

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
September 9, 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. (Trustee Miller arrived at 7:10 pm).

*VISITORS PRESENT – Approximately 4 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 Treasurer Cota, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

*MINUTES

MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Treasurer Cota, to approve the minutes of the August 12, 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. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #16197 through #16209- Fire Fund Checks Numbered #8279 through #8294- Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2054).

*BOARD MEMBER REPORTS -

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

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	114,909.97
Deposits		23,330.37
Interest		102.15
Disbursements		14,545.39
Total Checks Not Cleared		
Ending Balance	\$	123,797.10

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	357,585.14
Deposits		179.21
Interest		317.84
Disbursements		2,357.88
Total Checks Not Cleared		
Ending Balance	\$	355,724.31
Certificate of Deposit	\$	50,753.00

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	181,963.00
Deposits		181.03
Interest		158.44
Disbursements		11,389.00
Ending Balance	\$	170,913.47

ROAD FUND CHECKING			
Beginning Balance		\$	269,368.32
Deposits			120.69
Interest			240.28
Disbursements			
Ending Balance		\$	269,729.29

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

Treasurer Cota noted that she will be attending a BSA Training on October 23, 2019. The last day for Summer Tax Collection is September 16, 2019 - Treasurer Cota will be holding office hours from 9:00 am to 5:00 pm.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Johnson noted that she continues to work on accreditation requirements through the state. Upgrades to our voting equipment will be done on September 11th. Equipment is being dropped off at the Munising Township Hall. The application for an insurance quote through Gauthier Insurance, MML is complete and she will be meeting with him next week to ensure a quote is received prior to the October Board Meeting. Quickbooks payroll continues to run smoothly. All Board members and employees are receiving e-checks. The fire department payroll is still done manually.

Clerk Johnson noted that she would like to purchase a desktop scanner, a desktop scanner will assist with Voter Registration, and the handling of correspondence and Zoning applications.

MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Trustee Carr to authorize up to \$350.00 for the purchase of a scanner. DOUCETTE, YES; CARR, YES; JOHNSON, YES; COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - None

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent activities, which include addressing several calls. Supervisor Doucette noted that the Hayward Road sign needs to be replaced. Ryan will check inventory. Additional information was provided regarding an inquiry for a green burial, and further inquiries regarding the purchase of cemetery lots.

*SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None

*PUBLIC COMMENTS - None

*COMMITTEE REPORTS

Financial Reports - Clerk Johnson presented monthly financial reports for all funds. Clerk Johnson noted that amendments to the budgets for all funds are being reviewed and that she will present any necessary amendments at the October Regular Board Meeting for consideration.

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 September 12th at 7:00 pm. They continue to review the Zoning Ordinance definitions.

Additional discussion regarding marijuana growing and processing was made. No updates on current blight complaints was provided.

Assessor/Board of Review - Clerk Johnson noted that no written Assessor's Report has been received. Assessor Cameron Fuess was present to provide an oral report and discuss the proposed Assessor Contract for Services. Over the past two months, the AMAR corrective action plan was submitted and work continues on pricing cards, correcting data and reviewing vacant parcels. In addition, discussion about the Contract with BS&A to provide information online was discussed and as previously approved by the Board, will be sent in to begin the process.

Cameron also noted that he is working with Zoning Administrator, Jason McCarthy on parcel division split requests, with approvals being issued from the Zoning Department.

The current Assessor contract expires September 30, 2019. A contract, for 3 years was presented for review and approval.

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr, to offer a 3 year contract extension with Greenstone Mapping, LLC with a salary increase of 3.6% for the first year, for a total of \$24,864.00 paid monthly, with subsequent increases being determined by prevailing Federal Wages Increase as noted on September 30th of each year. JOHNSON, YES; CARR, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Maintenance Department Report/Comm Bldg./Promotions - Ryan Walther noted that the mower was picked up from Northland but the reservoirs are still leaking so it will be dropped off again for repair. He noted that he is wrapping things up and preparing for Winter. He will work on getting pricing for the room storage and carpet replacement this fall. The Heritage Trail Center dock will be removed prior to October 1st and arrangements will be made with Tri County Septic to take care of pumping the vault bathrooms. Ryan noted he will be gone for 1-1/2 weeks on a hunting trip. Trustee Carr noted he has contacted Kleeman Well Drilling to obtain an estimate to abandon the well at the ballfield.

Ryan also noted that a motion detector light was installed at the Heritage Trailhead Cabin.

Cemetery - Discussion about the storage shed at the cemetery was made. It will be discussed again in the spring.

Fire Department – Monthly report has been received and on file. There were 3 calls for the past month. Ladder testing is complete. Working on getting the Christmas Hall door overhang done and drivers training for new fire fighters will be in October.

Chief King also noted that the DOT's are due on the trucks and arrangements have been made with Sanderson to provide service.

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Cota to contract with Sanderson & Sons to provide the MDOT service on the fire trucks. JOHNSON, YES; COTA, YES; MILLER, YES; CARR, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

County Commission Update - Commission Chair Jerry Doucette was present to update the board on recent activities of the Commission.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

Noise Ordinance Amendments - Clerk Johnson provided the amendments to the Noise Ordinance for review and approval.

AMENDMENTS TO THE AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP NOISE ORDINANCE DATED JULY 9, 2008, EFFECTIVE AUGUST 16, 2008, AS APPROVED BY THE AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP BOARD.

Section 1: Unlawful Noise Prohibited

Add Sub-section G. Fireworks -

Pursuant to the Michigan Fireworks Safety Act, MCL 28.451 et seq., as amended by Public Act 635 of 2018, the ignition, discharge and use of consumer fireworks other than within those times and dates as designated in the Exceptions, contained in Section 2, subsection H of this Ordinance, hereinafter. The ignition, discharge, and use of consumer fireworks is also prohibited on public property, school property, church property, or the property of another with express written permission from the owner to use fireworks on those premises.

Section 2: Exceptions

Add Sub-section F, G, and H.

F. Noises emitted from warning devices for the purposes of notifying individuals or the public at large as authorized by law.

G. Noise emanating from the discharge of firearms providing that such discharge is otherwise authorized under Michigan law or local ordinance.

H. A person shall not ignite, discharge, or use consumer fireworks at any time other than as listed below:

1. December 31st from 11:00 am until 11:59 pm.
2. January 1st from midnight until 1:00 am.
3. The Saturday and Sunday immediately preceding Memorial Day from 11:00 am until 11:45 pm on each of those days.
4. June 29th to July 4th from 11:00 am until 11:45 pm on each of those days.
5. July 5th, if that date is a Friday or Saturday, from 11:00 am until 11:45 pm.
6. The Saturday or Sunday immediately preceding Labor Day, from 11:00 am until 11:45 pm on each of those days.

Effective Date

These amendments to the ordinance shall take effect on 10/03/2019, Fourteen (14) days after the date of publication. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

Approved by the Au Train Township Board at a Regular Board Meeting held on 09/09/2019.

Motion made for approval by: Clerk Johnson

Second: Treasurer Cota

Ayes: Johnson, Cota, Miller, Doucette, Carr

Nays: None

Motion declared passed by the Au Train Township Supervisor.

By: Mary Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk Date: 09/09/2019

Appeared for publication on: September 18, 2019 In the Munising News.

***NEW BUSINESS**

Correspondence - Clerk Johnson presented correspondence from UPPCO and Michigan Department of Natural Resources.

L-4029 2019 Tax Rate Request - Clerk Johnson presented the L-4029 2019 Tax Rate Request from County Equalization for the December 2019 Tax Collection.

After review and comparison to the funds for each budget the following was authorized.

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Carr to authorize the follow tax rates for each fund. These funds will be used to support the 2019/2020 Fiscal Year Budget, as permitted by law. General Fund 0.7069; Road Fund 2.0000; Fire Fund 2.9697; Waste (Garbage) Fund 2.0000. JOHNSON, YES; CARR, YES; COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; MILLER, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Propane Prepurchase 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall - Clerk Johnson presented information to the Board regarding the prepurchase option from Superiorland Gas Co (current provider) and also UP Propane. Discussion about the possibility of purchasing a tank for next year to reduce costs was made. MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Supervisor Doucette, to prepurchase propane for the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall, at a rate of \$1.39 per gallon from Superiorland Gas Co., up to the maximum allowable gallons. CARR, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; MILLER, YES; COTA, YES; JOHNSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Fall Cleanup - Supervisor Doucette provided information to the Board regarding the date secured for the Fall Cleanup, being offered at Wood Island Waste Management. MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Trustee Miller to authorize a fall cleanup, held on Saturday October 5th from 8:00 am to 11:00 am at the Wood Island Waste Management drop off and to cover the cost for such cleanup from the Garbage Fund Account. CARR, YES; MILLER, YES; JOHNSON, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

*PUBLIC COMMENT - 7:46 pm. Public Comments were received from Mike Reynolds.

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Trustee Carr, second by Supervisor Doucette, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:50 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk