

# 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 9, 2019, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval May 14 2019.*

Attendance: Twelve (12)

Meeting called to order at 1828, by Supervisor Fischer, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Board Members present: Helen Fischer, Kathy English, John Clark, Laurey Simpson and Pam Barrett. 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 March 12, 2019. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.*

## Public Comments:

1. Mary Fischer Sharp stated there will be a Firemen's fundraiser auction at Johnnie B's on April 27, 2019 starting at 1100, with the smelt fry starting at 1200.
2. Jessica McLain introduced herself as a candidate for the Assessor position, if anyone has questions for her.

## Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk

1. Six (6) companies were contacted related to refurbishing the Township Hall floors. Five (5) of the companies do not refurbish floors, the sixth (6<sup>th</sup>) does not have the manpower to take on any more accounts. Chari Fischer stated that there is a person in Rudyard who does the floors at the Rudyard Hall. She will contact the person for contact information.

**Treasurer's Report:** Pam Barrett, Treasurer. Financial Report received. No additional report presented for this meeting.

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

1. Two (2) runs for the Month of March and April 2019, to date.
2. An emergency purchase of an oxygen regulator for the Ambulance main tank was made at a cost of \$217.55.
3. An invoice has been received from Whitefish EMS for \$1000.00 for two (2) runs as no responders were available in the Township.
4. An invoice has been received from Kinross EMS for \$275.00 for Run # 19TL-006, as no responders were available in the Township.
5. Mr. Clark presented a proposal for an operating millage to provide Ambulance service 24/7 for the Township. Lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Clark will clarify how much of a millage will be required. He estimated that to bring an outside agency in for coverage would be at least \$60,000.00.
6. Mr. Clark continues to work on the installation of the camera on the Ambulance.
7. Mr. Clark removed the overhang at the Ambulance garage from in front of the door. Further repairs will be made when better weather makes it possible.

## Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. Zero (0) runs for the month of March & April, 2019, to date.
2. The new back up cameras have been installed on the Fire Trucks at the monthly Fire Meeting.
3. Mr. Clark stated that with the impending Spring season, citizens need to check as to whether they need burn permits for their yard waste/cleanup.
4. Mr. Clark reported he was contacted by a department that Ron Gatchell is on in Indiana and was asked if we were interested in some SCBA packs. If so, he will bring them up at no charge for the packs, which are Scott 3.5 with mics in the masks.
5. 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.
6. Mr. Clark 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. Ms. McLean reported that the assessing system has balanced with the County. The AMAR has to be done by April 5<sup>th</sup>, which has been completed.

## Park Report: Helen Fischer, Supervisor.

1. Supervisor Fischer stated that she has been contacted, and received letters of application, by Ray Lozon and Cindy Faulkner, expressing interest in returning to the park again this year. Discussion ensued related to some issues & complaints encountered last year in the Park. Applications and W4's must be completed, forms given to Supervisor Fischer. Clerk English will do the background checks when the applications & W4's are submitted. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Simpson, to hire Ray Lozon & Cindy Faulkner for the 2019 season. Clerk English presented that these hirings are contingent on receiving the applications & W4s. Clerk English distributed a 'job description' to the Board Members for their review. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance.
2. Supervisor Fischer stated that she has a list of supplies needed for the 2019 season. Clerk English pointed out that the cost of the supplies for the season in 2018 was approximately \$2,000.00. A quote needs to be brought to the Board for approval. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Treasurer Barrett to approve the purchase of the supplies up to \$2,000.00. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.

## Unfinished Business:

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- Supervisor Fischer stated she has received two (2) applications for the Assessor position. Lengthy discussion ensued, with a candidate in attendance. Mr. English brought up that this type of discussion should be held in an executive session of the Board and not in front of a candidate. Supervisor Fischer continued the discussion. A tentative date of April 24<sup>th</sup> has been set to interview the candidates. Supervisor Fischer will contact the candidates related to the date and time and let the Board members know.
- Supervisor Fischer reported that Great Lakes will “check” the park roads when the snow is gone.
- Supervisor Fischer reported that she has not heard from the County on road repairs. MDOT sent minutes on preconstruction of roads”.
- Clerk English stated she distributed an MDOT notice of meeting for May 6, 2019. The purpose of the meeting is to “gather input from rural elected and appointed officials and tribal leaders regarding future road projects along the Upper Peninsula’s highway system.”
- Supervisor Fischer stated Board Members will be given a draft of the 2019-2020 budgets for review. A meeting was set up for April 24<sup>th</sup> at 1000.
- Mr. Thomas requested guidance and Board approval related to seeking grants from the Tribe, the PAR Plan, and Graymont. Lengthy discussion ensued related to the types of projects. Road, sidewalks, ballpark fence/gate and benches, fire extinguishers, etc., were presented. Trustee Simpson made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Fischer, approving resolutions seeking grants. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance.

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

The motion was declared adopted.

## New Business:

- Supervisor Fischer presented a request for MTA-PAC contribution. This was turned down by the Board.
  - Clerk English presented that a request for a resolution has been received from MTA related to “supporting/opposition to legislation that would allow township boards the option to have its elected offices appear as nonpartisan on the ballot.” Discussion ensued. Roll Call  
Vote: Supervisor Fischer Yes  
Clerk English Yes  
Treasurer Yes  
Trustee Clark Yes  
Trustee Simpson Yes
- The motion was declared adopted.  
Clerk English will submit the paperwork.
- Supervisor Fischer presented a request from Robert Mowery to use the hall for gun safety classes at no fee. Discussion ensued. As this is not a charitable community organization, the fee cannot be waived.

*Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark, 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 Treasurer Barrett, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 2020.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English  
Trout Lake Township Clerk