

TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor: Helen Fischer
Clerk: Kathleen A. English
Treasurer: Pam Barrett
Trustee: Laura Simpson
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Township Board Meeting, September 10, 2019, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval October 8, 2019.*

Attendance: Twenty-two (22)

Meeting called to order at 1828, 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.

Speaker: Bob Brown, City Enforcement Officer for the Soo & Dafter Townships, and Dafter Township Supervisor, spoke to the enforcement of the Blight Ordinance, which he would consider doing for Trout Lake Township as well. He recommended the Township explore inserting a criminal aspect to the proposed blight ordinance. He also recommended holding a public meeting, posting two (2) ordinances, a civil and criminal version for review and to obtain public input.

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the minutes of August 13, 2019. Motion Approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

1. Judy Umra spoke to the tenor of the August 13, 2019, Board meeting and that everyone needs to be respectful and set a good example.
2. Fred Dutton questioned the status of the County Garage and who owns it. Discussion ensued with no consensus as to the ownership. Mr. Dutton requested to move his cars to the County Garage which was denied by Supervisor Fischer.
3. Gary Loomis stated that if a person calls GFL and complains about the increase in their bills, GFL will reduce them back to the original fees.
4. Chari Fischer announced that the ground breaking for the assisted living facility in Rudyard will be 9/17/2019 at 4pm.

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

1. Clerk English reported that paperwork for the propane prebuy has been received. Based on the numbers obtained from Shute Oil, Clerk English made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to purchase \$2,000.00, in addition to the balance in the Township's account of approximately \$1,100.00, for the year starting 10/01/2019 through June 30, 2020. Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Treasurer Barrett will be at the Township Hall September 16, 2019, 0900 – 1600, to collect taxes.

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

1. Zero (0) runs for the months of August and September, 2019, to date.
2. Mr. Clark stated he has completed the required education for renewal of his license. Stefani Clark will complete her required credits on line. Shelly McGowan will be retiring when her license expires.
3. Issues related to the ambulance service being in noncompliance with State regulations/requirements. Whitefish EMS will not leave their township to cover the Trout Lake area as they have very little staff to cover their own area. Issues of obtaining a millage, shutting the ambulance service down, paying an outside agency to cover, etc., were discussed at length. Mr. Clark recommended suspending the Ambulance service until the Board makes a decision as to next steps, and before Med Control and OES notifies the State and the State shuts the service down, which would make it harder to get the service back versus putting ourselves on hold until the issues of coverage and be resolved. Mr. Cross spoke to the issues past, present, and future for ambulance services throughout the State as well. Motion made by Mr. Clark, seconded by Supervisor Fischer, to suspend the Ambulance Service until the issues of coverage can be resolved. Motion approved unanimously.

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

1. Zero (0) runs for the month of August & September, 2019, to date.
2. The Firemen will be doing pump operations and working on the pumps in preparation for winter.
3. There is one (1) person interested in joining the Fire Department. Mr. Clark will be getting applications to them.
4. The Fire Department & the Pride Committee will be hosting the kids Halloween Party at the Fire Hall in October. They requested eight (8) picnic tables from the Park.
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.

Park Report: Helen Fischer, Supervisor.

1. Supervisor Fischer stated that she contacted Mullins & Sons related to replacing the second septic pump for the Park. She stated the price will be the same as the first one.

Tax Assessor Report: Jessica McLean, Assessor. Report received. Ms. McLean stated GIS mapping is in progress.

Unfinished Business:

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1. Supervisor Fischer stated she has received a request from Mr. Sherrick, on Ozark road, for snowplowing. She stated the County told her that the road is a private road for which the County has no responsibility and that it would need to be built up before the County could consider coming in. No action taken.

New Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer presented the tax millage request for the 2020 year. She made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to keep the rate the same at this time. Motion passed unanimously. Paperwork give the Clerk English to sign and mail.
2. Chari Fischer presented two (2) pieces of mail to Supervisor Fischer that she (Ms. Fischer) had received in error. Clerk English and Deputy Clerk English both stated they had corrected this at least three (3) times in the past.

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark, to pay the bills as submitted by Clerk English. Motion approved unanimously.

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1945.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk