

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, January 14, 2020, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval February 11, 2020.*

Attendance: Twelve (12)

Meeting called to order at 1829, 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 December 10, 2019, as written. Motion Approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

1. Mary Fischer Sharp stated that the Fishing Derby is scheduled for February 15, 2020, starting at 0700, at the Township Park. She stated all proceeds will go to the Volunteer Fire Department.
2. Chari Fischer inquired as to why the Township Hall was not opened during the recent storm/power outages, where residents could come to get warm and charge their cell phones. Supervisor Fischer, Clerk English, & Treasurer Barrett stated they were not called or contacted. Lengthy discussion ensued, resulting in the formation of a committee to develop a plan, which Chari Fischer stated she will lead. In addition, it was pointed out that the businesses and the Town of Trout Lake did have power, which residents could have accessed. Trustee Clark stated he will look for the disaster/emergency plan.
3. Dan Hamp stated that they used to be able to see the Township Board Meeting Minutes on line, however, there have been none since July. Clerk English stated the resource for posting to the Website is no longer available. Jessica McLean stated she is working on a new website that will be user friendly. She is hoping to get it completed by the end of March.
4. Jean Beaudoin stated that she had heard the 'new cell tower' only has a 3-mile radius. General consensus is that it is not working well at all. Still no service.

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

1. 2020 Board & Election Committee meeting dates were distributed to the Board Members.
2. 2020 Election Dates were distributed to the Board Members.
3. Communication from a group Upper Peninsula Substance Enforcement Team (UPSET) requesting a donation from the Township to subscribe to their services. Discussion ensued. Clerk English called the number provided for further information. As this is not a State or County entity, but rather a group of individuals with 'specialized training', and access to their services is by citizens making phone calls to report suspicious activity/person, Clerk English recommended that the Township does not engage these services. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Simpson, to not send money, or use their services. Motion approved unanimously.

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

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

1. Zero (0) runs for the months of December 2019, & January, 2020, to date.
2. Cheboygan Life Support has been covering the Township.
3. Mr. Clark attended the meeting in St. Ignace with Cheboygan Life Support Services Board, who approved proceeding with contracting with Trout Lake Township for service.
4. Mr. Clark stated he is looking to see if there is any interest in a Medical First Responder (MFR) class. Anyone interested can contact him at (906) 203-0621 or email him at <troutlake01@yahoo.com>

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

1. One (1) run for the month of December, 2019, & January 2020, to date.
2. The Trout Lake Fireman's Fishing Derby is February 15, 2020.
3. Mr. Clark asked that everyone make sure their 911 address is clear and visible.
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. No report presented to this meeting

Tax Assessor Report: Jessica McLean, Assessor. Report received.

1. The Board of Review (BOR) is scheduled to meet March 3, 2020, 1000, March 9, 2020 1000 – 1700, March 10, 2020, 1600 – 2100.
2. Ms. McLean stated she will need a new computer, either an upgrade, new hard drive, or new computer, as there is not adequate space to run the required programs.

Unfinished Business:

1. Mark from Cheboygan Life Support Systems/Straits Area Life Support Ambulance Services reported that the Cheboygan Life Support Systems/Straits Area Life Support Ambulance Services Board voted to proceed with bringing Trout Lake Township into their system. He accepted questions from the Public. He stated that Medical Control will be moving to McLaren Northern Michigan Hospital, as well as any billing will be completed by Cheboygan Life Support Systems/Straits Area Life Support Ambulance Services. Next steps are to meet with a committee to work out the details of the contract. The first meeting will be on Thursday, January 16, 2020, 1000, at the Township Hall. Volunteers for the committee are John Clark, Stefanie Clark, Kathy English, and David Blake Thomas.

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New Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer will be meeting with the insurance carrier, and John Clark, for a risk management assessment on January 21, 2020, 1100.
2. Supervisor Fischer stated she has appointed Bruce Spencer to the BOR as the alternate, which needs to be approved by the Board. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to appoint Mr. Spencer to the BOR. Motion approved unanimously.

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 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk