

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, June 8, 2020, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval Jul 14, 2020.*

Attendance: Seventeen (17)

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, Laura Simpson and Pam Barrett. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the Board meeting minutes of May 12, 2020, as written. Motion approved unanimously. Clerk English requested approval of the Special Board Meeting minutes, held May 20, 2020 to discuss the 2020/2021 Budget. Motion made by Trustee Simpson, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the Special Board meeting minutes of May 20, 2020. Motion approved unanimously. Clerk English requested approval of the Special Board Meeting minutes, held June 1, 2020, to discuss the hiring of Park Attendants for the 2020 season. Trustee Simpson made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the Special Board meeting minutes of June 1, 2020. Motion approved unanimously.

Comments:

1. Mr. Mitchell presented a letter requesting reimbursement for his purchase of road brine for Chrisdale Dr. He states his road was overlooked last year and in addition, the brining that has been used by the Township is very watered down providing little to no dust control. Mr. Mitchell stated that he spoke with a person named Brian at the Road Commission, who stated that the Township could reimburse Mr. Mitchell and then submit a request for reimbursement from the Road Commission, probably in the amount of one third of the cost. Lengthy discussion ensued. Clerk English made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Fischer, to reimburse Mr. Mitchell \$145.94 for his expenses especially in light of the fact his road was overlooked, and he would not need brining from the Township this year as well. Motion approved unanimously.
2. Mary Fischer Sharp stated that the Fireworks will be on July 3rd, the parade will be on July 4th at 1:00pm, and the Ball Tournament will be held. They will stake out the lots in the ball park area. \$160.00 has been paid for the permit. The porta jons have been ordered by Trustee Simpson, and Clerk English will order the dumpster for July 2,3,4,5. Ms. Sharp stated many donations to the fireworks have been received.. There will not be a craft show this year in the minipark..
3. Chari Fischer expressed appreciation for the people who showed up to clean up the Park.
4. Trustee Simpson stated the minipark looks great.

Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk. Financial report received. No additional report for this meeting.

Treasurer Report: Pam Barrett, Treasurer. Financial report received. No additional report for this meeting.

Ambulance Service Report: John Clark, Ambulance Corp Captain. No additional report for this meeting.

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief.

1. Zero (0) runs for the month
2. The trucks were started and run to the Township Hall and back to loosen them up.
3. The firemen will be meeting to switch the track off the ranger and put the tires on.
4. The fire hall needs a new smoke alarm/co detector, as the current one is over eight years old and is malfunctioning.
5. Mr. Clark requested \$120.00 for candy for the parade to be taken out of earned/donated monies.
6. The Fire Department is always looking for new members. Please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
7. 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.

Park Report: Helen Fischer, Supervisor.

1. Supervisor Fischer reported that the equipment at the park needs multiple repairs. Crystal Schwesinger stated that all the equipment is in very poor condition, which Trustee Clark confirmed. Supervisor Fischer stated that Blake Ellis will be going over the equipment. The air compressor needs to be replaced as well as a grinding wheel, & weed whip. New blades for the lawn mowers need to be purchased. A recommendation to hire someone to repair the equipment was made. Trustee Clark stated he would be willing to work on the equipment as he has done it in the past. At that point, a non-resident of the Township/Community stated he wanted to be hired and why was he not hired for a Park position. Clerk English stated that it has been a 'policy' of the Township to hire Township/Community people first. The non-resident became upset and questioned Clerk English about how much money she spends in the Community, to which she responded that is none of his business. He continued to be confrontational stating he spends more money than she does as he camps in the park all season. Deputy Clerk English called for a Point of Order stating this is a Board Meeting, not a public forum. He further stated that the non-resident has the advantage of 'living' at the park all season, waterfront lot, free electricity & water, bath facilities, etc., subsidized by the taxpayers of the Township/Community. The discussion escalated until Clerk English stated she was going to call the police. At that time Supervisor Fischer stopped the discussion. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Clerk English to hire Mr. Clark to assist with equipment repairs at the park. Motion approved unanimously. Further discussion ensued related to preventative maintenance, with a recommendation from Trustee Simpson and Ms. Jean Beaudoin that the equipment be taken to Cut River for assessment and repairs. It was also recommended that the equipment be taken to Cut River over the winter for repairs so it would be in good working order in the spring when needed. Trustee Simpson made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barret to implement those recommendations. Motion passed unanimously.
2. Supervisor Fischer stated cleaning supplies need to be ordered. She reviewed the list and reduced several items as there was a surplus remaining from last year. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to order the supplies. Motion approved unanimously. She will have Shelly McGowan order the supplies.

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3. Supervisor Fischer disclosed publically, the results of a background check for the Park. Mr. Blake-Thomas stated that this is personal information and not for public disclosure. If she wished to discuss it with the Board, it should be in closed session.

Assessor Report: Jessica McLean, Assessor. No report for this meeting.

Unfinished Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer stated brining will take place in the coming week. Mr. Blake-Thomas provided a comprehensive summary of brining solutions from his research for Birch Shores. He stated there are better quality solutions, however, the cost is higher. He also requested collaboration with the Township as to the roads covered by the Township to assist him in his assessments and plans. Supervisor Fischer stated she would provide a list.

New Business: No new business submitted for this 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 Treasurer Barrett, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1906

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk