

# 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, March 11, 2020, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval April, 2020.*

Attendance: Thirteen (13)

Meeting called to order at 1803, 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 minutes of February 11, 2020, as written. Motion Approved unanimously.

**Speaker:** Mark Wilk of the Straits Area EMS group requested any questions from the Board Members related to signing of the interlocal agreement for emergency services for Trout Lake Township. Hearing no questions, Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to sign the agreement. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance. Mr. Blake-Thomas stated that the Board will need to appoint a person to represent Trout Lake on the Ambulance Board.

**Public Comments:**

1. Gary Mitchell provided an update related to stocking of the lake. According to the DNR, the lake is self sustaining, therefore, there will be no stocking of the lake by the DNR, nor will they grant permission for stocking of the lake as proposed by Mr. Mitchell.
2. Mr. Greenia inquired as to the status of the website. It was explained that the new website is up and running and being populated.
3. Ms. Beaudoin inquired about the Blight Ordinance

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

1. Clerk English spoke to major issues with the internet service for the Township Hall. Viasat has stated that the Township will need to grant power of attorney to be able to access & manage the account. Mr. Blake-Thomas and Jessica McLean have been working on these issues and have finally been able to gain access to the account and be able to assess what the level of service is actually. Clerk English recommended having Mr. Blake-Thomas lead this assessment and initiative and be given the power of attorney for this issue. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Clerk English, to grant Mr. Blake-Thomas the power of attorney for this issue. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance.
2. The Presidential Primary election went well. There was a 28.2% turnout.
3. Tom Burgess donated two (2) large pizzas for the election workers. A big THANK YOU to Tom!
4. There will be no election in May.

**Treasurer Report:** Pam Barrett, Treasurer: Financial report received. No additional report submitted.

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

1. Zero (0) runs for the months of February 2020 & March 2020 to date. Cheboygan Life Support has continued to cover the Township.

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

1. Zero (0) runs for the month of February 2020 & March 2020 to date.
2. The Trout Lake Fireman's Fishing Derby was held February 15, 2020, and was a great success given the weather. Mr. Clark would like to thank everyone that made the event happen and to all the participants!
3. Mr. Clark stated that "Spring is upon us so please check the DNR website to make sure there is burning allowed."

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

1. Supervisor Fischer stated that a posting needs to be placed to hire park attendants for the 2020 season.
2. Supervisor Fischer requested permission to hire a well drilling company to assess and evaluate the water supply at the park for the season start-up. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to hire a well drilling company to assess and evaluate the water supply at the park. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance. She also stated that the septic pump will hopefully be replaced in April.

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

1. The Board of Review went well. There was only one (1) resident presenting to the Board.
2. Ms. McLean presented the resolution for the Federal Poverty Exemption, to be signed. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to approve the resolution. Roll Call vote:  
Trustee Simpson Yes  
Trustee Clark Yes  
Supervisor Fischer Yes  
Treasurer Barrett Yes  
Clerk English Yes

Resolution approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Supervisor Fischer presented an update on the road repair project. She is waiting for someone from the County Road Commission to come out to assess the roads in question and attend a Board meeting.

**New Business:**

1. Mr. Blake Thomas stated the Graymont Grant Cycle is opening; therefore, we need to decide on a project. He also is exploring the Tribe grant cycle.

*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.*

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*Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Clerk English, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1940.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English  
Trout Lake Township Clerk