

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 14, 2018, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval September 11, 2018.*

Attendance: Eleven (11)

Meeting called to order at 1830, by Supervisor Fischer, with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Board Members present: Helen Fischer, Kathy English, John Clark, Laurey Simpson. Pam Barrett Absent. A quorum of the Township Board was in Attendance.

Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the Trout Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes of July 10, 2018. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.

Public Comments:

1. Mary Fischer Sharp commented on the repairs to the small Pavilion at the Park, stating it looks nice.
2. Jean Beaudoin presented a request to have a benefit dinner for the Belonga family. Length discussion ensued. Consensus was that the Pride Committee would host the dinner. A date is pending.
3. Supervisor Fischer stated she received a phone call from a person from the Lower Peninsula requesting to place a "Home Library Box" in the MiniPark. Lengthy discussion ensued. Supervisor Fischer will contact the person for more details. Initial Consensus is that there is no support for placing additional structures in the MiniPark.
4. Supervisor Fischer stated the Township Park has been awarded \$15,000.00 for updating and modernization. Lengthy discussion ensued related to prioritizing projects based on safety and need.
5. Clerk English publically thanked Gary Mitchell for his support and help during the past months!

Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk

1. Clarification to the public notice from the DEQ related to a request from AT&T to fill in some wetlands in order to put up a tower. It appears the site is actually in section 45, not 44 as previously discussed which is where the dump is located. Access to the site will be from M123 south of the town.
2. A DEQ permit has been issued for a culvert on East Bear Lake Road at the Tributary to Bear Creek.
3. The issue of hiring certified licensed contractors to perform work/repairs for the Township was discussed. There are liabilities involved with both the 'contractor' and the public related to repairs/building/grounds, etc. Lengthy discussion ensued.
4. Trout Lake Township realized a 39.2% turnout at the recent State Primary Election.
5. Clerk English again presented the PAR plan grant process and requested ideas for reducing the liabilities in the Township. The PAR plan Board of Directors stated at their recent meeting that they have money that is not being awarded due to lack of appropriate applications.
6. The AED has been installed in the Township Hall by John Clark. The check from the Women's Club paying for half of the cost has been received.
7. Trustee Clark raised the issue of increasing the Township liability insurance as presented by the Township Insurance Representative. Clerk English made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to purchase the additional insurance. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Barrett, Treasurer, Absent. Financial Report received. Clerk English provided the following report:

1. 2018 Summer Taxes are due September 14, 2018.
2. Treasurer Barrett will be in attendance at the Township Hall on September 14, 2018, 0900 – 1600, to collect taxes from people who wish to pay in person.

Ambulance Service Report: John Clark, Ambulance Corp Captain

1. Zero (0) runs for the Month of August, 2018, to date.
2. John Clark attended the PSRO meeting on August 13, 2018. There were no issues identified other than the lack of participants not complying with the new standard of reviewing runs. Only three (3) departments participated at the meeting, Pickford, Drummond Island, and Trout Lake.
3. EUP EMS Conference in Marquette is scheduled for October 11 – 14, 2018. Chief Clark will be identifying providers in need of EMS credits that will need to attend this meeting. Cost is \$100.00/day/provider.
4. The EMS service is still awaiting Abby DuRussel's retake of the exam.
5. Chief Clark gave a special 'thank you' to the Trout Lake Women's Club and to the Township Board for the purchase of the AED for the Township Hall!
6. The AED is mounted on the wall and ready for use. It is in an alarmed cabinet with a red blinking light. Chief Clark will be performing monthly inspections on the unit to ensure everything works and that the battery and pads are good.
7. 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. He will let Whitefish know a head count.
8. 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.

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2. Pump operations on all trucks were performed. The one inch hoses were blowing apart on idle, therefore, one inch hoses will need to be ordered. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Clerk English to order the hoses at a total cost of \$1050.67 from Fire Hose Direct. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance. All trucks were found to be in good working order.
3. Hulbert Fire is short a few guys for a couple of weeks related to out of town vacations, therefore, the Trout Lake Fire department is being paged for mutual aid along with Whitefish Township Fire department. Clerk English inquired about billing/reimbursement. Chief Clark will need to check on it.
4. 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.
5. 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. As of 6/12/2018, some permits are being issued, with restrictions after 6:00pm.

Tax Assessor Report: Carol McLean, Assessor, Absent

1. Supervisor Fischer presented a resolution related to Principle Residence Exception (PRE). The resolution allows for the Township to collect taxes three (3) years past, should a homeowner falsely claim PRE. The Resolution was signed by Supervisor Fischer and Clerk English.

Park Report: Helen Fischer, Supervisor.

1. Supervisor Fischer stated the Pavilion has been repaired and painted, which looks good. Next steps are repairing the electric and putting in a fire pit.
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. She also stated that the person cutting the trees is licensed.
3. The Park was inspected by the DEQ. Screens at the outhouse needed to be replaced with smaller gauge mesh. In addition, hoses on the water towers at the pump station were too low to the ground. Ray & Cindy completed the work.
4. Discussion ensued related to projects at the Park. Suggestions included painting the bath house, repairing the siding on the office, repairing the road that continually washes out, replacing the faucets in the bath house, etc.

Unfinished Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer stated she has not received information from the county related to road repairs to date. However, they have stated they would only contribute 15% of the costs.
2. Gary Loomis inquired about an update on the speed limits going into town from the South. It appears the County feels the speed limits are appropriately posted.

New Business:

1. Mr. Thomas inquired about iron posts, 3-4 foot high, being placed on the trail going south. The trail into Birch Shores is blocked. This will create hazards for snowmobiles and ATV's. Supervisor Fischer will check into this.
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 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 Trustee Clark, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1925.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk