

# 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, January 8, 2019, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval February 12, 2019.*

Attendance: Three (3)

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 Treasurer Barrett, to approve the Trout Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes of December 11, 2018. Motion Approved Unanimously by the Board Members in Attendance.*

**Public Comments: No Public Comments presented.**

**Clerk Report:** Kathy English, Clerk

1. Clerk English received a voicemail from Coleman Engineering requesting access to the power line area for soil drilling. Discussion ensued related to gaining permission from the ownership of the area along the power line, the Federal Forest, and DNR. Clerk English will clarify with Coleman Engineering.
2. Clerk English stated that the Township Board Meeting minutes of September 11, 2018, and the September 19, 2018 Budget Meeting minutes had not been approved to date related to clarification of a statement in reference to Budget responsibilities. This was amended in the October 9, 2018, minutes, and which Supervisor Fischer reviewed immediately prior to this meeting. Clerk English made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Fischer to approve the September 11, 2018 Board Meeting minutes and the September 19, 2018 Budget Meeting minutes. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance.
3. Clerk English thanked Mr. Thomas for the minutes of the November 2018, Board Meeting, in her absence.

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

1. Treasurer Barrett stated she will be at the Township Hall February 28, 2019, 0900 – 1600, to collect the 2018 Winter Taxes.

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

1. One (1) run for the Month of January, 2019, to date.
2. Mr. Clark stated the next PSRO meeting will be in February 2019.
3. Mr. Clark stated that he has received one (1) application for the Fire Department and Ambulance Service, Dustin MacKellar, who lives in Strong's. He is a licensed EMT-Paramedic, however, he would still have to run as a Basic provider. Clerk English will be performing the background checks.
4. Mr. Clark stated he was able to purchase three (3) minitor pagers from Mackinac County to supply the new members on the roster due to not having enough to give them. The cost of the pagers was \$250.00 plus a \$15.00 programming fee for a total of \$265.00.
5. 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.
6. 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 January, 2019, to date.
2. Mr. Clark reported the purchase of four (4) new batteries for the Fire Tanker at a cost of \$551.00. A new battery maintainer was ordered and installed on the Tanker.
3. Mr. Clark reported that Firemen's Fishing Derby will be held on February 16, 2019. They have a lot of prizes & good food, and are looking forward to a good turnout again this year.
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](http://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.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Supervisor Fischer reported that the person who cut the trees at the park gave her a cost of \$1,100 for the work on the back of a business card. However, he still refuses to provide his business or social security numbers, which is required before payment can be made. Clerk English stated that the Board was misled in this project as \$25.00/tree was originally quoted, with sixteen (16) trees being cut. Apparently, the person stated that to clean the tree cutting up would cost approximately \$60.00/tree, which was not presented to the Board for approval. In addition, 16 trees times \$60.00 each totals \$960.00. No action taken. Payment cannot be made until the required documentation, including the person's business/social security number and a formal invoice, is submitted, as this money has to be reported on a 1099 for tax purposes. Discussion ensued, with one of the business owners in attendance agree that the money earned/paid needs to be reported on a 1099.

**New Business: No New Business presented to the Board.**

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*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 Trustee Clark, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1845.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English  
Trout Lake Township Clerk