

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting  
November 13, 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 6 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 Cota, second by Trustee Carr, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

\*MINUTES

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to approve the minutes of the October 2, 2017 Special Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, to approve the minutes of the October 9, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

\*BILLS AND CLAIMS

MOTION by Trustee Cota, second by Clerk Rogers, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. COTA, YES; ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15652 through #15686- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7943 through #7961- Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2022 through #2025).

\*BOARD MEMBER REPORTS -

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	88,221.96
Deposits		17,451.00
Interest		1.03
Disbursements		11,216.55
Ending Balance	\$	94,457.44

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	118,356.37
Deposits		
Interest		1.43
Disbursements		11,748.45
Ending Balance	\$	106,609.35

Certificate of Deposit	\$	50,525.92
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GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	31,061.80
Deposits		
Interest		.31
Disbursements		10,893.60
Ending Balance	\$	20,168.51

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	60,926.90
Deposits		
Interest		0.78
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	60,927.68

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

Treasurer Clapp noted that there was a recent CFR Dispersal.

\*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on the recent November 7<sup>th</sup> Election. 349 Voters participated. Everything went well using the new State Issued Election Equipment.

Fire Department payroll will be presented for the December Board Meeting. Chief Perry King will prepare the necessary report prior to the meeting so Clerk Rogers can have checks ready for approval.

\*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent meetings attended. She noted that MDOT was contacted regarding a tree down in the right of way at the Cemetery entrance, discussed the October 24<sup>th</sup> storm, use of the community building as an emergency shelter, investigated damage to the kayak launch and reported to the insurance company and adjustor. She also noted that several calls were received regarding the condition of Reindeer Run, contacted NMU Planning Department regarding mapping services of the old cemetery, and voiced concerns about Cole's encroachment onto Arbutus Street and relayed that information to the County.

On October 12, 2017 Bronson/Gatiss were served the complaint by the Alger County Sheriff Department and noted that the complainant was being harassed by them for their actions.

On October 16, 2017 UPPCO completed the lighting installation at the Heritage Trail Center.

Obtained information from Pam Johnson, Alger County Treasurer for consideration of a proposal from BSA Software (which will be placed on the December Agenda for review).

\*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Cota noted that she worked the November 7<sup>th</sup> Election as an Inspector. In addition, noted that she will not be able to attend the upcoming Planning Commission Meeting.

Trustee Carr noted that he attended the October Fire Department meeting, investigated obtaining a copy of the plat of the Old Cemetery without much success, assisted with the Kayak launch damage assessment, assisted during the storm on October 24<sup>th</sup> and visited Reindeer Run and discussed its condition with the Alger County Road Commission.

\*PUBLIC COMMENTS - 6:43 pm - Pat Sanderson asked the Board whether they were pursuing Quiet Title Action on the undeveloped roads within the Plat of Au Train. The Board noted they were not because of the cost related to it. She also noted that they received the correspondence from Attorney Murphy and stated that they had not blocked the roadway. Clerk Rogers will forward a copy of the letter from Attorney Murphy to the other property owner, Scott Hillier.

**\*SPECIAL PRESENTATION**

None

**\*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.

A recent Conditional Use Permit Public Hearing for David Charlton's application to build four cabins to be used as rentals was approved.

The 2018 Meeting Dates for the Planning Commission were scheduled for February 8<sup>th</sup>, May 10<sup>th</sup>, August 9<sup>th</sup> and November 8<sup>th</sup>. Meetings will be held on Thursday evenings beginning at 7:00 pm.

Cemetery - No report

Community Building/Promotion - Dan Weathers noted that steel latches are being considered for door closure issues. The doors and hardware are original to the building and need some attention.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. Fire Chief Perry King noted that it was a busy month. There were a total of 7 calls, with several being related to downed power lines and mutual aide.

The department assisted with the Kayak Launch and dock removal, the brush truck signage is complete and now needs the wiring done for the skid unit. The side by side will be back on the mainland from Grand Island by the end of November. Members participated in Fire Prevention Week by working with Onota Township Fire Department at Au Train Onota School. The MDOT Certifications are complete. Discussion regarding invoices related to the 16ML Fire Hall Claim, ID's for members of the Department and Driver's training.

**\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

Insurance Renewal - The insurance premium was presented, reviewed and discussed for the 2017-2018 Michigan Par Plan renewal. The total of \$23,011.00 is a 10% increase from last year based on our claim from the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall loss. In addition, a separate invoice for Worker's Comp, contingent on audit, in the amount of \$1,669.00 is due. The General Fund share is \$7,777.00 and the Fire Fund share is 15,234.00.

**\*NEW BUSINESS -**

ACRC Agreement for 2018 - Clerk Rogers presented the Alger County Road Commission Agreement for 2018 Projects for approval. It includes projects for Reindeer Run, Koski Road and LaCombe Road.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to enter into an agreement with the Alger County Road Commission for contract work for 2018 Projects, as outlined, to include Reindeer Run, Koski Road and LaCombe Road, in the total Township obligation amount of \$91,000. ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Medical Marijuana - Clerk Rogers presented information to the Board (that was previously emailed by Supervisor Doucette) to review the ability to regulate Medical Marijuana facilities through an Ordinance or Resolution. The Board has 3 options. 1) Opt Out 2) Opt In 3) Do nothing to regulate. After much discussion and review, any action by the Board was tabled and will be reviewed again after the first of the year. Clerk Rogers will again forward the information packets, including Zoning Administrator Jennifer Wagener.

COMMITTEE REPORTS (continued) -

Assessor - (Assessor Maki arrived at 7:40) Assessor Maki was present and provided updates to the Board. Clarifications on the State Tax Commission Audit Review was discussed. He noted that the Township continues working with the State of Michigan for improvement of Assessment records to meet their minimum standards. Work included updating the Assessing database, that was completed in 2015, continuation of property inspections, and completion of Land tables, which are currently 75-85% compliant. The Land Maps will be created once the mapping project, being done by CUPPAD, are complete. Assessor Maki noted he contacted CUPPAD for an update on October 20<sup>th</sup> and was told they were delayed because of personnel issues and have a projected completion date for the Township maps by January 1, 2018.

The December Board of Review will meet from 2:0-5:00 pm on December 12<sup>th</sup>. The 2018 Inflation Factor is 2.1%, and it is applied across the Board for all property assessments.

County Update - County Board Chair Jerry Doucette provided updates to the Board on activities of the County Board over the past month. The Indigent Defense Plan has been approved. A Road Patrol Grant has been applied for. The 2018 Budget is complete. MTU is conducting a Rail Study throughout the Upper Peninsula. The Community Corrections Program is going to end on January 1, 2018 - it has not been profitable. Mr. Doucette ended his comments by wishing everyone a safe Deer Hunting Season and Happy Holiday's.

\*NEW BUSINESS (continued)

Employee Manual - Clerk Rogers provided a copy of the Employee Manual that was last updated in 2008. The Board should review and make any recommended changes. Action tabled until the December Regular Board Meeting.

Correspondence - Clerk Rogers presented correspondence from Attorney Greg Murphy, CUPPAD, and Friends of Valley Spur.

\*PUBLIC COMMENT - 8:17 pm. Donna Shields commented on the bridge on Old Plank Road for access to Slow Foot Lake.

\*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:19 pm.

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