

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
October 9, 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 11 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 Supervisor Doucette, to approve the minutes of the September 11, 2017 Regular Board Meeting, as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

***BILLS AND CLAIMS**

MOTION by Trustee Cota, second by Trustee Carr, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. COTA, YES; CARR, YES; CLAPP, YES, DOUCETTE, YES; ROGERS, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15627 through #15651- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #7926 through #7942- Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2021.)

***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.

Clerk Rogers presented the Zoning Violation Complaint Form and noted that the PDF version would be placed on the website.

Citizens were present to discuss the proposed campground off Harbor View Drive in Christmas. Ms. Wagener noted that no application for a Conditional Use Permit has been requested or received.

The Planning Commission's next meeting is scheduled for November 9th, which includes a Conditional Use Permit Hearing.

Assessor - Assessor Maki's report was received and is on file. He plans to attend the November Board meeting. The December Board of Review has been scheduled for December 12, 2017 from 2:00-5:00 pm.

Cemetery - Supervisor Doucette noted that Jeff Moore is not interested in assisting with preparation of a schematic of the old cemetery. Clerk Rogers suggested contacting Northern Michigan University to see if anyone in the Planning Department could take on such a project.

Community Building/Promotion - It was noted that all went well with the recent wedding reception. Trustee Carr noted that he contacted Trudell Plumbing and Heating about scheduling the yearly furnace maintenance at the Community Building and fire halls. Maintenance Dan Weathers noted that deep cleaning has begun.

Fire Department – Chief King presented the monthly report to the Board. There were no calls this past month. They will be training with Rock River and plan to visit Deerton School for Fire Prevention Week with Onota Township. Chief King also noted that Mike Sanderson has just about completed the MDOT Inspections and work on the trucks.

The outfitting gear has been received for Grand Island and the side by side. They will determine what size trailer they will need before purchase options are looked at and presented to the Board.

The new brush truck is still at Signs Unlimited getting fitted for decals and signage.

The ladder testing went good - all were approved.

Discussion about plowing for the 16 Mile Lake fire hall was made. Department members will cover it until a contractor is selected, or if no bids are received. Clerk Rogers will prepare a Bid Request for publication in The Munising News.

County Update - County Board Chair Jerry Doucette presented information to the Board on recent happenings within the County. The new maintenance position is being advertised and interviews for the janitor position are being held.

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - 6:51 pm - Comments were received from various citizens voicing their concerns over the proposed campground off Harbor View Drive in Hansen Creek Estates. In addition, property owner Jeff Jurmu was present and noted that they have explored the idea, but have not applied for any approval at this time. Anne Kimar noted that it appears that work has already begun, Terry Lundbom is an adjacent property owner and he is concerned about trespassing, and Ryan Illich asked if zoning would allow a campground and noted that it was a private road not designed for commercial use. Zoning Administrator Jennifer Wagener noted that the DEQ would be contacted if they decide to pursue a development in that area.

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	102,760.95
Deposits		1,143.05
Interest		1.16
Disbursements		15,683.20
Ending Balance	\$	88,221.96

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	156,982.20
Deposits		3,574.98
Interest		1.68
Disbursements		42,202.49
Ending Balance	\$	118,356.37

Certificate of Deposit \$ 50,450.44

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	10,751.27
Deposits		31,203.85
Interest		.31
Disbursements		10,893.60
Ending Balance	\$	31,061.80

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	58,518.53
Deposits		2,407.64
Interest		.73
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	60,926.90

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

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on the recent activities. She noted that the Election Commission met just prior to the Board meeting and that Election Inspector appointments were made for the November 7, 2017 Special Election. The new voting equipment from the state will be picked up on the 13th, which will also include a training session for herself and Inspectors.

MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Clerk Rogers to authorize 5 Election Inspectors for the November 7, 2017 Election. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Supervisor Doucette, to approve payment to Inspectors for attending the training session on October 11th. MOTION CARRIED.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent meetings attended and activities for the past month. She noted that she spoke with Bob Lindbeck of the ACRC regarding the concerns on Tinsel Street and also spoke with the Casino. They will not put up a fence to keep out 4 wheelers. 29 Citizens participated in the recent Fall Clean-up. The Restrooms at the Heritage Trail are being closed up for the season and Tri County Septic will be contacted by Dan Weathers for clean out. In addition discussion regarding the Kayak Launch Removal was made. It should be completed by the end of the month by Dan Weathers and volunteers from the Fire Department.

Supervisor Doucette noted that the recent Noise Ordinance Dog Barking complaint is ongoing and then read to the Board the lengthy response and corrective action plan received by Marlene Mottes, who was not able to attend. It is the opinion of Supervisor Doucette that the situation has been resolved based on the response and a letter will be sent to the complainant.

The Michigan Townships Association sent out an email invitation to members of Alger County to attend the Menominee County Meeting on October 31, 2017 to see if it would be possible to get the Alger County Chapter up and running again. Clerk Rogers noted that we had an active Chapter for years and that she served as secretary. Supervisor Doucette will bring it up at the next Regional Government Meeting to see if there is interest.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Carr noted that he attended the Fire Department Meeting and visited the fire halls, Township Hall and Heritage Trail over the past month.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

Au Train River Access USFS - Supervisor Doucette noted that a recent meeting was held with Charlie Marsh regarding the plan for developing access in and out of the Au Train River. Site mapping was presented during the discussion. There are still no funding options at this time, but they may be able to obtain funds by selling stumpage in the area. Discussion about Paradise Point was also made.

Brownstone Inn Water Request - Additional information was provided by the owners to the Board regarding the testing done over the past month. It appears that fittings are accurate and that supply could be provided. Discussion continued about the process, fees and the Township setting a policy of selling water as a public entity. No Board decision was made at this time and no additional Board action is being considered.

***NEW BUSINESS**

Correspondence - Clerk Rogers provided completed copies of the L-4029 Request to the Board members. Correspondence was received from the State of Michigan DEQ regarding the Superior Times Resort and Campground and their recently issued permit, Joe Cilc from Alger County Building Codes Department provided copies of letters sent regarding the Curtis Blight and the Cole home condemnation.

Board Meeting Length - The Board discussed the current meeting structure and the length of each meeting. The idea of adding an additional meeting each month was discussed as well. Clerk Rogers noted that in the past a second meeting was held, but it did nothing to shorten the first business meeting each month. Clerk Rogers will work on Agenda revision for the November meeting.

***PUBLIC COMMENT** - Comments were received from Connie Moore and Donna Shields.

***ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:37 pm.

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