

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
June 10, 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 Johnson.

*APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Additions and Changes to the Agenda were made as necessary. MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Supervisor Doucette, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

*MINUTES

MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Clerk Johnson, to approve the minutes of the May 13, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

*BILLS AND CLAIMS

MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Treasurer Cota, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; CARR, YES; MILLER, YES; JOHNSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #16147 through #16166- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #8249 through #8257- Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2050).

*BOARD MEMBER REPORTS -

•TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of May 31, 2019, as presented by Kristy Cota, Treasurer

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	144,943.89
Deposits		9,462.73
Interest		121.34
Disbursements		23,664.10
Ending Balance	\$	130,863.86

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	349,969.99
Deposits		17,702.83
Interest		316.19
Disbursements		1,576.41
Ending Balance	\$	366,412.60

Certificate of Deposit	\$	50,753.00
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GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	198,860.75
Deposits		17,509.65
Interest		177.68
Disbursements		10,893.60
Ending Balance	\$	205,654.48

ROAD FUND CHECKING			
Beginning Balance		\$	240,015.18
Deposits			11,766.04
Interest			217.47
Disbursements			
Ending Balance		\$	251,998.69

*A Complete copy of the May 31, 2019 Report is on file with Clerk Johnson.

Treasurer Cota noted that KCI will be processing and sending the Summer Tax bills on July 1st. The Summer Office hours for collection will be determined and noted on the tax bills and posted on the website and Facebook. An additional check was received from Grand Island Township for 2018 taxes in the amount of \$370.60. The Township also received the 100% payoff for the Winter Taxes from the Alger County Treasurer.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers updated the Board on the recent activities, which included office organization, training for the Electronic Pollbook, finishing up audit requirements and preparing deeds for the recent lots purchased in the cemetery.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Miller noted that he attended the May Fire Department meeting and the Kleeman Appeal hearing. Trustee Carr noted that he also attended the Fire Department meeting.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent activities, which include attending the AMAR Review on May 29th, working with the Assessor on any requirements from the review, participated in the Spring Clean-up (43 participants), attend the Kleeman Appeal hearing, provided information and met with persons interested in purchasing cemetery lots, dealt with blight complaints and worked on the dust control application.

*SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Mr. Bob Lindbeck of the Alger County Road Commission presented information to the Board regarding the extension of Maple Grove Road Project. He also noted that the 16 Mile Lake fire hall parking area paving was finished and that Ridge Road has been completed.

The request for amendment to the Agreement dated November 12, 2018, includes an additional 700' to complete Maple Grove Road. There would be an additional cost of \$16,350.00 to the Township, in addition to the previously agreed to contract for services in the amount of \$82,000.

Mr. Lindbeck also noted that the continuation of the Au Train Forest Lake Road project is scheduled in 2020 and 2021, using Federal Funding to complete the final section of the road beyond the USFS Campground.

Mr. Lindbeck noted he would attend the September or October Regular Board Meeting to review the Township's 5 Year Road Plan and commitment for any 2020 projects.

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

***COMMITTEE REPORTS**

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

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Clerk Johnson noted that a monthly report from Jason McCarthy has been received and is on file. Discussion of applications received, blight complaints that were forwarded to him by Supervisor Doucette and the streamlining of receipt of applications was made.

The Planning Commission scheduled a Special Meeting for June 13, 2019 for review of zoning definitions, vacation rentals and Town Development District at 7:00 pm.

Assessor/Board of Review - Clerk Johnson noted that a monthly report has been received and is on file. Supervisor Doucette noted that the AMAR Review for the Township was conducted on May 29, 2019 at the Alger County Equalization Office. There were only two small issues noted, both of which have been addressed. The Board thanked Assessor Fuess and Supervisor Doucette for all their hard work preparing for the review.

Maintenance Department Report/Comm Bldg./Promotions - Ryan was present to provide an update to the Board. Ryan thanked the Board for the new mower and noted it was very nice. The new cemetery sign has been placed. He also noted that he is working on finishing up the cemetery plot map display. Clerk Johnson noted she will be going to Office Max to have the copies made.

Discussion regarding the maintenance building upgrades, additional security cameras and general maintenance items was made. Ryan noted the basketball hoop has been placed and that he made a new backboard. A metal detector was purchased to assist in location lots at the cemetery, the dock is in and the porta pots have been placed.

Discussion regarding the use of the Community Building as a location for a private estate auction was made. The Board determined it was not a good fit.

Fire Department – Monthly report will be emailed to Board members. Trustee Carr noted that there was one call this past month.

County Commission Update - Mr. Doucette was present and provided information to the Board on recent activities at the County, including HB4590 Excise Tax discussion. This bill would allow for the Excise Tax for tourism reinvestment, public safety expenses and public recreation expenses. There are several bills being introduced to address vacation rentals in the State. Commissioner Doucette also noted that the County is purchasing the LMAS Health Department building, which will continue to house the health department and other departments within the county. The County will manage the building.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS -**

Dust Control Application - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board and reported on the process of application of the dust control for the year. The application was completed in one day. The Board discussed possible ways to improve for next year and thanked Supervisor Doucette and Jerry Doucette for the hard work getting it completed.

Kleeman Appeal - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on the Kleeman Appeal hearing. Each party has 14 days to provide additional information to Judge Carmody before he makes a decision.

***NEW BUSINESS**

Correspondence - Clerk Johnson presented correspondence from the Alger County Building Department regarding Craig Cross, Renewable World Energies EAP updates, MTA Membership letter, Alger County Department of Veteran Affairs Introduction letter, and DEQ permits (3).

Alger County Road Commission Contract - Clerk Johnson presented the contract for services with the Alger County Road Commission for extension of the Maple Grove Road Project.

MOTION by Treasurer Cota, second by Trustee Miller, to enter into a contract with the Alger County Road Commission for extension of the Maple Grove Road project, with the total additional obligation of the Township in the amount of \$16,350.00. COTA, YES; MILLER, YES; JOHNSON, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Poverty Guidelines Exemption Resolution Amendment -
Au Train Township Board Resolution No. 2019-001
GUIDELINES RESOLUTION FOR POVERTY GUIDELINES

Whereas it is necessary amend the Poverty Guidelines Exemption Resolution, Resolution No. 2019-001, to include the Asset Test guidelines, the Guidelines presented are to become a part of the Resolution in their entirety.

The foregoing amendment to the Resolution offered by Au Train Township Board Member Clerk Johnson, and supported by the Au Train Township Board Member Treasurer Cota, to approve the following Asset Test Requirements as they relate to the Poverty Guidelines Exemption:

Total Assets should not exceed \$50,000 in True Cash Value for eligibility for poverty exemption. This excludes the homestead being claimed, essential household goods (clothing and furniture), and the first \$5,000 of the market value of the claimants motor vehicle.

Au Train Township may consider and require an applicant to list any of the following types of household assets to determine the person's eligibility for a poverty exemption:

- One acre allowed for the homestead
- 100' maximum water frontage
- Second home
- Land
- Vehicles (\$5,000 allowed for vehicle of claimant)
- Recreational Vehicles, such as campers, motor homes, boats, ATV's, snowmobiles
- Buildings other than residence
- Equity in the residence above the specified amount
- Jewelry
- Antiques
- Artwork
- Equipment
- Other personal property of value
- Bank accounts over a specified amount
- Stocks
- Money received from the sale of property
- Withdrawals of bank deposits and borrowed money
- Tax refunds, gifts, loans, lump-sum inheritances and one-time insurance payments
- Food or housing received in lieu of wages
- Federal noncash benefit programs such as Medicare, Medicaid, Food Stamps

UPON A ROLL CALL VOTE, The following voted:

"Aye" Johnson, Cota, doucette, Miller, Carr

"Nay" None

The Au Train Township Clerk declared the amendment to the Resolution adopted.

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*PUBLIC COMMENT - 8:02 pm. Public Comments were received from Jerry Doucette, Ryan Walther, Michelle Doucette, and Jake Miller.

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Treasurer Cota, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:20 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk
