

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
July 8, 2019
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 Johnson, Clerk; Kristy Cota, Treasurer; John Carr, Trustee and Jake Miller, Trustee.

*VISITORS PRESENT – Approximately 6 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 Trustee Carr, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

*MINUTES

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to approve the minutes of the June 10, 2019 Regular 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; CARR, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; MILLER, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #16167 through #16180- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #8258 through #8266- Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2050 through 2052).

*BOARD MEMBER REPORTS -

- TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of June 30, 2019, as presented by Kristy Cota, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	130,863.86
Deposits		16,826.00
Interest		104.30
Disbursements		29,439.97
Total Checks Not Cleared		1,940.55
Ending Balance	\$	116,413.64

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	366,412.60
Deposits		
Interest		313.86
Disbursements		6,008.71
Total Checks Not Cleared		402.07
Ending Balance	\$	360,315.68

Certificate of Deposit	\$	50,753.00
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GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	205,654.48
Deposits		
Interest		176.49
Disbursements		11,389.00
Ending Balance	\$	194,441.97

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	251,998.69
Deposits		16,905.34
Interest		224.29
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	269,128.32

*A Complete copy of the June 30, 2019 Report is on file with Clerk Johnson.

Treasurer Cota noted that Summer Tax bills were mailed out July 1st. A NFR payment in the amount of \$16,905.34 was received for the Road Fund and a sale tax disbursement from the State of Michigan was received in the amount of \$15,326.00

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Johnson noted that she finished up entries for the audit, reviewed the F65 report prior to its submission to the State of Michigan, received the state issued equipment and attended the E-Pollbook training, prepared and sent out 4 cemetery deeds and had 4 copies of the cemetery map made from Office Max and updated the sold list.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Miller noted that he has checked on the Kayak Launch regularly and made sure it has been accessible for use. Trustee Carr noted that he attended the Fire Department meetings in Christmas and AuTrain, and attended the Grand Island Property Association Meeting on July 5th with Fire Chief King. They met with land owners and provided information about our fire department services. The USFS also had a representative attend. The USFS will attend to forest fires and the Au Train Township Fire Department will attend to any structure fires. The USFS is also allowing the Department use of their building on the island for storage.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent activities, which include addressing several calls regarding Fireworks with the Township, and vacation rentals. Supervisor Doucette also noted that she has been working with Anita McCollum and Herb Brown on the repairs and cleaning at the Veterans Memorial.

*SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - Rita Glyptis requested information on the Noise Ordinance Enforcement. In addition questions regarding vacation rentals and speed limits signs were addressed. Ms. Glyptis also addressed the correspondence from the ACRC regarding the drainage issue at Woodland and Arbutus Avenue/Au Train Grocery.

*COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Reports - Clerk Johnson presented monthly financial reports for all funds.

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Clerk Johnson noted that the monthly zoning report from ZA McCarthy has been received and is on file. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for July 11, 2019 at 7:00 pm.

Assessor/Board of Review - Clerk Johnson noted that the Assessor's Report has been received and is on file. Supervisor Doucette noted that the July Board of Review is scheduled for July 18, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Cemetery - Additional information on the cleaning and restoration of the Veterans Memorial was provided by Supervisor Doucette. The Township is required to fund and coordinate the future maintenance on the Memorial. It was turned over to the Township in 2011, after its completion.

Maintenance Department Report/Comm Bldg./Promotions - Ryan Walther was present to provide information to the Board on Maintenance Activities over the past month. He continues to work on cemetery upkeep, landscaping throughout the Township, and replacing the mulch at the tot lot.

Discussion regarding the Heritage Trail Center and Visitor Cabin was made. Discussion continued and included the addition of a sensor light, leaving the building open 24 hours (rather than making sure it is opened and closed daily) and placing of a Video Surveillance Sign Notice.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. Chief King noted there were two calls this past month. No monthly expenses beyond the ordinary. He attended the Meeting with Trustee Carr with the Grand Island Property Owner’s Association. It was also noted that the Department will be on stand by with the USFS for controlled burns and a work session was scheduled for the Christmas Firehall.

County Commission Update - Mr. Doucette provided information to the Board on recent activities with the County Commission. He noted that the Equalization Director, Dulcee Ranta was offered a contract extension. He continues work with the State Legislature regarding implementation of an Excise Tax and the Dark Store tax issue. He is also working on patrol issues within the Sheriff Department. Information about the LMAS building purchase and Hanley Field were also provided.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Kleeman Appeal - Supervisor Doucette noted that Kleeman Appeal was heard by Judge Carmody on June 20, 2019. A ruling, in favor of the Township affirming the lower court ruling was just received.

***NEW BUSINESS**

MBTN Sponsorship Request - A request for sponsorship from the MBTN was received. No Board action.

CUPPAD Membership - Information was provided regarding the CUPPAD Membership renewal and related costs. MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Treasurer Cota to continue with membership with CUPPAD and approve dues in the amount of \$228.00 for the year. JOHNSON, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; MILLER, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

GAD Garbage Collection Monthly Fee - Clerk Johnson noted that the monthly fee from GAD for curbside garbage collection was increased (per contract authorization) to \$11,389.00.

Summer Tax Collection Contract for Services - Treasurer Cota provided information to the Board regarding a request from MARESA for a contract for services to provide Summer Tax Collection. MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Trustee Miller, to authorize collection and contracted services for Summer Tax Collection with the Munising Public School System in the amount of \$3,750.00, billed as actual costs upon completion of collection. MOTION CARRIED.

Correspondence Alger County Road Commission - Clerk Johnson presented correspondence (also emailed prior to the Board Meeting) regarding a request for funding and cooperation for repair of the drainage issue on the corner of Woodland Avenue and Arbutus Street, at Au Train Grocery. After much discussion and consideration, MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to respond with the following: While the Board understands this is an ongoing issue that needs to be immediately addressed, the Board recognizes that this is maintenance, and because it is, it is not the Townships responsibility. No funds are available for this project. MOTION CARRIED.

***PUBLIC COMMENT** - 8:14 pm. Public Comments were received from Connie Albro and Mike Reynolds.

***ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Rogers, second by Supervisor Doucette, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:52 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk