

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 9, 2018, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval February 13, 2018.*

Attendance: Eleven (11)

Meeting called to order at 6:29pm, by Supervisor Fischer, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Board Members present: Helen Fischer, Kathy English, Pam Barrett, John Clark, Laurey Simpson. A quorum of the Township Board was in Attendance.

Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to approve the Trout Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes of December 12, 2017, as written. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.

Public Comments:

1. Mary Fischer Sharp spoke to the July 4th events for 2018. The ball tournament will be held July 6, 7, 8, 2018. The fireworks & parade will be on July 7, 2018.

Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk

1. There will be a Federal Forest public meeting on Saturday, January 27, 2018, 1000 – 1300, at the Township Hall for a project in the Eckerman/Trout Lake area. It has been described as a “landscaping” project involving 60,000 acres in which there will be timber cutting, chemical treatments, burning, road closures, etc. She encouraged everyone to attend at it is unclear as to what kind of chemicals would be utilized and whether it would affect the water systems in the area.
2. Clerk English distributed the revised 2018 Township Board Meeting Dates. Notations are made for the April, May, July, and October dates/times to accommodate the Election Commission meetings for appointing the Election Inspectors, and the May date change to accommodate the Election on May 8, 2018.
3. Clerk English distributed the revised 2018 Election dates.
4. Supervisor Fischer inquired as to paying the Trustees to attend the Election Commission meetings which start at 6:15pm for the purpose of approving the Election Inspectors for the Elections. She stated the Township would need to pay them for two (2) meetings. The Election Commission consists of the Clerk, who is the Chairperson and in charge of Election processes, the Supervisor, & the Treasurer. Therefore, the Trustees are not required to attend the meeting, however, they may attend on their own time if they so desire.

Treasurer’s Report: Pam Barrett, Treasurer. Financial Report received. No additional reports for this meeting.

Ambulance Service Report: John Clark, Ambulance Corp Captain

1. Zero (0) runs during the month of December, 2017.
2. The PSRO meeting scheduled for January 8, 2018 was cancelled.
3. No Training occurred for the month of December, 2017.
4. The EMT class will start in January, 2018, consisting of long distant learning via the internet at the Strongs Township Hall, hosted by Pickford, tentatively on Tuesdays and Thursdays, 6:00pm – 10:00pm and every other Saturdays. The class will end in April. Mr. Clark also reported that Whitefish is exploring hosting an MFR class in Paradise. Currently, there are two (2) people interested in taking the class. One (1) person has confirmed intent to take the classes. Mr. Clark is awaiting confirmation on the second (2nd) person. Anyone interested in taking an MFR or EMT Class can contact John Clark on his cell phone 906.203.062.
5. The Ambulance service is still in desperate need of people!

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief.

1. Zero (0) runs in December, 2017.
2. The Firemen’s fishing derby is planned for February 17, 2018.
3. A check was received from Ron Gatchel for reimbursement of fees the Township paid to have his radio programmed, which he had purchased personally. This will allow him to respond to fire calls when he is in the area.
6. Mr. 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. Mr. Clark still encourages everyone who is looking to burn debris to log onto WWW.DNR.STATE.MI.US/BURNPERMITS The website has color coded maps designating if burning is permitted.

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

1. Ms. McLean spoke at length related to the Michigan State Property Transfer Affidavit, which needs to be completed to obtain specific information related to the sale/transfer of properties. She stated the Township needs to pass a resolution to opt out of this requirement, which would involve fines for not filling out the affidavit. Discussion ensued, as it appears that this affidavit is not required by the State, yet, if the Township elects to opt out, a resolution must be passed. Consensus was that the Board would vote on the affidavit, however, should more information be received that would justify not opting out, the Board would rescind the resolution. Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Fischer	Yes
Clerk English	Yes
Treasurer Barrett	Yes
Trustee Clark	Yes
Trustee Simpson	Yes

The Resolution to opt out of pursuing fining people for not filling out the Affidavit was approved unanimously.

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2. Clerk English inquired as to the dates of the Board of Review Meetings, which are, Monday, March 12, 2018, 3:00pm – 9:00pm, and Tuesday, March 13, 9:00am – 3:00pm.
3. Clerk English inquired as to when the Board could expect the report related to the assessment of 20% of the Township Properties per year as required in November 2015 when Ms. McLean requested a raise in pay. Lengthy discussion ensued. Clerk English asked when the Board could expect the report, which Ms. McLean agreed to submit by April 10, 2018, for the 2017 year.

Park Report: Helen Fischer, Supervisor, No Report given.

Unfinished Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer stated Board of Review training will occur on January 16, 2018, 1:30pm – 4:30pm at Little Bear East Arena in St. Ignace.

New Business: No New Business presented for this meeting.

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

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark, to adjourn.

Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk