

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, December 11, 2018, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval January 8, 2019.*

Attendance: Eight (8)

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. 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 November 13, 2018. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.

Public Comments:

1. Mary Fischer Sharp stated that the Firemen's Fishing Derby is February 16, 2019. The prizes have been purchased out of the Fire Department's earned donated fund.
2. Supervisor Fischer inquired as to whether anyone has walked into the area where the tower is being placed. Dave Hillman stated he has walked part way in, however, it is quite swampy.

Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk

1. Clerk English reported receiving a permit notice issued by the DEQ related to American Transmission Company, LLC's request to conduct 17 borings in wetlands in encompassing Trout Lake, & Rudyard Townships in Chippewa County, and Garfield, Hudson, & Hendricks Townships in Mackinaw Counties, purportedly to collect subsurface engineering data for the maintenance of an existing electric transmission line. Trout Lake Town Hall plow & shovel at \$50.00/time and fire Hall plow & shovel at 30.00 per time, moving snow back if needed at no charge. Clerk English made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Fischer to accept the bid, effective November 13, 2018. Any snowplowing/shoveling that may have occurred prior to November 13, 2018 will be paid at the previous rate of \$70.00/time. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance.

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

1. Treasurer Barrett stated she will be at the Township December 28, 2018, 0900 – 1600, to collect the 2018 Winter Taxes.

Ambulance Service Report: John Clark, Ambulance Corp Captain

1. One (1) run for the Month of November, 2018, to date.
2. Mr. Clark attended the PSRO meeting November 12, 2018. He reported that there will be an addition to the protocols going forward.
3. Mr. Clark reported that there is a new reporting system for EMS called Image Trend Elite taking the place of the version being used in the past.
4. To date, Chippewa EMS is still down. Mr. Clark stated he has pick up three (3) members of their crew which include Robert & Ruth Kik, and Jennifer Marske. Clerk English will notify the Insurance carrier.
5. Mr. Clark reported that if a solution is not found to cover the Ambulance calls, Trout Lake Township Volunteer Ambulance service will be in the same situation as Chippewa EMS, in which case the State will step in and shut the service down. Lengthy discussion ensued related to the situation/coverage for emergency calls, protocols for coverage, as well as ideas for coverage. Clerk English inquired as to how many calls we have not been able to cover to date. Mr. Clark reported that there have been nine (9) calls to date, with probably 8-9 calls they have not been able to cover, and were covered by other services, such as Straits and Kinross. Discussion related to having a millage to cover the cost of providers on a full time basis, merging with other nearby agencies with a central location, contracting with another agency to provide coverage, etc.
6. Mr. Clark is looking to see if there is any interest in an MFR class. Anyone who may be interested should contact Mr. Clark on his cell phone 906.203.0621 or by email troutlake01@yahoo.com.
7. 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 November, 2018, to date.
2. Mr. Clark reported on some issues with the tanker not starting. Upon investigation, he found there was no battery maintainer and upon testing, the batteries need replacing. The current batteries are 8-10 years old. Mr. Clark asked for a motion to replace the batteries and purchase a battery maintainer, for which Trustee Simpson made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance. Mr. Clark will go to NAPA to purchase the batteries, and submitted information for the battery maintainer to Treasurer Barrett for purchase.
3. Mr. Clark reported that the Fire Department needs to put tracks on the ranger to complete the winter prep.
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 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, Absent. No Report.

Park Report: Helen Fischer, Supervisor. No Report presented.

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Unfinished Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer stated that the final payment from a previous Graymont grant for the electric upgrade at the park has been received and submitted to Treasurer Barrett.

New Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer reported she received a request from MTA to update Township Officials email addresses. Discussion ensued related to the emails not being used on a routine basis by anyone except the Clerk. The Clerk reported that it is difficult at best to use her email box related to the significant amount of spam emails received daily. Lengthy discussion ensued related to changing the Township & Clerk's emails to another service.

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 1907.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk