

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
April 9, 2018
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 Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr, to approve the minutes of the March 12, 2018 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Doucette, to approve the minutes of the March 19, 2018 Special 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; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15786 through #15810- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #8034 through #8040- Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2032).

*BOARD MEMBER REPORTS:

•TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of March 31, 2018, as presented by Ann Clapp, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	121,356.94
Deposits		14,682.73
Interest		1.58
Disbursements		12,319.89
Ending Balance	\$	123,721.36

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	237,890.94
Deposits		43,792.72
Interest		3.50
Disbursements		2,897.23
Ending Balance	\$	278,789.93

Certificate of Deposit	\$	50,525.92
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GARBAGE FUND CHECKING			
Beginning Balance	\$		99,708.83
Deposits			35,715.10
Interest			1.60
Disbursements			10,893.60
Ending Balance	\$		124,531.93
ROAD FUND CHECKING			
Beginning Balance	\$		162,571.75
Deposits			23,809.83
Interest			2.34
Disbursements			
Ending Balance	\$		186,383.92

*A Complete copy of the March 31, 2018 Report is on file with Clerk Rogers.

Treasurer Clapp noted that we can expect the final settlement payment for Winter Taxes from the County in May or June.

Treasurer Clapp also noted that she will be attending BSA Software Training all day on April 24, 2018 and she has been working with them on file transfer. She will need to purchase a new hand held scanner to work with the new computer and software system.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on the recent activities, which included preparation and file transfer to the new computer system, QVF work and update with the state for the Voter Registration files, and Election Administration training. In addition, contact with Anderson, Tackman and Company was initiated to schedule the full audit this summer and preliminary information was provided on the ability to become part of My Government Access through BSA to offer financial transparency was made.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent activities, which included continuation of dealing with Assessor issues, and working with Attorney Murphy on the Kleeman matter. Additional items from the Supervisor will be addressed within the Agenda items for the meeting.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Cota noted that she attended the Conditional Use Hearing on March 29, 2018 as a member of the Planning Commission.

Trustee Carr noted that he did the monthly fire hall inspections, but because he was out of town did not attend the monthly fire department meeting.

*SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

*COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Clerk Rogers noted the monthly Zoning Administrators Report is on file. Discussion regarding complaints for Sleeping Bear Drive vacation rentals and work being done for the Gerou Campground possibly being within wetlands was made. Supervisor Doucette handled the wetlands complaint through the DEQ, who visited the site and found no wetlands disturbance. Information was also provided regarding the Superior Times Campground located off Au Train Forest Lake Road, and access concerns. Acting ZA Rogers also noted that the permit for Uncle Ducky's Au Train Beach Campground has been received for 26 sites.

The next Planning Commission meeting is scheduled for May 10, 2018.

Assessor - Supervisor Doucette noted that the Assessor's Report has been received and is on file. Information on the March Board of Review, Annual Assessment Roll process and the land value maps was provided. Supervisor Doucette noted that several petitions were received for the March Board of Review.

Discussion of the need for a Special Meeting with Assessor Maki was made. MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to schedule a Special Meeting on April 16th at 6:00 pm to meet with Assessor Maki to go over his performance evaluation, being completed by Supervisor Doucette. MOTION CARRIED.

Discussion regarding the 2018-2019 Assessor Budget was made. Assessor Maki voiced concerns in his report about the reduction and asked the Board to reconsider the budgeting, continuing to authorize an additional \$5,000 for contracted services. The Township has 2,074 parcels and at \$15.00 per parcel, that would be \$31,000 per year. The Board agreed to review the Assessor Budget after the Performance Evaluation Special Meeting and will add it to the Agenda for the May Regular Board Meeting.

Cemetery - No report

Community Building/Promotion - Treasurer Clapp noted that April and May will be busy with rentals for baby showers, events and graduations.

Discussion about the Heritage Trail Center dock parts and insurance claim was made. In addition, Clerk Rogers noted that the old computer was turned over for use with the security system.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and is on file. There were 2 calls this past month. One for a mutual aide with Onota Township for a chimney fire and the other was a rescue for fisherman stranded on a iceberg at the mouth of the Au Train River. Chief King noted that he plans to have the bids for the plow truck for the May Regular Board Meeting. The UP Fire Chiefs meeting is April 21st in Iron Mountain. The computer system will be in the \$2,000.00 range and the projector and screen for training in the \$600.00 to \$700.00 range.

The MDOT inspections for the trucks are scheduled for this week. The work is being done by Sanderson and Son. Chief King noted that there will be Ice Rescue Training on April 14 at the mouth of the Annie River.

Discussion about the specifications for the Floor/Drain System at the Au Train Fire Hall will be presented at the May meeting for review and authorization to advertise.

Finally, Chief King noted that a thank you note was received from Dave and Chris Kimar for response to their chimney fire.

County Commission Update - Commission Chair Jerry Doucette was presented and provided information to the Board on recent activities of the Alger County Commission. There will be 3 millage requests for the County on the August Election ballot. 0.20 mills for 911 Updates; 0.25 mills for Conservation District; and 0.2968 renewal for the Library.

An approximate 14% increase is expected in Revenue Sharing for the Townships, and a decrease of approximately 1% for the counties is expected. Recent legislation efforts will see an increase in PILT distribution. Information was provided on Marijuana Bills, County Right of Way issues and Government immunity bills dealing with sexual harassment that are being introduced. These bills will affect the State, Governmental agencies, Townships, schools, etc. Discussion about short term vacation rentals, tiny houses and the 2019 Financial Outlook for the County was made.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

Kleeman Matter - Supervisor Doucette noted that the Kleeman deposition was held on March 27, 2018 at 10:00 am. An update on the deposition was provided noting that the Township attorney plans to prepare a Motion Summary Dismissal. It will be reviewed by the Judge, who will make a decision.

Street Light Request - Clerk Rogers presented the contract from UPPCO for the installation. It will be scheduled as soon as possible.

***NEW BUSINESS**

Tri County Fire Department Funding Request - Clerk Rogers present a letter requesting funding assistance from the Tri County Volunteer Fire Department. Fire Chief King noted that they do offer assistance and cover the southern portion of the Township. MOTION by Trustee Cota, second by Trustee Carr, to contract for services with the Tri County Volunteer Fire Department in the amount of \$3,000.00 for fire services support in the southern portion of Au Train Township. COTA, YES; CARR, YES; CLAPP, YES; ROGERS, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Spring Cleanup - MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Cota, to authorize and fund the Spring Cleanup, to be held on Saturday, June 2nd, from 9:00-12:00, at Wood Island Landfill, from the Garbage Fund Account. ROGERS, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CLAPP, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Dust Control - Information was provided regarding the cost and application of dust control through Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales. The cost is 0.759 per gallon, at 38%, which would be arranged and then coordinated with the Alger County Road Commission. MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Trustee Cota, to purchase Calcium Chloride from Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales, at a concentration of 38% at a cost of 0.759 per gallon, for Dust Control within the Township. DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; ROGERS, YES; CLAPP, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

*PUBLIC COMMENT - 8:16 pm. Public comments were received regarding the Au Train Bay Boat Launch (damaged and located in Onota Township - the access road was washed out and the launch gone from the fall storm). Commissioner Doucette noted that they are working with the US Forest Service about turning over the site to the State of Michigan DNR. Fire Chief King, and members of the Fire Department present noted that the site is also used by the fire department to fill tankers. Discussion regarding the placement of porta jons at the canoe parking locations and the Reindeer Run Summer Road Project, that includes gravel and culverts was made. Supervisor Doucette will check on the porta jons and it will be placed on the May Agenda. Also, no starting date for the road project has been provided by the ACRC.

***ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Clerk Rogers, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:28 pm.

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