

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
May 8, 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 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 Carr, to approve the minutes of the April 10, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Clerk Rogers, to approve the minutes of the April 20, 2017 Special Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

***BILLS AND CLAIMS**

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Treasurer Clapp, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; CARR, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15492 through #15516- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7842 through #7859- Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2014).

***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 reviewed and discussed by the Board.

Discussion regarding the Kleeman matter was made. Administrator Wagener noted that Mr. Kleeman had turned in a Conditional Use Application. A hearing date will be scheduled.

Discussion regarding Stan Gerou's request for a bath house on Reindeer Run was made. Clerk Rogers noted that a copy of the State Permit for his approved campground was received. Administrator Wagener compared the permit to the conditions of the CUP.

The next meeting of the Planning Commission is May 11, 2017 at 7:00 pm. They are beginning to review the Master Plan.

Assessor - Assessor Maki was present to provide updates to the Board. After review and discussion, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, to authorize up to \$750.00 for the purchase of Apex Sketch Software for the Assessor's office. ROGERS, YES; CARR, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES; COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Assessor Maki updated the Board on the March Board of Review and noted that the current Board of Review Members are very good and work well together.

His office continues to work on updating Assessing Data - the property information, sketches and updating of photos has begun. The commercial properties are being addressed first. Assessor Maki also noted that he is looking into the option of BSA Software hosting the Township data for public access.

An update on the State Tax Commission Audit Review was provided. It was noted that they will be checking back in to see what updates are being done. The weakest area, land value maps, will be addressed with the new GIS maps that the Township contracted with CUPPAD through the County.

Finally, discussion regarding property splits without Land Division Application approval are still happening. Assessor Maki suggested that the Township not issue Zoning Compliance Permits when someone violates the Land Division Act.

Cemetery - Supervisor Doucette noted that Jim LaChance, the grave digger, took care of the first burial of the year for the Township. Discussion regarding specific information about foot stone/headstone size etc. was made, along with the removal of ornamentals from the grave sites by October 31st of each year.

Recreation - No Report

Community Building/Promotion - Treasurer Clapp noted that there were recently two rentals. Flags are being replaced as needed. Maintenance Worker Dan is working on getting the LED bulbs and replacing them in the Township hall and fire halls.

Discussion regarding the dock/kayak launch, additional wood chips being added at the tot lot and the need to purchase a yard trimming system was made.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to purchase a Yard Boss Kombi System with attachments through Bergdahls, up to \$750.00. ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

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

The new fire truck was delivered to the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall on April 14th. All the equipment has been placed on it. A backup camera is being installed by Mike Sanderson.

Chief King noted that Sanderson & Son are finishing up the MDOT Certifications soon. The Au Train Pumpers PTO valve needs to be replaced, along with a drain line.

Chief King also noted that they are holding off on the consideration of a purchase of a side by side for now. They are reviewing options to keep the pricing down. The Department will look at renting one for the Pictured Rocks Road Race held on Grand Island.

A VHF radio for the new truck needs to be purchased and installed. The cost through Elcom, including installation will be about \$800.00. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota to authorize up to \$850.00 for the VHF radio for the 16 Mile Lake truck through Elcom. ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Fire Department Brush Truck purchase - 3 sealed bids were received and publically opened by Clerk Rogers.

Public Service Garage - 2017 GMC Sierra - 2500 HD 4WD Crew Cab - \$32,199.20

Frei Chevrolet - 2017 Chevy Silverado - 2500 HD Crew Cab 4x4 - \$31,955.00

Fox Negaunee - 2017 Chevy Silverado - 2500 HD Crew Cab 4x4 - \$32,274.20

After review and discussion, Fire Chief Perry and Cpt Weathers left the Board meeting area to completely review each bid.

Upon the return of Fire Chief Perry and Cpt Weathers, where they noted that they completely reviewed the bid specifications from Public Service Garage, Frei Chevrolet and Fox Negaunee, they we all competitive and like comparing apples to apples. The Board asked a few additional questions, which were satisfactorily answered.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second Treasurer Clapp, to proceed with the bid from Frei Chevrolet of Marquette, for the 2017 Chevy Silverado at a cost of \$31,955.00. ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; COTA, YES; CARR, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - 7:15 pm - Comments were received from Jake Miller.

*TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of May 31, 2017, as presented by Ann Clapp, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	107,736.31
Deposits		16,238.00
Interest		1.27
Disbursements		10,505.99
Ending Balance	\$	113,469.59

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	552,636.13
Deposits		2.00
Interest		5.50
Disbursements		291,533.81
Ending Balance	\$	552,636.13

Certificate of Deposit \$ 50,450.44

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	59,060.54
Deposits		
Interest		.65
Disbursements		10,893.60
Ending Balance	\$	48,167.59

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	198,447.74
Deposits		14,930.76
Interest		2.53
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	213,381.03

*A Complete copy of the May 31, 2017 Report is on file with Clerk Rogers.

Treasurer Clapp noted that balances include the NFR payment.

Treasurer Clapp also noted that discussion about the generator at the Christmas Storage Building was overlooked during the Fire Department report. Superior Electric indicated that the cost would be approximately \$12,000.

MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Trustee Cota, to authorize up to \$12,000 for the purchase and installation of a generator for the Christmas Storage Building with Superior Electric. DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; ROGERS, YES; CARR, YES; CLAPP, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on the recent activities relating to asking for a General Fund Millage on the August ballot. It was decided to not proceed with any Board action regarding the matter. The August election will include the millage requests for the Road and Garbage Funds.

Clerk Rogers also noted that legislation has been introduced to amend the Michigan Zoning Enabling Act to eliminate the regulations relating to short term rentals. Information, provided by the MTA was given to Board members for review.

Clerk Rogers noted that she is waiting to hear from Anderson, Tackman & Co. regarding the scheduling of the off year audit.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent meetings attended. She provided information to the Board regarding the cost for Community Service Workers available to the Township. The County rate is \$4.00 per hour. She also noted that she spoke with GAD regarding our garbage contract, future pricing and the status of the Garbage Fund Millage. In addition, they will be providing her with a pickup schedule throughout the Township.

Supervisor Doucette noted that she received several calls regarding road concerns and that citizens have been referred to the Alger County Road Commission for information.

The next Alger Regional Government meeting will be held at the Munising Township Hall on May 24th at 5:00 pm.

Supervisor Doucette also noted the upcoming Spring Clean-up and that she was working with the ACRC to schedule the dust control application.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Carr noted that he attended the Fire Department meeting and arrival of the new fire truck, attended the recent Planning Commission CUP Hearing, and visited the cemetery and trailhead. He also visited all three firehalls.

It was also noted that Trustee Carr agreed to be the official liaison between the Board and the Fire Department, a position previously held by the Supervisor.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

Elm Street Abandonment - Supervisor Doucette provided information to the Board, after review and discussion with Assessor Maki the information on Elm Street, located within the Plat of Au Train, which was platted in 1885. Elm Street was never developed but that doesn't authorize the township to abandon it for private use. Ownership interest dates back to 1949, but not in the name of Heather Davis, who Quit Claimed it to Mike Sanderson. Assessor Maki noted that he will look into the matter and report back to Supervisor Doucette.

***NEW BUSINESS**

Munising 4th of July Committee - Clerk Rogers presented correspondence from the Munising 4th of July Committee request a donation. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, to donate \$750.00 to the Munising 4th of July Committee for fireworks. ROGERS, YES; CARR, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Voting System Grant Resolution -

Au Train Township Board

Voting System Grant Resolution No. 2017 - 009

May 8, 2017

WHEREAS, the Au Train Township Board wishes to apply to the Secretary of State for a grant to purchase a new voting system, which includes precinct tabulators, Absent Voter Counting Board (AVCB) tabulators, accessible voting devices for use by individuals with disabilities, and related Election Management System (EMS) software.

WHEREAS, partial funding for the new voting system will be provided by the State, and will include a combination of Federal Help America Vote Act and State-appropriated funds. Local funding obligations are detailed in the attached Governmental Business Systems quote.

WHEREAS, Au Train Township plans to begin implementation of the new voting system in 2017.

WHEREAS, the deadline for submitting the required State Grant Application is: Upon Receipt of the Grant Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Au Train Township Clerk is authorized to submit this Grant Application on behalf of Au Train Township, Alger County, Michigan on this 8th day of May, 2017.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Board Member: Clerk Rogers

Second offered by Board Member: Treasurer Clapp

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

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

"Nay": None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Mary F Rogers

Mary F. Rogers, Au Train Township Clerk

Tax Foreclosure Properties - Supervisor Doucette presented correspondence from the Alger County Treasurer noting tax foreclosure properties location within the Township. After review and discussion, no Board action.

*COUNTY COMMISSION REPORT - Upon arrival by County Board Chair Jerry Doucette, the following information was provided. There was a recent retirement in the Sheriff Department. In addition, their year end report was provided and reviewed by the Township Board. There are ambulance budget concerns. The Resale Fee Policy is being reviewed by the Board. Information about Hanley Field and the addition of mile markers was provided. Information on Michigan Works and their search for a new Director was noted. There will be Veterans Information provided on May 10th at the American Legion in Munising for anyone interested.

*PUBLIC COMMENT - 8:25 pm. Comments were received from Fire Chief King.

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Doucette, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:45 pm.

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