

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor: Helen Fischer  
Clerk: Kathleen A. English  
Treasurer: Pam Barrett  
Trustee: Laurey Simpson  
Trustee: John Clark

Township Board Meeting, January 10, 2017, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval February 14, 2017.*

Attendance: Six (6)

Meeting called to order at 6:30pm, by Supervisor Fischer, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Board Members present: Helen Fischer, Kathy English, Pam Barrett, Laurey Simpson, John Clark.

*Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to approve the Trout Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes of December 13, 2016, as written. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members present.*

## Public Comments:

1. Shelly McGowan reported that Bill Rosa made a donation to the Pride Committee of \$200.00 for the Ambulance Corp!
2. Question from a Citizen as to the status of the boat dock & ramp and what happened to the \$1,000.00 that was received and designated for the dock and repairs. Supervisor Fischer stated that there were a couple of people who had their tires punctured by the rebar that is sticking out of the ramp. Supervisor Fischer stated that the excavator she contacted could not do the work during the season. Hopefully, it will be completed this Spring.

## Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk

1. Clerk English thanked Bob Hansen, a member of the Board of Review, for donating his time and pay to the Township for the recent BOR meeting!
2. Grants: Clerk English summarized a report received related to \$2.4 million that was awarded to thirty-six (36) cities, towns, & townships by the DNR for improvements to parks & recreation! The majority of the grants were \$45,000.00 each. Clerk English reiterated that the Board needs a plan for moving forward. This is yet another missed opportunity to obtain money for improvements to the park/campground & town. As the Park lost \$6,000.00 last season, and there are many upgrades & repairs required, therefore, the Board needs to pursue grants if the Park is to survive. This is the fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) missed opportunity this past year, that we know of! It was suggested by Mr. Boudreau that the Board pursue hiring a professional grant writer. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Fischer will pursue getting further information.
3. Clerk English summarized the recent Cloverland Electric rate increases of 2.9%. Cloverland Electric is #3 out of nine coops in their rates!
4. The DEQ permit was issued to Jon Reattoir, for his proposal for ecological enhancements on the Upper West Pine River.
5. Request received from MDOT for placement of literature in the Welcome Centers. Discussion ensued. The importance of advertising was stressed as Park attendance is down and the Park lost a minimum of \$6,000.00 last season. No one seems to know if we have brochures or where to get them. The issue was tabled by Supervisor Fischer.
6. Meetings: Clerk English stated that the Board needs a plan for representation/participation at meetings that affect the Township. She requested that, at the very least, any and all information related to meetings, Federal Forest & DNR activities be forwarded to her for action.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pam Barrett, Treasurer. Statement of Bank Balances distributed. No additional information or report presented at the meeting.

## Ambulance Service Report: John Clark, Ambulance Corp Captain

1. Zero (0) runs during the month of December, 2016.
2. No training was held in December, 2016. CPR training is needed for Shelly McGowan & Stephanie Clark this month, which John will be scheduling.
3. John Clark attended the PSRO meeting on January 9, 2017.
4. To date, there still has been no community interest for CPR AED training. Discussion ensued. Mr. Clark continues to explore obtaining the AEDs for the Fire Department and the Township Hall.
5. The EUPEMS meeting for January was cancelled and rescheduled for February 1, 2017, 6:00pm, at the Pickford Emergency Services Building.
6. Anyone interested in taking an MFR or EMT Class can contact John Clark on his cell phone 906.203.062.
7. The Ambulance service is still in desperate need of people!

## Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. One (1) run for December, 2016.
2. Chief Clark has ordered a charger for the Kenwood radio through Grand Traverse Communications which will cost \$50.00 - \$62.00.
3. The purchase of the tanker truck for the Fire Department is pending.
4. The next EUP Fire Association meeting will be at the Trout Lake Township Hall in January 26, 2017.

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5. The Firemen's Fishing Derby is on February 18, 2017, at the Township Park/Campground. Registration is at 7:00am. There will be raffles, with the first prize being a Kayak. Tickets are available from any of the firemen or at local businesses.
6. Chief Clark made a plea for anyone willing and wanting to join the Fire Department. Must be 18 years of age and older, and any gender. Please contact Chief Clark at 906 203 0621.
7. Chief Clark still encourages everyone who is looking to burn debris to log onto [WWW.DNR.STATE.MI.US/BURNPERMITS](http://WWW.DNR.STATE.MI.US/BURNPERMITS). The website has color coded maps designating if burning is permitted.

**Tax Assessor Report:** Carol McLean, Assessor.

1. Sales study finalized for developing sales ratios with the County Equalization and State Tax Commission.
2. Deeds are being processed.
3. Personal property mailings approved.
4. New CPI & County multipliers have been entered into the program.
5. Working on Land Value & ECF studies.
6. Continuing to work on Principal Residence Exemptions.
7. The Board of Review (BOR) training will be held February 16, 2017, at the Rudyard Township Hall, 1:30pm – 4:30pm.
8. There is an educational offering entitled "2 The Rescue – Advanced Threat Assessment & Situational Awareness", April 21, 2017, in St. Ignace, which Ms. McLean will be attending. Information given to Trustee Clark, as target audiences are Fire Departments & Ambulance Corps.
9. Clerk English inquired of Ms. McLean, as to the reason the Township has to write two (2) separate checks to her each month, in light of the fact that she does not receive them until the Board meeting once a month. Ms. McLean stated that she cashes each one separately and then puts money in various places. Clerk English stated that, going forward, she will be issued one (1) check monthly.

**Park Report:** Helen Fischer, Supervisor. No report presented for this meeting.

**Old Business:** Supervisor Fischer stated, and was typed on the agenda, "there already is speed signs of 25 miles per hour on 3 curves, and an arrow pointing to last curve. One tenth of a mile out side of Trout Lake on 123."

**New Business:** No New Business presented at the meeting.

*Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, to pay the bills as submitted by Clerk English, seconded by Treasurer Barrett. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members present.*

*Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark, to adjourn.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:15pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. English  
Trout Lake Township Clerk