

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
February 10, 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.

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 – 9 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 Treasurer Cota, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

***MINUTES**

MOTION by Treasurer Cota, second by Trustee Carr, to approve the minutes of the January 13, 2020 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; MILLER, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #16272 through #16285 - Fire Fund Checks Numbered #8365 through #8374 - Garbage Fund Checks Numbered #2062.)

***BOARD MEMBER REPORTS -**

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	136,208.81
Deposits		20,370.25
Interest		127.97
Disbursements		13,121.06
Total Checks Not Cleared		1,614.18
Ending Balance	\$	141,971.79

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	347,934.70
Deposits		64,227.88
Interest		341.68
Disbursements		2,612.96
Total Checks Not Cleared		872.35
Ending Balance	\$	409,018.95

Certificate of Deposit \$ 50,955.46

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	142,068.36
Deposits		44,184.41
Interest		145.37
Disbursements		11,389.00
Total Checks Not Cleared		
Ending Balance	\$	175,009.14

ROAD FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	176,665.21
Deposits		43,195.02
Interest		180.13
Disbursements		
Total Checks Not Cleared		
Ending Balance	\$	220,040.36

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

Treasurer Cota noted that she received the CFR Dispersal from the County, the reimbursement from Fire Fighter Cory Cole, and the grant from the American Endowment Foundation in the amount of \$500.00. The grant was from an anonymous donor.

Final office hours for the Winter Tax Collection will be February 15th from 10:00-3:00 and March 2nd from 9:00-5:00.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Rogers presented information to the Board regarding the upcoming Presidential Primary, Epollbook training, and issues with the cancellation and billing of the Workers Compensation policy with Accident Fund. In addition preparation for the Budget Workshops for all funds is time consuming and she noted to the Board that the workshop on the 17th of February will cover Fire, Garbage and Road Funds and the workshop on the 24th of February will cover the General Fund.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Carr noted that he and Supervisor Doucette met with Ryan Walther to discuss the Maintenance Building improvements.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent activities, which include addressing several calls. Supervisor Doucette confirmed the March Board of Review dates, noted that she attended the Planning Commission and Election Commission meetings, spoke with CUPPAD on obtaining estimates for updating the Zoning Ordinance and Recreation Plan. Also provided information from Tri Media regarding cemetery services. Supervisor Doucette also noted that the next Regional Government Meeting is being hosted by Au Train Township on February 26, 2020 at 5:00 pm.

*SPECIAL PRESENTATION - Sheriff Todd Brock made a presentation regarding the upcoming ambulance millage request. They are asking for a total of 1.85 mills. In addition, Undersheriff Steve Blank and Deputy Perry King made a presentation introducing Alger - their canine program dog.

*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 - Zoning Administrator Jason McCarthy presented his Zoning Report to the Board. He noted the upcoming CUP Hearing on February 20th. Jason also noted that he could provide services in regards to the Recreation Plan and would be happy to submit a Proposal.

Discussion regarding the Curtis Drive Blight was made. The original complaint was dated 8/1/2017. Several notices were sent from the County Building Codes Department as well. It was suggested that the matter be started again since despite work being done over the years, blight continues. Jason agreed that he would take over the matter.

Assessor/Board of Review - Assessor Fuess presented his report to the Board and it is on file. The March Board of Review dates are Tuesday, March 3rd - 6:00 pm - Organizational Meeting. Wednesday March 11th 9:00-3:00 pm and Thursday March 12th 3:00-9:00 pm. Assessor Fuess noted that change notices are being mailed out. Any questions can be directed to him via his cell or email.

CFR and State owned lands are being updated. In addition, he will be working with the County regarding GIS mapping updates. Assessor Fuess also indicated he could take care of the Zoning map updates once the Zoning Ordinance Amendments are approved by the Board.

Matt Lang, Secretary of the Planning Commission updated the Board. The next meeting is scheduled for February 20th at 7:00 pm, which will include a CUP Hearing for a Seasonal Rental property.

Maintenance Department Report/Comm Bldg./Promotions - Ryan Walther was present and noted that he has spent much of his time dealing with snow removal with lots of plowing and shoveling. Discussion about proposed plans and costs related to the Maintenance Building updates was made.

In addition, a proposal from David Walther Contracting was presented for the storage room project.

MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Trustee Miller to accept the Proposal from David Walther Contracting in the amount of \$2,650.00 for the Storage Room project. CARR, YES; MILLER, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; JOHNSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Much discussion regarding the flooring project was made. Additional information was requested regarding the actual costs for the product and installation. Review of samples was made by the Board.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. There were no calls for the month of January. Chief King noted that he will be ordering the AED components. In addition he will be serving as a First Responder in the Township. He is working on the proposed Fire Department Budget and plans to attend the Budget Workshop Meeting on February 17th.

*UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Appointment to the Zoning Board of Appeals - The Planning Commission recommended that member Matt Lang serve on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Trustee Carr to appoint Matt Lang to the Zoning Board of Appeals. MOTION CARRIED.

*NEW BUSINESS

Correspondence - Clerk Johnson presented correspondence for the month. Correspondence was received from Munising High School All Night Party Committee, a Notice of Franchise Renewal from Charter Communications (expires September 2022) and State of Michigan Liquor Control Commission regarding a license transfer application from the Sault Ste Marie Tribe of Chippewa Indians.

*PUBLIC COMMENT - (8:16) Public Comments were received from Matt Lang and Jerry Doucette.

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:21 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk