

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
November 12, 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 – 3 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 Supervisor Doucette, second by Clerk Johnson, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

*MINUTES

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to approve the minutes of the October 15, 2019 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

*BILLS AND CLAIMS

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. JOHNSON, YES; CARR, YES; COTA, YES; MILLER, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #16220 through #16233- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #8312 through #8324- Garbage Fund Checks Numbered #1549 through #1551- Road Fund Checks Numbered #2057 through #2059.

*BOARD MEMBER REPORTS -

- TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of October 31, 2019

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	115,709.52
Deposits		22,993.00
Interest		101.32
Disbursements		11,587.54
Total Checks Not Cleared		8,573.38
Ending Balance	\$	118,642.92

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	352,751.85
Deposits		
Interest		309.97
Disbursements		6,607.92
Total Checks Not Cleared		13,037.97
Ending Balance	\$	333,415.93

Certificate of Deposit \$ 50,955.46

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	159,667.06
Deposits		
Interest		139.04
Disbursements		11,495.77
Ending Balance	\$	148,310.33

ROAD FUND CHECKING		
Beginning Balance	\$	269,962.07
Deposits		
Interest		240.70
Disbursements		71.18
Ending Balance	\$	270,131.59

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

Treasurer Cota noted that she attended the BSA Training on October 23, 2019 in Marquette. Winter Tax bills will be mailed on December 2, 2019.

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to authorize KCI to print and mail the Winter Tax bills at an estimated cost of \$973.94. JOHNSON, YES; CARR, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; MILLER, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Johnson noted that she continues to work on her continuing education for State Election Administration and training for the E-pollbook, which will be used for the first time for the Presidential Primary, scheduled for March 10, 2020. Changes regarding absentee ballot applications, early voting, and same day registration are being communicated from the Secretary of State. The Republicans will not be having a Presidential Primary. This election will only be for the Democratic Nomination.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Carr noted that he attended the Planning Commission meeting on October 17th. He will be attending the Fire Department meeting on November 25th at the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall.

Trustee Miller noted he sent the photos to Attorney Murphy regarding Kleeman and discussed the matter with Attorney Murphy. Supervisor Doucette and Trustee Carr are going to request a meeting with Judge Luoma to discuss the matter and how to proceed with alleged violation of the Court Order.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent activities, which include addressing several calls. Supervisor Doucette noted that she spoke with Greg Pond regarding the garbage issue. The next Regional Government Meeting is November 13th at Rock River Township Hall. Au Train Township will be hosting the February Meeting. State Representative Sara Cambensy will be hosting a Coffee Hour at the Township Hall from 10:00-11:00 am on Wednesday, November 14th.

*SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

*COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Reports - Clerk Johnson presented monthly financial reports for all funds. All reports were emailed to Board members prior to the meeting for review.

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Clerk Johnson noted that no monthly zoning report from ZA McCarthy has been received. The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for November 21st at 7:00 pm. They are continuing review of the Zoning Ordinance definitions.

Clerk Johnson noted that the contract for Zoning Administrator Jason McCarthy is up for renewal January 1st. He will be contacted and asked to submit a proposal to the Board for consideration at the December Regular Board Meeting.

Clerk Johnson also noted that the appointment of a Planning Commission member will be considered at the December Regular Board Meeting. Advertising was placed in the Munising News and also on the Township Website and Facebook page. A member of the Planning Commission will also need to be appointed to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Assessor/Board of Review - Clerk Johnson noted that no Assessor's Report has been received. The December Board of Review is scheduled for Tuesday, December 10, 2019 at 6:00 pm.

Maintenance Department Report/Comm Bldg./Promotions - Ryan Walther was present and noted that he is prepared for winter and ready to start plowing when necessary. The front lights on the Firehall need to be replaced. Snow came down and took out one of the fixtures. He will be working on that.

The DNR snowmobile trail will be groomed starting December 1st. The Alger County SORVA will be grooming the trails and plowing the Christmas Fire Hall area in exchange for storage of their equipment.

Cemetery - No report

Fire Department - Monthly report has been received and on file. There were 2 calls for the month of October. The SxS is back from the island for the winter and stored in Christmas.

County Commission Update - No report

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Refuse Contract - The current contract with Great American Disposal has been received and emailed to Board members for review. The contract expires June 2020. Discussion will be set aside until a future Board Meeting.

Insurance Update - Clerk Rogers provided information to the Board on the final Insurance invoice from MML after the changes and/or corrections were accounted for. The invoice for the General Fund Account was \$7,721.00 and \$11,544.00 for the Fire Fund Account. The deposit for Worker's Comp coverage was \$1,524.00.

***NEW BUSINESS**

Correspondence - Clerk Johnson presented correspondence from the LMAS Health Department regarding Martha Penn's request for a private burial on her property. In addition a request for sponsorship from Friends of Valley Spur was received.

Noise Ordinance Discussion - Clerk Johnson noted that she spoke with resident Leonard Beverly regarding the possibility of including language related to abuse of the rumble strips on State Hwy M28 into the Noise Ordinance. An emailed response was provided to the Board. Discussion regarding the inability to enforce that type of restriction was made.

***PUBLIC COMMENT** - No public comment

***ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Supervisor Doucette, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:13 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk