

Au Train Township Regular Board Meeting
October 11, 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 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 10 persons attended the meeting in person. A complete list 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 Supervisor Doucette, to approve the Agenda as amended. MOTION CARRIED.

*MINUTES

MOTION by Treasurer Cota, second by Supervisor Doucette, to approve the minutes of the August 9, 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; DOUCETTE, YES; MILLER, YES; BALMES, YES. MOTION CARRIED. (General Fund Checks Numbered #16607 through #16618 - Fire Fund Checks Numbered #8627 through #8638 - Garbage Fund Check Numbered #2089).

*BOARD MEMBER REPORTS -

•TREASURER'S REPORT - For the Month of September 30, 2021

GENERAL FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	173,827.91
Deposits		58,753.14
Interest		22.23
Disbursements		26,292.94
Total Checks Not Cleared		606.45
Ending Balance	\$	205,703.89

FIRE FUND CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$	550,716.35
Deposits		
Interest		67.50
Disbursements		5,171.70
Total Checks Not Cleared		286.99
Ending Balance	\$	545,325.16

Certificate of Deposit \$ 51,362.98

GARBAGE FUND CHECKING		
Beginning Balance	\$	167,676.87
Deposits		
Interest		19.91
Disbursements		13,220.83
Ending Balance	\$	154,475.95
ROAD FUND CHECKING		
Beginning Balance	\$	326,398.77
Deposits		11,626.11
Interest		40.95
Disbursements		31.60
Ending Balance	\$	338,034.23

*A Complete copy of the September 30, 2021 the report is on file with Clerk Johnson. Treasurer Cota noted that due to a decision by the Tax Tribunal on Grand Island Twp vs Munising Tourist Park, there will be a reduction in the payment accepted from Grand Island Township for Fire Department Services. More information will be forthcoming.

Arrangements have been made for the Propane supplier to make the switch at the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall on November 9th.

*CLERK'S REPORT - Clerk Johnson provided an update to the Board on recent activities. Information was received and will be provided regarding the LFCF Funding award to the Township. Review of the Budget for all funds was completed and a recommendation for amendments will be presented this evening. Several Cemetery Deeds were prepared and sent to the purchasers.

*TRUSTEE'S REPORT - Trustee Miller noted he continues to receive calls regarding the trash service and zoning ordinance amendments.

Trustee Balmes noted that he met with Brian Hinch of the USFS at the ballfield regarding Lease Termination requirements. Mr. Hinch will be reporting to Charlie Marsh. They are requesting a letter from the Township requesting a lease termination and why.

*SUPERVISOR'S REPORT - Supervisor Doucette updated the Board on recent activities, which include addressing several calls. She attended the September 22nd meeting of the Zoning Board of Appeals. Kathy Reynolds was appointed Chair. Their next meeting will be January 20th at 6:00 pm.

A resident on West Branch Road requested that their street sign be removed to keep out trespassers. Supervisor Doucette suggested that she contact 911 Dispatch for their opinion since they would be responsible for finding the road in case of an emergency.

The fall cleanup went well with approximately 25 participants.

The restrooms at the Heritage Trail Center should be closed until Spring. Ryan will make arrangements with Tri County Septic for final disposal.

Superior Electric will be repairing the Community Building generator as the part is in. She will also be asking for an estimate to complete the quarterly maintenance on all units.

There is an Alger County Recycling Conference coming up on October 19th that she will not be able to attend. If anyone on the Board is interested in attending she will forward the information.

***SPECIAL PRESENTATION -**

Cory Cole presented information to the Board regarding his Zoning Violation notice and fence installation requirement at the Yack Shak Business property on Arbutus. Our Zoning Administrator has indicated that there was an error on the part of the previous zoning administrator and that a fence should have been required. Mr. Cole indicated that he will not comply with the order without legal recourse. Mr. Cole is asking the Board to reconsider the requirement. The Township Board voted at the September meeting to proceed with enforcement, however, in light of Mr. Coles presentation additional information will be gathered and further discussion will be placed on the November Board Meeting Agenda.

Rogers Hess, resident on Sunset Drive, presented information to the Board regarding the use of carts by the road occupants. Several emails on the matter were presented to the Board by Supervisor Doucette prior to the meeting. The residents as asking for the placement of a dumpster on the other side of the highway on Woodland Avenue in the right-of-way. Supervisor Doucette will make arrangements with GAD for its placement with the understanding that access to the dumpster, including the snow removal, will be the responsibility of the residents and that the dumpster will be locked, with keys being given to those authorized for its use, including a few residents on the east end of Woodland Avenue.

Bob Lindbeck, Engineer/Manager with the Alger County Road Commission presented the updated 5-Year Road Improvement schedule to the Board, along with contracts for 2022 for consideration.

MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Treasurer Cota, to approve the Contract with the Alger County Road Commission, as presented, for 2022 Construction on Crossover Road, which includes placement of processed gravel on 1.4 miles, with a total Township obligation of \$190,000. DOUCETTE, YES; COTA, YES; MILLER, YES; BALMES, YES; JOHNSON, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

MOTION by Clerk Johnson, second by Treasurer Cota, to approve the Contract with the Alger County Road Commission, as presented, for 2022 Construction on North Shore Road, which includes paving 0.65 miles, with a total Township obligation of \$146,000. JOHNSON, YES; COTA, YES; BALMES, YES; MILLER, YES; DOUCETTE, YES. MOTION CARRIED.

After discussion and recommendations, the 5-Year Improvement Plan will be updated as needed and would be contingent on the continuation of the Road Millage, which will be placed on a ballot for renewal in 2022.

***PUBLIC COMMENT -** Public Comments were received from Cory Cole, John Carr and Rex Cole.

***COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Financial Reports - Clerk Johnson presented monthly financial reports for all funds. In addition, Year to Date Reports were provided for all funds. All reports were emailed to Board members prior to the meeting for review. Recommendations for Budget Amendments will be addressed under New Business.

Zoning Administrator/Planning Commission/ZBA - Zoning Administrator McCarthy's report was not received prior to the Board Meeting. The next meeting of the Planning Commission will be on October 21, 2021 at 6:00 pm. Continuation of the Zoning Map review is expected.

Assessor/Board of Review - The Assessor's Monthly report was provided in person to the Board by Cameron Fuess. Mr. Fuess indicated Assessing is going well with lots of Deeds this year. Property inspections continue. Cameron requested permission to make direct contact with Attorney Murphy regarding a 8' gap of land where two adjacent owners have interest. The portion has not been on the tax roll for 70 years.

Maintenance Department Report/Comm Bldg./Promotions/Cemetery - Ryan Walther noted that he replaced the 16 Mile Lake Fire Hall flag and will be contacting Lammi's regarding the purchase of Fire Extinguishers for the Community Building. In addition, the Heritage Trail dock has been removed for winter storage and the bathrooms will be prepared for closing until spring.

Treasurer Cota noted there is a Community Building rental upcoming for a memorial gathering and a craft sale.

Fire Department/First Responders – The Fire Department report was provided to the Board via Trustee Miller from an email sent by Chief King. The DOT's on the trucks will wrap up this week. He contacted UP Environmental to review contents of the barrels at the cemetery. The brush has been burned and the area will be further cleaned up. There were 4 calls the past month. Complete Turn Out Gear will need to be purchased at an approximate cost of \$4,500 for Fire Fighter Ryan Walther.

***UNFINISHED BUSINESS - None**

***NEW BUSINESS**

Local Fiscal Recovery Funds Award - Clerk Johnson presented information to the Board on the Townships award of funding from the Federal Program Local Fiscal Recovery Funds (LFRF) in the amount of \$56,207. The Board will need to discuss and review options for allocating the award funds. The first report of their receipt and use is due April 30, 2022.

Budget Amendments -

Au Train Township
Budget Resolution
Amendment No. 2
October 1, 2021

Re: FY Budget 2021-2022

WHEREAS, it is the responsibility of the Au Train Township Board to establish a General Appropriations Act for the purpose of budgeting the Township finances in a manner which does not allow expenditure, to exceed revenues, including any available unappropriated surpluses, and,

WHEREAS, the Au Train Township Board recognizes that some activities may require amendments to this Act, and such amendment shall be made by resolution of the Au Train Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Au Train Township Appropriations Act for FY 2021-2022 does not permit deviations which cause expenditures for any activity to exceed budgeted amounts without amendment to the Act by the Au Train Township Board; and

WHEREAS, the Au Train Township Board has duly reviewed the budgets for the General Appropriations Act, which includes all funds of Au Train Township, at public meetings of the Au Train Township Board,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Au Train Township Board hereby amends the Appropriations Act for FY 2021-2022 in accordance with budgetary information presented to the Board and the limitations defined within this Resolution.

The foregoing Resolution offered by Board Member: Clerk Johnson

Second offered by Board Member: Treasurer Cota

Upon roll call vote the following voted:

"Aye": Johnson, Cota, Miller, Balmes, Doucette

"Nay": None

The Supervisor declared the resolution adopted.

Mary Walther Johnson
Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk

General Fund - Fund No. 101

General Fund - Revenues	Current Budget	Amended Budget	Change
Current Tax	52102.00	52543.00	441.00
Metro Act	2600.00	0	- 2600.00
CLFRF - Federal Revenue	0	56207.00	+56207.00
Total Revenue Amendment			+54048.00
Total Revenues	365548.00		419596.00
General Fund - Expenditures			
Funds Due to Road Fund	0	11626.00	+11626.11
Total Expenditure Amendment			+11626.11
Total Expenditures	232460.00	244266.00	+11626.11
Ending Fund Equity	133088.00	175330.00	

Reflects 2021 Millage Rate Change; Transfer of funds due to Road Fund (Metro Act) and receipt of ½ of LFRF Federal monies awarded to the Township.

Fire Fund - Fund No. 206

Fire Fund - Revenues	Current Budget	Amended Budget	Change
Current Tax	221150.00	222972.00	1822.00
Total Revenue Amendment			1822.00
Total Revenues	821737.00	823559.00	
Total Expenditure Amendment			0
Total Expenditures		594450.00	
Ending Fund Equity		229109.00	

Reflects 2021 Millage Rate Change.

Garbage Fund - Fund No. 226

Garbage Fund - Revenues	Current Budget	Amended Budget	Change
Current Tax	221431.00	222972.00	1541.00
Total Revenue Amendment			1541.00
Total Revenues	433690.00	435231.00	
Total Expenditure Amendment			0
Total Expenditures		173100.00	
Ending Fund Equity		262131.00	

Reflects 2021 Millage Rate Change.

Road Fund - Fund No. 204

Road Fund Revenues	Current Budget	Amended Budget	Change
Current Tax	147618.00	148648.00	1030.00
Metro Act	0	14226.11	14226.00
Total Revenue Amendment			15256.00
Total Revenues	487586.00	502842.00	
Total Expenditure Amendment			0
Total Expenditures		154250.00	
Ending Fund Equity		348592.00	

Reflects 2021 Millage Rate Change; Metro Act Funds due from General Fund Account and 2021 anticipated receipt. (\$11,626.00 = \$2,600.00)

*PUBLIC COMMENT - Public Comments were received from Matt Lange, John Carr, and Cameron Fuess.

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, second by Treasurer Cota, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 8:50 pm.

Submitted by: Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk