

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor: Helen Fischer  
Clerk: Kathleen A. English  
Treasurer: Pam Barrett  
Trustee: Laura Simpson  
Trustee: John Clark

Township Board Meeting, July 14, 2020, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval August 11, 2020.*

Attendance: Twenty-four (24)

Meeting called to order at 1828, by Supervisor Fischer. Board Members present: Helen Fischer, Kathy English, John Clark, Laura Simpson and Pam Barrett. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance. The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Supervisor Fischer at the Election Commission meeting.

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the Board meeting minutes of June 9, 2020, as written. Motion approved unanimously.

**Guest Speaker:** Mark Wilke of Straits EMS presented the completed Interlocal Agreement to the Board. He also submitted the lease agreement for the Ambulance, which Supervisor Fischer signed. Questions related to supplies, insurance, maintenance of the vehicle, & the quality control fees were discussed. He asked the Board who the representatives would be to the Straits EMS board, who are David Blake-Thomas, with John Clark as the Alternate.

#### Comments:

1. Laura Simpson stated the road looks good.

**Clerk Report:** Kathy English, Clerk. Financial report received.

1. Road project payments: Clerk English asked the Board for a decision related to the payment to the County for the road project. The total cost to the Township is \$108,141.00, with the County paying 15% in addition. This can be paid in one (1) payment or over three (3) years of \$36,047.00. Clerk English stated that paying it over three (3) years would allow the Township to collect interest on the allocated budget amount. Discussion ensued. Question as to whether there was interest assessed in the amount of the project. Clerk English will call the County on that question. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to make the payments over three (3) years. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Clerk English asked Board approval for Emory Schwiderson, a long time renter & supporter of the Park & Township Hall, & whose family has been coming to Trout Lake for their annual family reunion for decades, if they could hold a dance at the Pavilion on August 8, 2020, as their family reunion will not be as large as in the past due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Supervisor Fischer stated that they could, however, the quiet hours would need to be observed.

**Treasurer Report:** Pam Barrett, Treasurer: Financial report received.

1. Treasurer Barrett stated the 2020 summer tax bills have been mailed.

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

1. See discussion above under Guest Speaker.
2. Mr. Clark & Mr. Wilke went through the Ambulance to assess the supplies & equipment.
3. Mr. Clark stated he is looking for people interested in an MFR class. If so, please call him (906) 203-0621, or he can be emailed at <troutlake01@yhoo.com>

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

1. One (1) runs for the month.
2. Joe Fischer picked up the old smoke detector from the Fire Hall & will pick up a new one.
3. Mr. Clark stated the 4<sup>th</sup> of July went well & had a great turn out. He gave a big thank you to all the participants.
4. The Fire Department is always looking for new members. Please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
5. Mr. Clark 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.

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

1. Jacob Tillman resigned as a park attendant. Kelly Cummins has applied to Supervisor Fischer to work at the Park. Supervisor Fischer will obtain the required paperwork. Ms. Cummins is scheduled to start July 18, 2020.
2. Supervisor Fischer stated that the electric system at the park needs to be updated. Street lights need upgrading. Discussion ensued related to the \$15,000.00 plus grant dollars that has been spent on the electric system over the past couple of years. Why does the system need upgrading?

**Assessor Report:** Jessica McLean, Assessor.

1. The BOR will meet on July 21, 2020, 1000 – 1100, correction meeting. Protests can be made at this meeting

#### Unfinished Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer stated she needs proof of spending of the 2019 Graymont grant, which was designated for road projects. Clerk English will get the documentation for her.

#### New Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer stated Chad Camron Webster Propane of UP would like to know if anyone is interested in getting a bid. He can be reached at (906) 440-3678. Consensus of the Board was that as Shute Oil employees several of the Township residents, there is no interest in changing providers.
2. Supervisor Fischer stated the Fire Hall CO2 needs to be replaced. Cost estimated to be approximately \$800.00. Motion made by Trustee Clark, seconded by Trustee Simpson, to approve replacing the CO2 system at the Fire Hall. Motion approved unanimously.
3. Crystal Schwesinger stated the deck & ramp at the park office needs to be replaced as it is hazardous. Discussion ensued. Treasurer Barrett stated it needs to be done by a licensed contractor from a liability standpoint. Treasurer Barrett will contact Tim Barrett to see if he is able to do

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the project. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark to proceed with hiring someone for the project. Motion approved unanimously.

4. Treasurer Barrett stated that the people from the recycle company have complained about the wagon being over flowing and that the odor of rotten food is prevalent. She stated that is someone sees the wagon is overflowing, please call the number listed on the wagon.

*Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Treasurer, 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 1906.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English  
Trout Lake Township Clerk