

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
April 13, 2020
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.

Due to the current State of Michigan Stay Home/Stay Safe Order 2020-21, the Au Train Township Board did meet in person, followed social distancing guidelines and authorized the use of Teleconference call in for the public to participate.

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 – One person connected through the teleconference option.

***APPROVAL OF AGENDA**

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

***MINUTES**

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Treasurer Cota, to approve the minutes of the March 9, 2020 Regular Board Meeting, as presented. MOTION CARRIED.

***BILLS AND CLAIMS**

MOTION by Treasurer Cota, second by Clerk Johnson, to accept this month's bill list as presented and authorize that they be paid as funds are available. COTA, YES; JOHNSON, YES; CARR, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; MILLER, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #16303 through #16324 - Fire Fund Checks Numbered #8384 through #8393 - Garbage Fund Checks Numbered #2065.)

***BOARD MEMBER REPORTS -**

•TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of March 31, 2020

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	182,086.58
Deposits		
Interest		120.34
Disbursements		27,994.15
Total Checks Not Cleared		
Ending Balance	\$	154,212.77

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	488,706.58
Deposits		
Interest		358.36
Disbursements		2,120.87
Total Checks Not Cleared		
Ending Balance	\$	486,944.07

Certificate of Deposit \$ 51,158.72

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING		
Beginning Balance	\$	218,722.79
Deposits		
Interest		156.32
Disbursements		11,719.25
Ending Balance	\$	207,159.86
ROAD FUND CHECKING		
Beginning Balance	\$	276,059.57
Deposits		
Interest		203.08
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	276,262.65

*A Complete copy of the March 31, 2020 Report is on file with Clerk Johnson.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Johnson updated the Board on upcoming elections, FOIA temporary response extensions, scheduling Township audit and office and storage solutions.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Carr noted that meetings were cancelled with the Covid-19 crisis, but did have Trudell out to the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall with a noise issue concern with the furnace. They indicated it was the motor and the repair could be up to \$1,000.00. Trustee Miller had no report.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent activities, which include addressing several calls. Supervisor Doucette noted that she was working with the Forest Lake Dam to address the recent flooding issues, completed the 2020 Census form and requested that residents via the website and Facebook do the same, and spoke with UPPCO on the street light change in Christmas.

*COMMITTEE REPORTS

Maintenance Department Report/Comm Bldg./Promotions - Clerk Johnson presented information to the Board regarding the trim package for the Community Building. Ryan Walter noted that he would replace and install all the trim for a labor cost of \$1,000.00. The materials will be billed to the Township.

MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Trustee Carr to authorize up to \$1,500.00 for the trim replacement project. DOUCETTE, YES; CARR, YES; MILLER, YES; JOHNSON, YES; COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Financial Reports - Clerk Johnson presented monthly financial reports for all funds. All reports were emailed to Board members prior to the meeting for review. Clerk Johnson noted that Budget Amendments will be presented for the May Meeting to reflect the actual audited Fund Balance of each account.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. The DOT Certifications are due on the trucks.

MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Trustee Cota, to approve and authorize payment for the DOT Certifications through Sanderson and Son, which will include the generator servicing. CARR, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; MILLER, YES; JOHNSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

*NEW BUSINESS

Dust Control - Supervisor Doucette presented cost information to the Board from Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales for the Dust Control application. The cost will be .801 per gallon.

MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Trustee Cota to proceed with and authorize payment from the Road Fund Account, the dust control application and product from Bay Dust Control/Liquid Calcium Chloride Sales at a rate of .801 per gallon, with application by June 15th. DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; MILLER, YES; JOHNSON, YES; CARR, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD RESOLUTION TO ADOPT MILLAGE BALLOT LANGUAGE

Au Train Township, Alger County
Resolution Number 20-002

WHEREAS, the Township board of Au Train Township wishes to provide Fire Protection Services; and

WHEREAS, townships may provide fire protection services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963, MCL Article IX, Sec. 6; and WHEREAS, townships may contract and cooperate with other entities to provide fire protection services, as authorized by the Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and

WHEREAS, townships may impose and levy ad valorem property taxes to finance lawful public services, as authorized by Article 9, Section 6, Michigan Constitution of 1963 and other laws; and WHEREAS, the Township Board of Au Train Township wishes to levy 3 mills to provide fire protection services;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Township Board of Au Train Township, Alger County, approves the following millage ballot question language and directs the Clerk to submit it to be placed on the August 4, 2020 Primary election ballot:

Au Train Township, Alger County Millage Proposal

PROPOSAL TO INCREASE THE TAX RATE LIMITATION BY THREE (3) MILLS FOR THE PURPOSE OF OPERATING A FIRE DEPARTMENT, WITHIN THE TOWNSHIP OF AU TRAIN, COUNTY OF ALGER.

Shall Au Train Township impose an increase of up to 3 mills (\$3 per \$1,000 of taxable value) in the tax limitation imposed under Article IX, Sec. 6 of the Michigan Constitution and levy it for five (5) years, 2020 through 2024, inclusive, for fire protection services, which 3-mill increase will raise an estimated \$215,857.00 in the year 2020, the first year the millage is levied,(renewing a special tax levy of 3 mills which expired with the 2019 tax collection).

Motion made by Clerk Johnson, Second by Supervisor Doucette. Upon a roll call vote the following voted YES - JOHNSON, DOUCETTE, MILLER, COTA, CARR. NO - NONE.

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

CERTIFICATE: I, Mary Walther Johnson, the duly elected and acting Clerk of Au Train Township, hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Township Board by a roll call vote at a regular meeting of the Board held on April 13, 2020, at which meeting a quorum was present; and that this resolution was ordered to take immediate effect.

Correspondence - Clerk Johnson presented correspondence from USFS and Michigan Department of Natural Resources regarding Covid-19 rules and guidelines.

*PUBLIC COMMENT - (6:29) The public comment period opened, There were no public comments.

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk