

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, November 13, 2018, Minutes, *Draft pending Board approval December 11, 2018*

Attendance: Twelve (12)

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

Supervisor Fischer made a motion to accept the minutes from the October 9 meeting. Treasurer Barrett seconded the motion and the Board approved the motion unanimously.

Public Comments:

1. Mary Sharp stated that the Kids' Christmas Party is scheduled for 1:00pm on December 15th at the Trout Lake Township Hall (subject to confirmation that the Hall is available).
2. Dave Blake-Thomas requested that the Board provide a signed resolution expressing the Board's approval to request a grant from the Par Plan to assist in acquiring backup cameras for two fire trucks and one ambulance. Supervisor Fischer made a motion to provide the requested resolution and Treasurer Barrett seconded the motion. A roll call vote was called and all Board members present voted Yes on the motion.
3. Al English requested that the Board pass a motion approving the payments to election workers. Supervisor Fischer made a motion to approve the payments to election workers and John Clark seconded. The motion passed unanimously.

Clerk's Report: Kathy English, Clerk, Absent. No Report.

1. Al English noted that even in the absence of the Clerk, the Board still needed to approve the payment of bills.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Barrett, Treasurer. Financial Report Received.

1. Treasurer Barrett noted that winter property tax bills will be out on December 1st

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

1. See John Clark's written report provided to the Board and attached to these Minutes

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief.

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Tax Assessor's Report: Carol McLean, Assessor.

1. Ms. McLean noted that the Township Board of Review will meet on December 11 at 11:00 am at the Township Hall. Dave Hillman confirmed that he will attend. Supervisor Fischer commented that Bob Hansen will no longer participate.
2. Ms. McLean noted that the State has indicated that it will be downloading information regarding Homestead exemption claims from all Assessors' computer systems twice a year, including hers. It is the Assessor's understanding that the State intends to review Homestead exemption claims in order to identify instances where people are inappropriately claiming Homestead exemptions.
3. Ms. McLean also noted that she has received further information from the State of Michigan regarding assessing reforms. She provided Board members with a report outlining certain reforms that are being discussed.
4. Ms. McLean stated that she will be in Trout Lake on November 15 doing inspections.

Park Report: Helen Fischer, Supervisor.

1. Supervisor Fischer noted that \$195 was left at the Park office

Unfinished Business

1. Supervisor Fischer noted that the Board had not yet determined what to do about snow plowing for this winter. She also noted that due to the early snowfall, Mark Beaudoin had agreed to plow the parking lot despite not have a contract with the Township to do so. There was discussion whether to award Mark Beaudoin the contract or to put it out to bid. The Board decided to put it out to bid, but noted that **all bids must be received no later than the next Board meeting**, at which time the Board will award the contract for this winter. The Board also agreed that between now and the next meeting, Mark Beaudoin will be asked to continue plowing if and when it is need.

New Business

1. Mary Sharp raised the issue that her road needs to be fixed. She understands that nothing can be done now, but hopes that it will be fixed in the spring.
2. Mary Sharp asked how much money the Park took in this past season, to which Supervisor Fischer stated a little over \$40,000.00.

Supervisor Fischer made a motion to pay the bills. The motion was seconded by John Clark and approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance.

Supervisor Fischer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by John Clark and approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance. The meeting was adjourned at 1845.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk

TROUT LAKE FIRED DEPARTMENT MONTHLY REPORT

There were no runs for the month.

We have had some issues with the tanker not wanting to start. Not sure if two of the batteries are bad or the maintainer has decided to retire, but this will need to be looked at.

We still need to get the anti-kick plate for the fire hall door on the old building.

As we all know winter is upon us to please make sure that your 911 address numbers are visible so we can see them.

The kids Halloween party went well.

We will be putting the tracks of the Polaris and getting the rescue ready for winter.

We are always looking for new members so if you are interested in joining the fire department please contact John Clark at (906) 203-0621.

IF ANYONE PLANS ON BURNING PLEASE CHECK THE DNR WEBSITE TO SEE IF THERE IS A BURN BAN.
AN OUT OF CONTROL BURN WILL COST YOU IF THERE IS A BAN.

WWW.DNR.STATE.MI.US/BURNPERMITS.

TROUT LAKE AMBULANCE MONTHLY REPORT

There were no runs for the month.

The next PSRO meeting is December 10th.

There is a new reporting system for EMS called Image Trend Elite. This system takes the place of the old version that we were using.

We had one person go to the EMS conference.

I believe Abby is set to retest in December.

As of right now Chippewa EMS is down until December 1st and may not start up again at all. I have picked up two of their members off their crew.

We are putting in for the PAR Plan grant for back-up cameras for the ambulance and two of the big fire trucks.

Winter is upon us and we would like for all 911 addresses to be visible so there is no delay in finding your home in an emergency.

WHITEFISH IS LOOKING TO PUT ON AN MFR CLASS THIS FALL THAT IS ONLY 80 HOURS OF CLASS TIME. IF ANYONE IS INTERESTED IN THIS PLEASE GIVE JOHN CLARK A CALL ON HIS CELL PHONE AT (906) 203-0621 OR EMAIL HIM AT TROUTLAKE01@YAHOO.COM SO THAT HE CAN GIVE THE INSTRUCTOR A HEAD COUNT.