

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, September 8, 2020, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval October 13, 2020.*

Attendance: Nineteen (19)

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

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to approve the Board meeting minutes of August 11, 2020, as written. Motion approved unanimously.

Comments:

1. Jean Beaudoin spoke to placing speed radar signs on M 123. She stated they are approximately \$3,000.00/sign, solar powered, would light green, yellow, or red dependent on the speed detected of the vehicle. She spoke to someone at MDOT who stated they would look into issues related to the speed limits posted. Lengthy discussion ensued. Mr. Blake-Thomas stated he spoke at length with MDOT related to reducing the speed limits incrementally from 65, 50, 40, 30 going into town. He also stated he was told this would not be an easy process, it is lengthy (probably greater than six(6) months), . He also stated that the Township needs to participate in the process by providing input, attendance at meetings to represent the Township concerns, etc., focusing on safety. Trustee Simpson stated MDOT studied the speed limits a couple of years ago resulting in why and where the signs are currently placed. Questions related to how well the signs would hold up to snowplowing, snowmobile trail grooming, traffic etc., were discussed. In addition, Deputy Clerk English stated that MDOT charges \$100.00 permit fee annually per sign owned by the Township placed on the road righty-aways. No action taken.
2. Mr. Boudreau requested the purchase of new books for the pending board members. It was stated that Mr. Hillman has purchased books.
3. Mr. Boudreau inquired as to when the dock will be pulled out at the Park. Supervisor Fischer stated probably the last week of September.

Tax Rate Resolution:

1. Supervisor Fischer stated the Hall Debt balance is \$113,960.23. Lengthy discussion ensued related to the Hall Debt and how much has actually been paid on the principal, as well as how much must be paid. Clerk English attempted to explain the facts and process, however, was not allowed. Supervisor Fischer stated that the millage for the Hall Debt is 0.65 and 1.0 for the Operating Budget. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark to approve the Tax Resolution. Roll Call vote results were five (5) Yes/zero (0) No. Motion approved unanimously.

Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk. Financial report received. No additional report provided.

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

1. The Treasurer will be at the Township Hall, Monday, September 14, 2020, 0900 – 1600, to collect taxes.

Ambulance Service Report: John Clark, Ambulance Corp Captain.

1. Mr. Clark offered congratulation to Mr. Blake-Thomas on his successful completion of EMT training! Mr. Clark presented the itemized statement of costs incurred by Mr. Blake-Thomas related to his training. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark to reimburse Mr. Blake-Thomas. Motion approved unanimously. The statement was submitted to Clerk English for payment.
2. Clark stated the Pediatric AED pads need to be replaced at the Township Hall.

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief.

1. Mr. Clark stated the burn at the park went well.
2. Mr. Clark stated the mini pumper needs four (4) new rear tires. He obtained quotes from UP Tire (\$1,253.32 & \$1,350.00) & Mark's Tire (\$961.28). Supervisor Fischer made a motion to purchase the tires from Mark's Tire, seconded by Treasurer Barrett. Motion approved unanimously.
3. The Fire Department is always looking for new members. Please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
4. 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 stated the Park workers new schedule will start 9/20/2020, 1000 – 1800, with the Park closing on September 30, 2020. September 28, 29, 30, both workers will be scheduled to finish the closing. Kelly Cummins requested the Park to stay open until 10/15/2020 as their hours are being cut and as they have taken reservations. Discussion of the increased costs, such as water samples, unemployment, wages, etc., related to the amount of revenue that is usually brought in after September. She stated she was not aware that the Park was to close on September 30th, and continued to take reservations. Supervisor Fischer made a motion to keep the park open until 10/15/2020, seconded by Trustee Clark. Motion approved four (4) Yes/one (1) No.
2. Discussion related to the well/pump still is not fixed. The Health Department inspector will be coming out to inspect by the end of September to ascertain if the repairs have been made. Lengthy discussion ensued related to an analysis of the well system/pump made a few years ago in which it was recommended it needs to be placed by the bathhouse. Supervisor Fischer will look into why the pump is still not fixed.

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

Unfinished Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer stated she has contacted two (2) cement contractors, Wallis of Kinross with no response, and Northern concrete of Rudyard, who stated they will come out and look at the proposed project, however, they are very busy.

New Business:

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1. If anyone is interested in Forest resources, there will be meeting 10/06/2020 in Sault Ste. Marie. Clerk English stated she is interested in attending. Supervisor Fischer stated she will get the information to her.
2. Supervisor Fischer brought up the issue of seal coating the parking lot. Clerk English recommended this work wait until Spring, after the winter with the freezing and heaving that occurs. Jean Beaudoin stated Mark is too busy this year.
3. Supervisor Fischer stated the AT&T antenna project is upgrading on the existing communication equipment on the Trout Lake Tower. Several questions were asked which she was unable to answer.
4. Treasurer Barrett stated the outside of the Hall is very dirty and needs cleaning. It was stated that the last time it was power washed, many pieces of siding had to be repaired.
5. Trustee Clark inquired as to expenditures on the Clerk's financial report, which were explained satisfactorily.
6. Trustee Simpson inquired as to an expenditure on the Clerk's financial report, which was explained satisfactorily.

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 Trustee Clark, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1922.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk