

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting  
July 12, 2021  
6:00 o'clock p.m.

Pursuant to adjournment, the Au Train Township Board convened on the above date at 6:00 p.m. - The meeting was also broadcast Live via Facebook.

The Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Michelle Doucette, with the following members present: Mary Johnson, Clerk; Kristy Cota, Treasurer; Jake Miller, Trustee; and Tom Balmes, Trustee.

\*VISITORS PRESENT – Approximately 8 persons attended the meeting in person, with additional persons logged on for the Facebook Live event. A complete list is on file with Clerk Johnson.

\*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 Treasurer Cota, second by Clerk Johnson, to approve the minutes of the June 14, 2021 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; MILLER, YES; BALMES, DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #16559 through #16573 - Fire Fund Checks Numbered #8592 through #8603 - Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2085)

\*BOARD MEMBER REPORTS -

•TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of June, 2021

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	171,832.90
Deposits		18,440.00
Interest		20.69
Disbursements		17,296.50
Total Checks Not Cleared		500.00
Ending Balance	\$	172,497.09

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	557,995.89
Deposits		4,155.56
Interest		68.83
Disbursements		4,107.02
Total Checks Not Cleared		
Ending Balance	\$	558,113.26

Certificate of Deposit	\$	51,299.02
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GARBAGE FUND CHECKING		
Beginning Balance	\$	201,944.02
Deposits		
Interest		24.22
Disbursements		12,927.33
Ending Balance	\$	189,040.91
ROAD FUND CHECKING		
Beginning Balance	\$	353,198.05
Deposits		
Interest		42.36
Disbursements		
Ending Balance	\$	324,151.03

\*A Complete copy of the June 30, 2021 Report is on file with Clerk Johnson.

Treasurer Cota noted that Summer Tax Bills are out and payments are coming in. The final payment from Grand Island Township for the fire protection agreement was received.

\*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Johnson provided an updated to the Board on recent activities. The Off-Year Audit with Anderson, Tackman and Company was scheduled for the week of August 16, 2021. They will be on site for 3 days. The MML Workers Comp audit has been scheduled for August 6<sup>th</sup>, with their auditor meeting the Clerk in person. In addition, final application prep for the Recovery Funds is complete and the application will be filed by the July 27, 2021 deadline. In addition, Clerk Johnson noted that she has received several calls regarding zoning, garbage carts and a FOIA request for election documentation. Also, the election equipment maintenance is scheduled for the end of the month, with the equipment being dropped off at the Munising Township Hall.

\*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Balmes presented information to the Board regarding calls received for the month, including an inquiry as to why the June Facebook Live session end abruptly. Clerk Johnson noted it froze completely without explanation. In addition, Trustee Balmes noted that the application and approval for the installation of a Life Saving Station at the Au Train River Beach from MDOT is still in effect.

Trustee Miller provided information on several calls received throughout the month, and reminded the Board of the upcoming Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission scheduled for July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.

\*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent activities, which include addressing several calls. The signs ordered will be picked up this week for the Heritage Trail and Cemetery.

The Alger County Road Commission will be placing 4 additional signs indicating No Parking on North Shore Road.

Duke Fillmore took care of the dock handrail welding and repair for the Heritage Trail Dock.

Fall Clean-up was scheduled with Wood Island Landfill for Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> from 9:00-11:30 am.

Supervisor Doucette also noted that she recently attended an onsite review of the Forest Lake Dam project with FERC and other parties. Concerns regarding flooding within the area were addressed.

Bob Lindbeck of the Alger County Road Commission provided an update on the Au Train Township projects, via text, which was shared with the Board.

\*SPECIAL PRESENTATION - None

\*PUBLIC COMMENT - Public Comments were received from Greg Welch, Steve and Susan Kurtz, and Erin Miller.

\*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. Quarterly Review for all funds was complete and will be provided to the Board. No budget amendments are recommended at this time.

*Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA* - Zoning Administrator Jason McCarthy provided his report to the Board prior to the meeting. John Carr, Planning Commission chair provided information to the Board regarding their last meeting. The next meeting of the Planning Commission was scheduled as a joint meeting with the Township Board for July 29<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm. The next regular meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for August 19, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

*Assessor/Board of Review* - Assessor Cameron Fuess provided an update to the board on recent activities via email prior to the meeting. The July Board of Review is scheduled for July 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm.

*Maintenance Department Report/Comm Bldg./Promotions* - Ryan Walther was not able to attend but provided an update via Clerk Johnson prior to the meeting. Upcoming rentals at the hall include a memorial service on July 18<sup>th</sup> and Sara Cambenzy will be holding Coffee Hours at 11:30 on July 30<sup>th</sup>.

*Fire Department/First Responders* – The Fire Department report has been received and is on file. There were 2 calls for the month. They are working on estimated costs for member jackets. The Gladstone Fire Truck was transferred to the Tri County Volunteer Fire Department, which was much appreciated.

*County Commission Update* - Commissioner Doucette provided updates to the Board, which included a Contract for Services with UPSET, expansion of Veteran Services, Hanley Field updates, American Rescue Plan funds for the County, and he noted that the County State of Emergency regarding COVID has been closed on a County level.

\*UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Refuse Contract - The refuse contract from GAD was finalized. Clerk Johnson noted that residents may purchase an additional cart at the cost of \$75.00, with up to two allowed per pickup location. Delivery is expected prior to August 2<sup>nd</sup> with a one-time delivery fee of \$1,500.00.

Recreation Plan - Supervisor Doucette provided information to the Board regarding updated costs from CUPPAD for updating the Recreation Plan. Their proposal was \$6,000, up from a previous proposal of \$4,000. Clerk Johnson contacted Jason McCarthy during the meeting via phone to inquire as to whether his previous proposal of \$5,000 from June, 2020 was still available.

MOTION by Treasurer Cota, second by Trustee Miller to accept the proposal from Jason McCarthy to update the Township Recreation Plan, to be completed no later 12/31/2021, at a cost of \$5,000. COTA, YES; MILLER, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; JOHNSON, YES; BALMES, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

**\*NEW BUSINESS**

Request for Funding - Clerk Johnson presented a request for funding from the Munising Bay Trail Network. No Board action.

Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund - Clerk Johnson noted that the Township will need to approve applying for the American Rescue Plan Funding. The Township is eligible for \$112,414.00. MOTION by Treasurer Cota, second by Supervisor Doucette, to apply for the American Rescue Plan Funding - Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund through the State of Michigan. COTA, YES; DOUCETTE, YES; BALMES, YES; MILLER, YES; JOHNSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

Joint Meeting with Planning Commission - MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Treasurer Cota, to participate in a Joint Meeting with the Planning Commission to review proposed amendments to the Zoning Ordinance. This will be a work session only for discussion and review. No Board actions are authorized. MOTION CARRIED.

\*PUBLIC COMMENT - Public Comments were received from John Carr, Jerry Doucette and Michelle Doucette.

**\*ADJOURNMENT**

Being no further business, MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Trustee Balmes, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 9:12 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk