

Au Train Township Special Board Meeting
January 29, 2018
6:00 o'clock p.m.

Pursuant to publication, 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 – None

The Purpose of the Special Board Meeting was to discuss a proposal from Mr. Kleeman's Attorney through Township Attorney Greg Murphy to dismiss the action.

Kleeman Matter -

Supervisor Doucette noted that she was contacted by Attorney Murphy and Mr. Kleeman's attorney asked that if they were to dismiss their claim against the Township, would the Township do the same. Board members reviewed the Answer to the Affidavit and Claim provided. Mr. Kirt Harmon is Mr. Kleeman's attorney of record.

Discussion about the counter claim was made. A Notice to Appear for a Pre-trial Hearing was scheduled for February 8, 2018 at 1:15 pm. Discussion about the Township possibly dismissing their claim with conditions and without Prejudice was made. However, after much discussion, the Township Board felt that it was important to enforce their ordinances, in this instance, the Zoning Ordinance and Noise Ordinance.

MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Trustee Cota, to continue with the Kleeman Counter Claim as presented through our attorney and request that Attorney Murphy appear in person for all court hearings. CARR, YES; COTA, YES; CLAPP, YES; ROGERS, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Additional Business (as agreed to discuss because all members were present) - Update regarding Assessor Maki and State Tax Commission compliance.

Supervisor Doucette noted that she met with Assessor Maki, today from 1:00-3:00 pm, and reviewed activities and his action plan for meeting compliance guidelines as requested by the State Tax Commission.

The land value maps must be completed for the March Board of Review. Supervisor Doucette noted that CUPPAD indicated they are 97% done with mapping for the Township. In addition, there may be an additional charge for the Land Value Maps. The 2018 Tax Roll has to be complete by February 14, 2018. The State is requesting completed 1) ECF 2) Land Value Maps 3) Land Value Tables. In addition, they expect the Township "binder" (minutes, petitions and affidavits) be completely up to date.

Treasurer Clapp noted that the County and Township utilizing Manatron, are discontinuing services, as the entire County is going with BSA. They will be rolling about the software and having training scheduled some time after the completion of the 2017 Winter Tax Collection.

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Trustee Carr to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:45 pm.

Submitted by:
Mary F Rogers, Clerk