

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, July 11, 2017, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval August 9, 2017.*

Attendance: Seventeen (17)

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

Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to approve the Trout Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes of June 13, 2017, and the Trout Lake Township Election Commission Committee meeting of June 13, 2017, as written. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.

Public Comments:

1. Deputy Clerk English spoke to issues with the recent rental of the Township Hall, as well as complaints received related to the renters being required to clean the hall post event.
2. Tom Waterman inquired as to the when the new dock will be installed. Gary Mitchell stated he had spoken with Jerry Ball who is coordinating the project at this time.
3. Mark Beaudoin spoke to the status of the Mary Beaudoin house, which is now owned by Dave & Karen Kovacich. It has been a year and a half, with no progress being made to make repairs or tear it down. It was reported that there is asbestos in the roof & floor tiles. He recommended that the lawyer be contacted to start condemnation proceedings. Chari Fischer questioned whether the Health Department could be of assistance in this matter. Supervisor Fischer stated she will contact the lawyer.
4. Lengthy discussion ensued related to the feasibility of establishing a Zoning Board. The Blight ordinance was discussed as well. Consensus was that some properties are cleaned up, however, the blight returns within a couple of weeks. Recommendation was that the Lawyer be contacted to start legal proceedings versus sending another letter. Frustration was expressed by the public in attendance related to how the town looks to people passing through and would they even be interested in stopping in our town. Bob Hansen recommended contacting the Moran Supervisor to see how they handled the situation in their Township. Supervisor Fischer will contact the Moran Supervisor.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business reported at the meeting.

Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk

1. Township Hall Rentals: Clerk English spoke to the rental fees for the Hall, presenting four (4) options for consideration. Lengthy discussion ensued. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to maintain the current fees, enforcing the guidelines as stated on the Rental Contract. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members present. Discussion ensued as the Birch Shores Association has requested to rent the Hall for their Annual Meeting. As the contract states "Non-profit organizations: A minimal charge for use of the hall/kitchen, a yearly contract MUST be on file, and all rental guidelines are to be followed." Therefore, the Birch Shores Association will pay the minimal fee of \$1.00/year.
2. Financial Audits: Clerk English spoke with the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) related to the Township's financial practices. MTA recommended annual Audits be performed. Discussion ensued related to obtaining quotes from other Audit firms. Clerk English will discuss this with the current Audit firm this year.
3. There will be an election to renew the millage for Senior Services August 8, 2017.
4. Public Testing of the Voting Equipment will be held August 2, 2017, 3:00pm, at the Township Hall.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Barrett, Treasurer. Report received.

1. Tax Bills have been mailed. Tax payments are due September 14, 2017. Treasurer Barrett will be at the Hall on that day to accept Tax payments for people wishing to pay their taxes in person.

Ambulance Service Report: John Clark, Ambulance Corp Captain

1. Zero (0) runs during the month of June/July to date, 2017.
2. Mr. Clark attended the PSRO meeting on 7/10/2017. He reported on a HIPPA breach that has been investigated, outlining the process.
3. No Training occurred for the month of June/July to date, 2017.
4. 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 for June/July to date, 2017.
2. Quote received to repair a valve on the Tanker for \$1,900.00. Mr. Clark stated that he thinks they can repair the valve themselves.
3. The Hot Dog stand fundraiser on July 2, 2017, grossed \$402.00.
4. Sean Waybrandt has applied to the Fire Department, and been accepted.
5. Tim Baker has resigned from the Fire Department.

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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 reported that the cost of having the new program installed on the computer is \$2,890, with an annual support fee of \$580/year.
2. Ms. McLean reported she attended continuing education in St. Ignace June 23, 2017.
3. Clerical Board of Review will be held July 18, 2017, 3:00pm, at the Township Hall.

Park Report: Helen Fischer, Supervisor.

1. Report that "someone" cut the flag down at the Park over the July 4th Holiday events.
2. Reports related to the "mess" in and around the Ball Park over the July 4th Holiday weekend. Mary & Dave Sharp, Chari Fischer, & Shelly McGowan cleaned the area. Discussion ensued related to the lack of an extra dumpster in the Ball Park area. Consensus was that the dumpster at the Township Hall could have been used, as it was empty.

New Business: No New Business reported at the 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 Treasurer Barrett, to adjourn.
Meeting adjourned at 7:08pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk