES; CLAPP, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. There was 1 call this past month.

Discussion about the decal application for the side by side, along with the required equipment from Pomasal was made. Two pumps, lines and hoses need to be purchased. Pumps cost approximately \$3,700 each and hoses and lines about \$1,400. The skid unit for the vehicle is being donated.

Discussion regarding the detailing for the new brush truck was made. Cost will be approximately \$800.00 through Signs Unlimited.

Clerk Rogers will order 3 Municipal Plates from the Secretary of State DMV Office for the department.

Chief King noted that he contacted Hiawatha Telephone Company to schedule the reinstallation of the phone at the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Doucette, to authorize detailing of the Brush Truck through Signs Unlimited at a cost not to exceed \$800.00. ROGERS, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; CARR, YES; CLAPP, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Trustee Cota, second Clerk Rogers, to proceed with the outfitting of the Side by Side through Pomasal at a cost not to exceed \$11,000. COTA, YES; ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

\*PUBLIC COMMENTS - 7:50 pm - Comments were received from Donna Shields.

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	103,650.21
Deposits		16,331.69
Interest		1.18
Disbursements		15,589.10
Ending Balance	\$	104,392.80

FIRE FUND CHECKING		
Beginning Balance	\$	264,766.68
Deposits		
Interest		3.19
Disbursements		48,704.76
Ending Balance	\$	216,065.11
Certificate of Deposit	\$	50,450.44
GARBAGE FUND CHECKING		
Beginning Balance	\$	44,064.42
Deposits		
Interest		.48
Disbursements		12,516.10
Ending Balance	\$	31,549.00
ROAD FUND CHECKING		
Beginning Balance	\$	226,827.05
Deposits		
Interest		2.67
Disbursements		18,378.21
Ending Balance	\$	208,451.51

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

\*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on the recent activities. The audit through Anderson, Tackman and Company is complete. The F65 Report has been filed with the State. Clerk Rogers reminded the Board that no formal report will be received.

Discussion regarding the August Special Primary Election was made. The Public Accuracy Test will be held on July 12<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am. This will be the last election using the current AccuVote System, as the new equipment is expected to be delivered for use for the November Election.

\*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent meetings attended. She provided information to the Board regarding Zoning Ordinance issues, and a meeting with the Zoning Administrator, and cemetery issues. Supervisor Doucette also noted that condemned properties within the Township can be initiated by the Township Board by written letter to Building Code Administrator for the County, Joe Cilc. Mr. Cilc would then follow up on the concern as the Administrator.

\*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Carr noted that he attended the Fire Department meeting, visited the cemetery, Heritage Trail and all fire halls. Discussion about concerns brought up from the Department were also discussed.

\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS -

Correspondence Attorney Murphy - Correspondence from Attorney Greg Murphy regarding legal fees related to the enforcement of Ordinances within the Township was discussed.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, that legal fees should not be taken into consideration when it comes to the enforcement of the Townships Ordinances. MOTION CARRIED.

**\*NEW BUSINESS**

Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association Ordinance - Clerk Rogers presented the Ordinance request from Alger Delta Cooperative Electric Association for review by the Board. Discussion about the Ordinance and its need versus a Resolution was made. Clerk Rogers will forward to Attorney Greg Murphy for review.

Blight Ordinance Review - Board members reviewed and revised the existing Blight Ordinance, addressing concerns regarding penalties and discrepancies. Clerk Rogers will prepare a Draft for review at the August Regular Board Meeting.

\*PUBLIC COMMENT - 8:58 pm. Comments were received from Donna Shields, and Rusty Atherton.

**\*ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Treasurer Clapp, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:22 pm.

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