

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
August 13, 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 Walther Johnson, Clerk; Kristy Cota, Treasurer; John Carr, Trustee and Jake Miller, 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 Johnson, second by Treasurer Cota, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

*MINUTES

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2018 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Treasurer Cota, second by Clerk Johnson, to approve the minutes of the July 25, 2018 Special Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

*BILLS AND CLAIMS

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Treasurer Cota, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. JOHNSON, YES; COTA, YES; MILLER, YES; CARR, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #15889 through #15918- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #8090 through #8096- Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2037 and Road Fund Check Numbered #1547)

*BOARD MEMBER REPORTS -

•TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of July 31, 2018, as presented by Kristy Cota, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	126,565.74
Deposits		18,246.13
Interest		1.52
Disbursements		35,787.19
Ending Balance	\$	109,026.20

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	281,608.71
Deposits		
Interest		3.57
Disbursements		2,096.11
Ending Balance	\$	279,516.17

Certificate of Deposit	\$	50,525.92
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GARBAGE FUND CHECKING			
Beginning Balance	\$		110,601.14
Deposits			
Interest			1.32
Disbursements			11,626.95
Ending Balance	\$		98,975.51
ROAD FUND CHECKING			
Beginning Balance	\$		217,242.24
Deposits			
Interest			2.69
Disbursements			12,910.59
Ending Balance	\$		204,334.34

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

Treasurer Cota noted that there were 3 Tax Dispersals for July and 1 for August as part of the Summer Tax Collection.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Johnson updated the Board on recent activities. The Audit is complete and will be submitted to the State, along with the F65 Report.

The August Primary Election was held. There were 319 voters total. All equipment work perfectly and the Inspector staff once again did a great job. There were some issues with other Townships uploading information to the County and Clerk Johnson noted she assisted with the process.

Clerk Johnson also noted that the Alger County Road Commission decided that election day was a good day to replace the culvert on Au Train Forest Lake Road, which closed the road temporarily. Bob Lindbeck was contacted, as many residents who travel Au Train Forest Lake Road to get to the polling location, had complained. Mr. Lindbeck apologized noting he did not realize it was election day until he was notified.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Carr noted that he attended the Kleeman Hearing, the Fire Department July meeting, and the CUP Cole Hearing with the Planning Commission. In addition he noted he assisted with the EZ Dock installation and attended the Planning Commission Regular Board Meeting.

Trustee Miller noted that he also attended the Kleeman Hearing, the Road Commission Regular Board Meeting, assisted with the EZ installation and attended the Planning Commission Regular Board Meeting.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent meetings attended and contacts she had with residents over the past month. She noted that she discussed an issue regarding dust control for the Gerou Campground area with Rod Killips and noted it was a private matter. She assisted with locating a grave site for the Dorothy Avery burial, and continued to deal with the Gattis Noise Ordinance complaint.

In addition, Supervisor Doucette noted that she continues to work with Assessor Maki providing the State with information as requested as part of the AMAR follow-up.

A request for road sign replacement was received. The Road Commission will be contacted for clarification on ordering and installation. Joe Cilc, Alger County Building Codes was contacted regarding two blighted buildings in the Township located on Curtis Drive and Liberty Street.

The next Regional Government Meeting will be held at the Au Train Township Hall on August 29, 2018 at 5:00 pm.

*SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

*COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Report - Budget Review and Amendments - Clerk Johnson presented financial reports and the new format to the Board for review. Recommendations for any Budget Amendments will be addressed at the September Board Meeting.

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Clerk Rogers noted that the Zoning Administrators Report has been received and is on file. Zoning Administrator April Lark presented her report and it was reviewed and discussed by the Board. Discussion regarding the Cory Cole application and lot coverage was made. Clerk Johnson noted that several Zoning related FOIA request have been received over the past month. April will discuss the matter with Attorney Murphy.

April also noted that she will be attending the MSU Zoning Essentials Workshop on September 12th.

The Planning Commission held their Regular Board Meeting on August 9, 2018. They are continuing work on review of the Zoning Ordinance and hope to present amendments to the Board for consideration this winter.

Assessor - Assessor Maki was present and provided updates to the Board. The July Board of Review changes are complete.

Correspondence from the State Tax Commission dated August 7, 2018 and received August 13, 2018 - was reviewed and discussed. Supervisor Doucette contacted Assessor Mark Maki and Kelli Sobel from the State for clarification. Tim Luoma provided a memo noting there were no flat land parcels. The letter indicated there were 54 without reasons and that the land value maps did not meet requirements. A response is required by the Board no later than August 28, 2018. A Special Meeting will be scheduled for Thursday, August 23, 2018 at 6:00 pm. to continue discussion on this matter, if needed.

Maintenance Department - Ryan Walther was present to discuss recent activities from his department. The flower boxes at the Community Building and Cemetery have been replaced, the clean out of the storage building is complete and he is replacing necessary broken items. He requested the purchase of a chainsaw for tree and limb clean up. Also would like the Board to consider, at budget time, replacement of the riding lawn mower with a zero turn mower. It reduces mowing times and overall would be a good investment for the Township. Discussion regarding cleaning of the bathrooms, with much assistance by Supervisor Doucette, at the Heritage Trail Center was made.

Cemetery - Discussion regarding the sign replacement and the integrity of the existing poles, which Ryan will check, was made. In addition, the storage building roof needs to be replaced. Ryan will check on replacement cost.

Community Building/Promotion - Supervisor Doucette noted that the Community Building will be used for the August 29th Regional Government Meeting. Treasurer Cota noted there are no additional rentals scheduled at this time. Concerns about door security, use of the copier and the Clerk/Treasurer's Office being open during other meetings was made. After discussion the main copier will be moved to the Supervisor's office once it has been cleaned out and made accessible. The door and lock system will also be replaced.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. Fire Chief Perry King was present to discuss his report. There were a total of 2 calls this month.

Chief King recommended that the Active 911 System be continued with a cost of approximately \$300.00. The current active period expires September 5, 2018.

A quote was received from Lund for a chainsaw to be used at Grand Island of \$574.00. Blacktop for the 16 Mile Lake Road Fire Hall, to tie in the south end of the parking area will cost approximately \$3,000 when completed in conjunction with the 16 Mile Lake Road paving project.

A status of the truck purchase from Frei Chevrolet indicates it should be in early September. Signage for the truck will mirror the Township Website.

MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Trustee Miller to authorize the purchase of a chainsaw for the Fire Department from Lund at a cost of \$574.00. CARR, YES; MILLER, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; JOHNSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Supervisor Doucette, to contract with the Alger County Road Commission for the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall driveway blacktop project at a cost of up to \$3,000.00. CARR, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; JOHNSON, YES; MILLER, YES; COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

County Commission Update - Commissioner/Chair Jerry Doucette presented information to the Board on recent activities of the County. The existing building at the Hanley Field is being torn down and will be replaced. Through a grant, \$100,000 worth of security updates have been made to the Courthouse. Discussion about AMAR concerns, septic bill legislation, PILT money and 2020 Census participation was made. In addition, Mr. Doucette noted that the millage requests for the Library, 911, Altran and the Conservation District were all approved by voters.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

Au Train Township vs Kleeman - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on the outcome of the recent hearing. Judge Luoma made no decision and sent it back to the Township noting that Civil Infractions could be served on Mr. Kleeman.

MOTION Trustee Carr, second Treasurer Cota, to authorize Attorney Greg Murphy to proceed with the Civil Infractions, as deemed appropriate, against Mr. Rudolph Kleeman. CARR, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; MILLER, YES; JOHNSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Valley Spur Contract - After review, MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Treasurer Cota, to approve the amendment to the Contract with Valley Spur Concrete for the Au Train Fire Hall. The total contract amount is \$16,841.00. JOHNSON, YES; COTA, YES; CARR, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; MILLER, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Heritage Trail Dock System Proposal - Clerk Rogers presented the Proposal from David Walther Contracting for the installation and removal of the Heritage Trail Center Dock System/Kayak Launch. MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Treasurer Cota, to enter into a contract for services with David Walther Contracting in the amount of \$960.00 per year, for the installation and removal of the dock system/kayak launch at the Heritage Trail Center. DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; JOHNSON, YES; MILLER, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

DNR Suggestions Heritage Trail Center - Supervisor Doucette presented information from DNR Conservation Officer Jerry Fitzgibbon regarding the Heritage Trail Center. The suggestions will be addressed at a future Board Meeting. No Board action.

***NEW BUSINESS**

Correspondence Alger County Road Commission - Supervisor Doucette presented correspondence from the Alger County Road Commission regarding a request made to MDOT and concerns over a serious traffic situation in both Munising Township and Au Train Township. The area of concern is on Hwy M-28 in the Christmas location, west of Reindeer Run. They have requested a meeting with MDOT Safety Engineers, and include The Michigan State Police and representatives from the Townships.

UPPCO Franchise Agreement - Supervisor Doucette presented a Franchise Agreement from for the Upper Peninsula Power Company. No Board Action. Will be addressed at a future Board Meeting.

Marquette Fence Company Proposal - Clerk Rogers presented the Proposal from the Marquette Fence Company for fence repair at the Firehall/Tot lot. MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Trustee Miller to accept the proposal from Marquette Fence Company in the amount of \$1,300.00 for the fencing repairs. CARR, YES; MILLER, YES; JOHNSON, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Fall Clean-up Date - Supervisor Doucette presented information about available dates to schedule a Fall Clean-up. October 6, 2018 from 9:00-12:00 will be reserved.

Au Train Township vs. Patricia Gattis - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on the Patricia Gattis Noise Ordinance Violations. She has been served 2 Civil Infractions and have been given a notice to appear on Tuesday, September 5, 2018. Supervisor Doucette and Attorney Greg Murphy will attend the Hearing.

Maintenance Department Chainsaw Purchase - MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to purchase a chainsaw from Lund for the Maintenance Department use up to \$600.00. JOHNSON, YES; CARR, YES; MILLER, YES; DOUCETTE, YES, COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

*PUBLIC COMMENT - 8:56 pm. Public Comments were received from Perry King.

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Supervisor Doucette, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:04 pm.

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