

Au Train Township Board Special Meeting
August 31, 2022
6:00 o'clock pm

Pursuant to authorization, the Au Train Township Board convened on the above date at 6:00 pm

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 4 persons attended. A complete list is on file with Clerk Johnson.

*AGENDA - Supervisor Doucette presented the Agenda for consideration. The purpose of the Special Board Meeting was to meet and consider the recommendations of the Planning Commission on the Zoning Ordinance Amendments and Map Adjustments.

PUBLIC COMMENT - A call for public comment was made. Public comments were received from Matt Lang, John Carr and Mary Johnson.

Clerk Johnson provided information on the upcoming hearing date of September 7, 2022 at 1:30 for the Cory Cole Appeal of the Zoning Board of Appeals decision on March 3, 2022 regarding the installation of a fence at his Da Yak Shak Property.

Clerk Johnson confirmed that the effective date of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments and Map Adjustments is upon its publication.

Discussion about short term rentals and the renewed recommendation of the Planning Commission to have them be a Conditional Use in all Districts was made.

Procedures will need to be developed for the management of non-conforming uses, especially short term rentals, moving forward under the amended ordinance. Clerk Johnson reminded the Board that these procedures can be developed outside the approval of the Zoning Ordinance Amendments, but that time is of the essence and will be placed on the Agenda for the September Board Meeting.

Discussion about the establishment of restaurants and/or pubs and whether they would be subject to the Noise Ordinance was made.

Administrative clarification of Section 304-B was discussed with the addition of the following language: unless there is a successful appeal to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

WHEREAS the Township Board has the authority to amend the Zoning Ordinance and make necessary map adjustments, the following Ordinance was offered:

AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP, ALGER COUNTY, MICHIGAN
ZONING ORDINANCE AMENDMENT/MAP ADJUSTMENTS ORDINANCE
Ordinance No. 2022-001

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND IN PART THE ORDINANCE ENTITLED "AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE", WHICH WAS ADOPTED NOVEMBER 19, 2008 EFFECTIVE JANUARY 1, 2009, AS AMENDED.

THE TOWNSHIP OF AU TRAIN, COUNTY OF ALGER, MICHIGAN ORDAINS:

- I. The Au Train Township Zoning Ordinance dated November 19, 2008, effective January 1, 2009, as amended, and associated map (hereinafter the "Ordinance"), shall be amended to correct and update, as follows:

(SEE ATTACHED SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS, MAP ADJUSTMENTS AND ZONING ORDINANCE)

- II. CONFLICTING ORDINANCES: All other ordinances and parts of ordinances, or amendments thereto, of Au Train Township in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.
- III. NOTICE TO BE PUBLISHED: The Township Clerk shall publish this Ordinance in the manner required by law.
- IV. WHEN EFFECTIVE: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect in this governmental unit, upon publication in The Mining Journal.

Approved by the Au Train Township Board at a Special Board Meeting held on August 31, 2022.

Motion made for approval by: TRUSTEE BALMES
Second: TRUSTEE MILLER

Ayes: BALMES, MILLER, JOHNSON, COTA, DOUCETTE
Nays: NONE

Motion declared passed by Au Train Township Supervisor, Michelle Doucette.

By: Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk

Date: August 31, 2022

Appeared for publication on: Monday, September 12, 2022 in The Mining Journal.

COPIES OF THE SUMMARY OF AMENDMENTS, AMENDED ZONING ORDINANCE AND MAP ADJUSTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE ON THE AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP WEBSITE - www.auraintownship.org - DOCUMENTS > ZONING OR BY CONTACTING AU TRAIN TOWNSHIP CLERK, MARY WALTHER JOHNSON VIA EMAIL: marywaltherjohnson@charter.net

PUBLIC COMMENT - A call for public comment was made. None received.

*ADJOURNMENT

Being no further business, MOTION by Supervisor Doucette, seconded by Clerk Johnson, to adjourn the meeting. MOTION CARRIED. MEETING ADJOURNED at 7:29 pm.

Submitted by:

Mary Walther Johnson, Au Train Township Clerk