

# 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, August 9, 2017, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval September 12, 2017.*

Attendance: Ten (10)

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 is present.

*Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the Trout Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes of July 11, 2017, as written. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.*

## Public Comments:

1. Two (2) Representatives of the Red Cross presented an initiative in which they will provide, and install, free smoke detectors/alarms to the residents of the Township. Residents need to call Squeak Birgy at 906.293.1676 to order the number they need for their residence, and/or consult with her as to how many they should have. A date of September 16, 2017, was set for the distribution/installation of the smoke detectors/alarms. A coordinator for the Township is needed to help with the distribution, identification of the residence addresses, a map of the Township addresses, distribution of literature/notices, installation, etc. Ms. Birgy also inquired as to whether there were any groups who would be willing to provide lunch for the volunteers/workers, as well as a central location where they could convene, etc. John Clark has volunteered to be the point person for the project.
2. Mr. & Mrs. Simaz presented the issue of the rocks in Carp Lake, on which he damaged his boat. He recommended having the rocks marked. Mr. Simaz presented documents from the DNR, states he has had several conversations with the DNR, etc., and that they have stated they have nothing to do with the lake. Lengthy discussion ensued. It was stated by members of the public in attendance that it is the users of the lake who are responsible and aware of the properties of the lake and it is used at the users risk. Mr. Sovie volunteered to put a marker at the rocks by the swimming beach.

## Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk

1. Shute Oil/Propane prebuy letter has been received. The rate for 2017-2018 is \$1.69/gal. As of the end of June 2017, the Township has a Credit of \$1,216.06. 1,487 gallons were used in the same period. Clerk English recommended the purchase of 1,500 gallons, equaling \$2,535.00, minus \$1,216.06, equaling \$1,318.94, and submitting a payment of \$1,500.00 to hopefully accommodate any severe weather fluctuations. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to approve the recommendations of the Clerk. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.
2. The Unemployment bill for 2016-2017 to date equals \$7,365.00.
3. Annual maintenance of the Emergency/Stand-by Generator has been completed.
4. It was reported to Clerk English that the water pump at the Park was hit by lightning on/about July 27-28, 2017. Repairs to replace the pump, switch, wiring, etc., was \$5,470.00, plus \$95.00 to Fischer Electric to check a camping site, for a total of \$5565.00. Invoices have been submitted to the Insurance Company.
5. Results of the Election August 8, 2017, related to renewal of the Senior Services Millage were: Yes = 28  
No = 26  
Total number of votes = 54  
18% of registered voters in Trout Lake Township voted in this election.

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

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

1. Zero (0) runs during the month of July/August to date, 2017.
2. Mr. Clark will be attending the PSRO meeting on 8/14/2017. He reported on a HIPPA breach that has been investigated, outlining the process and outcome. The MCA is evaluating obtaining epi vials for the Ambulances versus using the epi auto injectors, which would be a huge cost savings for both the hospital & EMS.
3. No Training occurred for the month of July/August to date, 2017.
4. They are trying to get an EMT class in Trout Lake in the Fall. It has been posted on Facebook. Renee Gray would be the instructor and needs at least ten (10) people. Mr. Clark states he as the possibility of five (5) at this time.
5. Anyone interested in taking an MFR or EMT Class can contact John Clark on his cell phone 906.203.062.
6. The Ambulance service is still in desperate need of people!

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

1. Zero (0) runs for July/August to date, 2017.
2. Parts have been received to repair a valve on the Tanker for. Mr. Clark stated that he thinks they can repair the valve themselves.
3. Mr. Clark submitted at check for \$41.64 from the purchase of the left over hotdogs & supplies from the July 4<sup>th</sup> fundraiser.
4. There will be a Fire 1&2 class this Fall, one (1) in Pickford, & one (1) in St. Ignace. There are two (2) people in need of this training at this time.

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5. Mr. Clark requested the purchase of a water separator for the airline at the fire hall to keep the air brakes charged as water is getting in the air brake tank. Cost is \$33.99 from Amazon. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Simpson, to purchase the required parts, at a cost of \$33.99. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.
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.

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

1. Ms. McLean reported that the installation of the new program for the computer is scheduled for next week. Clerk English stated the invoice for this work was received about a week ago, and has been presented for payment of \$2,890.00. Clerk English inquired as to why we received an invoice, when the work has not even been done. Ms. McLean could not answer the question. Clerk English stated that she would not send the payment until all the work has been done, and the program is working appropriately, and she is satisfied with the program.

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

1. Supervisor Fischer stated the pump was hit by lightening (see Clerk's Report)
2. Supervisor Fischer brought up for discussion, the issue of when the Park would be closed. Consensus was October 2, 2017. Should there be any campers paying to camp after that date, they are to put the fees in an envelope and place them in the office mail slot. Clerk English stated she will check the office after that date and pick up any payments.
3. Clerk English stated that as the Park will be closed as of October 2<sup>nd</sup>, all the work needs to be completed by that date.

**Unfinished Business:** No unfinished business reported at the meeting.

1. Supervisor Fischer reported on the issue of zoning. She stated that she talked with the Supervisor in Moran, who stated they had sent a certified letter to the property owners, who agreed to clean up their property. It is reported that she also stated their process works well. Ms. Fischer also stated she spoke with the lawyer, who stated the Township could condemn a property, clean it up, and place a lien against the property, however, he stated it was unlikely the Township would be able to recoup their expenses unless the property was sold.

**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 7:40pm.*

Respectfully Submitted,

Kathleen A. English  
Trout Lake Township Clerk