

Au Train Township Special Board Meeting  
September 4, 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 7:00 p.m.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michelle Doucette with the following members present: Mary Johnson, Clerk; Kristy Cota, Treasurer; John Carr, Trustee and Jake Miller, Trustee.

\*VISITORS PRESENT – None

The purpose of the Special Board Meeting was to review correspondence and follow-up progress from the State Tax Commission regarding the recent AMAR Review, Discuss correspondence from the Department of Treasury and the FY18 Audit Report, and update the Board on the Gattis Hearing for the Noise Ordinance Civil Infractions.

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Supervisor Doucette to approve the Agenda as amended.  
MOTION CARRIED.

*AMAR Review/Correspondence/Follow-up*

Supervisor Doucette noted that the next Regular Board Meeting of the State Tax Commission will be held on October 22, 2018 at 9:00 am at the Okemos Conference Center in Lansing. It is at this meeting that they would consider the recommendation from Kelli Sobel regarding Jurisdiction of the Township Assessment Roll. The Board felt that should that recommendation be made, it would be important that Supervisor Doucette attend that meeting, representing the Township in person.

Clerk Johnson provided information to the Board regarding the process of Jurisdiction of the Township Assessment Roll and what it actually means.

One area of concern still remains, 53 Parcels with zero value or flat land values remain. Assessor Maki indicated, via email that these have been located and corrected. These parcels are either DNR leased properties with no value or CFR lands. A draft letter with complete explanation was provided so that Supervisor Doucette can follow-up via email with Kelli Sobel.

Discussion about backing up the current data base was made.

Discussion about how we got to this point, and concerns over the performance of Assessor Maki was made.

After much discussion and debate, MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Supervisor Doucette, that effective immediately, Au Train Township Assessor Mark Maki is terminated from his position. The Township will pay him his salary for the month of September. All records, property, equipment, mail, keys and passwords will be turned over to Supervisor Michelle Doucette within 48 hours. CARR, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; JOHNSON, YES; COTA, YES; MILLER, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

A brief discussion regarding the replacement process was made. The Township Board set a goal of October 1, 2018 to have a replacement on board and will make a decision about the position at the September 10, 2018 Regular Board Meeting.

*Correspondence Department of Treasury FY18 Audit Report -*

Clerk Johnson provided correspondence from the State of Michigan Department of Treasury regarding the FY18 Audit Report and noted Deficiencies in that report. They are requesting a Plan for Improvement of Deficiencies within 30 days from the August 28, 2018 date of the letter. Clerk Rogers noted that the Audit Report, submitted by Anderson, Tackman and Company, included an Action Plan to address the deficiencies, however, an updated plan, with progress, will be provided.

*Update Gattis Civil Infraction Hearing -*

Supervisor Doucette and Trustee Carr attended the hearing today. Patricia Gattis plead guilty of the Civil Infractions and was ordered to pay \$100.00 for the first offence, and \$250.00 for the second offence, for violating the Township Noise Ordinance.

Public Comment - A call for Public Comment was made. None was received.

**\*ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:15 p.m.

Submitted by:

Mary F. Rogers, Au Train Township Clerk