

# 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 10, 2018, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval August 14, 2018.*

Attendance: Thirteen (13)

Meeting called to order at 6:22pm, 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 was in Attendance.

*Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer, to approve the Trout Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes of June 12, 2018. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.*

## Public Comments:

1. Gary Mitchell provided an update related to stocking Carp Lake. A permit would have to be obtained from the DNR. The DNR will conduct a survey this Fall, therefore, no planning can take place until at least 2019. A report on a survey taken by the DNR in the Fall of 2017 states that Carp Lake is self-sustaining.
2. Gary Loomis complimented the sign that has been placed at the MiniPark.
3. Jean Beaudoin stated that a person has come forward who develops/maintains golf courses downstate. He is willing to review the status of the BallPark and provide a quote to repair and maintain the BallPark. Ms. Beaudoin also complained about the Board spending "30" minutes discussing whether to allow someone to take picnic tables from the park for their personal use.
4. Connie Auguston, of Rudyard, complained about the increase in Park fees and they are not doing anything to improve the park. Supervisor Fischer provided the information that Ms. Auguston's rates had not increased. Ms. Auguston stated she can go anywhere else and get full hookups. Supervisor Fischer stated that she called Mackinaw and their rates are \$50.00/night. Clerk English stated that rates in Munising are \$38.00/night. Ms. Auguston's rate is \$400.00 for a month. Ms. Auguston then stated that she doesn't come to the park any more, to which Supervisor Fischer responded that it is her prerogative as to where she camps. Ms. Auguston then complained about the hot water being 'scalding hot' and the camper water fill hose just drizzles out. Supervisor Fischer stated she will look into the issue. Trustee Clark volunteered to look at the hot water heater as well.

## Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk

1. A public notice from the DEQ has been received related to a request from AT&T to fill in some wetlands in order to put up a tower.
2. Clerk English presented a situation related to the rental of the Township Hall in the past week. The renter stated they only would use the Hall if it rained. However, they wanted to maintain the rental just in case of rain. They did not use the Hall. However, through a verbal agreement with Clerk English and the renter over the telephone, Clerk English made it clear that the security deposit would be returned, but not the actual Hall rental fee, to which the renter stated she understood. Clerk English made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to return only the security deposit. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.
3. Clerk English reiterated that any Bills/Invoices/Requests for Reimbursement must be submitted by the last day of the Month to be eligible for approval/payment at the next Board meeting. Exceptions presented for Bills/Invoices/Payments that would incur late charges/penalties are telephone, bankcard, Federal 941 monthly & quarterly reports & payments, State sales, use & withholding payments monthly & quarterly, unemployment reports/payments, insurance payments, and any other bills/invoices that would incur penalties for late payment. Emergency requests may be considered. Motion made by Clerk English, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve this policy. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.
4. Communication from the Chippewa County Health Department related to a Sewage Permit on S. McMillan Road. This will be new construction.
5. Letter received from the Graymont Community & Economic Development Fund granting Trout Lake Township \$15,000 for the modernization & repair of the Trout Lake Township Park.

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

1. 2018 Summer Tax Bills have been mailed.
2. Taxes are now due to the Township Treasurer by the due date, not the postmark. This is a ruling by the State.

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

1. Two (2) runs for the Month of June, 2018.
2. John Clark attended the PSRO meeting on July 9, 2018. This was a special meeting called to address a complaint. Going forward, PSRO meetings will be held every other month, except in the event of an event/complaint requiring investigation.
3. The July 4<sup>th</sup> festivities went very well!
4. Whitefish is looking to put on an MFR class this fall which is only 80 hours of class time. Anyone interested should call John on his cell phone (906)230-0621 or email him at [troutlake01@yahoo.com](mailto:troutlake01@yahoo.com). He will let Whitefish know a head count.
5. The Ambulance service is still in desperate need of people! Please contact John Clark on his cell phone 906.203.0621.

## Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief.

1. Zero (0) runs for the month of June, 2018.
2. The fire hoses have been received and placed on the trucks.
3. The door to the old fire hall will need to be repaired as it appears someone tried to kick it in. The frame is broken and loose on the wall. Mr. Clark has pictures should we need to submit it to the Insurance Company. Mr. Clark stated that the door/frame will need to be

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replaced, possibly with a out swinging door, with an anti kick plate so it cannot be kicked in or picked open. It has been temporarily fixed. He will contact a construction person in the area to see if they would have time to fix the door.

4. As of today, 7/10/2018, there is no burning allowed in Chippewa County. For updates, please see the website listed below.
5. The July 4<sup>th</sup> functions went well. The parade & fireworks were great and Mr. Clark thanked everyone who participated to make it successful!
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](http://WWW.DNR.STATE.MI.US/BURNPERMITS) The website has color coded maps designating if burning is permitted. As of 6/12/2018, some permits are being issued, with restrictions after 6:00pm.

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

1. New square footage costs have been downloaded into the computer, which is considered maintenance, therefore, there will be no additional costs incurred.

**Park Report:** Helen Fischer, Supervisor.

1. Supervisor Fischer stated that the new sign at the minipark is installed.
2. Supervisor Fischer went through the Park to assess the status of the trees. She stated there are twelve (12) that need to be cut at a cost of \$25.00/tree.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Trustee Clark stated that the oils cans at the Park that were discussed last month are still in the park and overflowing. Supervisor Fischer stated she will look into the situation.
2. The issue of the docks was brought up again. Supervisor Fischer stated she will talk to the Park Employees about the situation.

**New Business:**

1. Communication received from the Federal Hiawatha Forest, who is rerouting snow mobile trails in Eckerman, Rudyard, Raco, & Strong's as part of the recreation management plan.
2. The issue of speed limits going into and out of town on M123 was brought up by a member of the public. They stated traffic does not slow down until maybe when they get into or are leaving town, and the speed limit is 65mph. Apparently, a petition is being distributed to get a lower speed limit further out of town.
3. Mr. Thomas presented several Grant opportunity deadlines, and requested guidance as to areas the Board would like to focus. Lengthy discussion ensued related to a multitude of areas in the Township that need upgrading/repairs/etc. He stated motions will be needed in order to move forward with the applications. This will be discussed at the next Board 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 1925.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English  
Trout Lake Township Clerk