

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, April 11, 2017, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval May 9, 2017.*

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, Absent, John Clark, Laurey Simpson. A quorum of the Township Board is present.

Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the Trout Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes of March 14, 2017, as written.

Public Comments:

1. Mary Fischer-Sharp reported there will be a Town Clean-up on 5/20/2017, at 1pm, meeting at the Park.

Clerk Report:

 Kathy English, Clerk

1. The Spring Clean-Up will be on 5/20/2017, 9:00am – 1:00pm, at the Old County Garage. The notice and list of exclusions will be posted in the Post Office.
2. There will be voting for the EUPISD millage, 5/2/2017, at the Township Hall, 7:00am – 8:00pm.
3. Appointment of Election Inspectors for the voting for the EUPISD millage occurred just prior to the Township Board meeting 4/11/2017. The Inspectors will be Laurey Simpson, Jan Dean, Squeek VanDyke, Mary Fischer Sharp, and Fern Koschmider.
4. The Public Testing of the Voting System for the 5/2/2017, EUPISD Millage voting will be on April 26, 2017, at 3:00pm.
5. Clerk English reported that there are some old computers/printers/etc. in the storage closet and requests permission to dispose of it as the closet is getting quite full. Discussion ensued. Clerk English will meet with Treasurer Barrett to accurately identify the items for disposal.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Barrett, Treasurer, Absent. No report for this meeting.

Ambulance Service Report:

 John Clark, Ambulance Corp Captain

1. One (1) run during the month of April, 2017.
2. Shelly McGowan attended two (2) classes in April, 2017, to complete her required credits.
3. Mr. Clark attended the PSRO meeting on 4/10/2017, at which the Medical Control Physician signed our license renewal for the Ambulance Service.
4. The Ambulance Inspection was passed. An Infant Non-Rebreather was missing, which Mr. Clark procured and placed on the Ambulance, for compliance.
5. Mr. Clark reported that the State is changing the licensing renewal to June, versus December. Clerk English inquired as to whether the fee would be prorated, which Mr. Clark stated it would not.
6. Mr. Clark reported that the Radio Tower is being upgraded on 4/19/2017, 8:00am – 4:00pm.
7. Anyone interested in taking an MFR or EMT Class can contact John Clark on his cell phone 906.203.062.
8. The Ambulance service is still in desperate need of people! Clerk English inquired as to whether there have been any work sessions to brainstorm how to get people for the Ambulance Corps and Fire Department. He stated there has not. Clerk English stated that this needs to be a priority if the services are to survive and serve the Citizens of the Township.

Fire Department Report:

 John Clark, Fire Chief.

1. Zero (0) runs for April, 2017.
2. Equipment, hoses, fittings, and wrenches have been received and installed.
3. The lettering has been installed on the new Tanker truck.
4. The old tanker has been removed from the Trout Lake Township service and has gone to the Superior Fire Department. Mr. Clark signed the releases with Chuck Benarski along with the DNR truck inspections associated.
5. Mr. Clark reported that Mary, from Johnny B's in Naubinway, are having a smelt fry fundraiser 4/29/2017, which will include a silent auction. Mary stated that the donations will go to the Trout Lake Township Fire Department. Mr. Clark will be attending to help with the fundraiser.
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. The website has color coded maps designating if burning is permitted.

Tax Assessor Report:

 Carol McLean, Assessor. Report submitted.

1. Paperwork from the March BOR has been processed and submitted to the County Equalization.
2. Results and determinations of the BOR have been mailed to the petitioners.
3. The Tax Roll has been certified and sign.
4. Ms. McLean will be attending a continuing education class in St. Ignace 4/21/2017.

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- Ms. McLean reported on a large land purchase by Graymont, primarily in Kinross Township, with a parcel in Trout Lake Township.

Park Report: Helen Fischer, Supervisor.

- Supervisor Fischer stated that the 2017 season Park Attendants will be Cindy Faulkner and Ray Lozon. Wages were discussed, with Supervisor Fischer recommending both people be paid the same and requested an increase. Clerk English reported the actual wage being paid to Ms. Faulkner, which includes her hourly wage and unemployment compensation. Therefore, the hourly wage will remain the same and apply to both Attendants equally, as they both perform the same duties and work equally. *Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to hire Cindy Faulkner and Ray Lozon for the 2017 Park season, with both being paid equally at \$9.50/hour. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.* They will start on May 1, 2017, to begin clean-up, 10:00 – 6:00pm.
- Supervisor Fischer stated that Jerry Ball has contacted Great Lakes Excavating to dredge the boat launch so that the new dock can be installed. Question as to whether we still have a dredging permit, as it is anticipated that 150 yards will need to be removed. Clerk English will look into it.

Old Business: No Old Business presented at the meeting.

New Business:

- Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Clerk English, that the May 9, 2017, Board meet at 6:00pm to address the 2017-2018 Budget. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.
- Supervisor Fischer reported that the Ansol system in the Township Hall Kitchen was inspected and approved. Cost was \$80.00.
- Supervisor Fischer reported that electricians are installing a generator for TMobile on the tower on Rock Hill. There is still no cellular service available.
- Supervisor Fischer stated that Graymont will officially own the Wilwin Lodge as of June 1, 2017.
- Supervisor Fischer reported that garbage was spread along H40 and the Wilwin Road, which a Citizen cleaned up, and she approved putting in the dumpster at the Township Hall.
- Supervisor Fischer reported that she has contacted someone at LSSU for assistance in writing grants
- A Citizen in attendance at the meeting reported that there is a log book from approximately 1977 entitled Trout Lake Township Planning and Zoning Board. Discussion ensued. It is not clear at this time as to why this Board did not continue.
- Mary Fischer Sharp presented the paperwork for the Fireworks liability. Discussion ensued as to whether the Township needs to take out liability insurance, which is determined we do not need, as the Fireworks company is adequately insured. Clerk English signed and returned the form to Mary Fischer Sharp.
- Clerk English stated that the license renewal for the Township Hall Kitchen is \$320.00.

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Simpson, 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 Simpson, to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 7:03pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk