

TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor: Helen Fischer
Clerk: Kathleen A. English
Treasurer: Pam Barrett
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Township Board Meeting, June 11, 2019, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval July 9, 2019.*

Attendance: Twenty-eight (28)

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.

Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the Trout Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes of May 14, 2019. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance.

Public Comments:

- Ms. Fischer Sharp reported: the Ellis's donated flags to the town, there would not be a Craft sale this year at the minipark, last Wednesday the health department stopped to see Ms. McGowan related to needing a temporary camping permit for the area around the ball diamond for up to twenty-five sites at a cost of \$168.00, the ball tournament will take place for which the Pride Committee has liability insurance coverage. She questioned whether the Women's club has liability insurance for their events, as well as the funeral committee for their dinners. Clerk English stated that she specifically contacted the insurance carrier related to those events, which they do not. Further discussion ensued. In addition, Clerk English stated that the liability insurance issues were brought up at the May meeting for informational purposes to educate the public as to risks they may incur. Mr. Thomas clarified the liability insurance coverage requirements and issues.
- Mr. English reported that the Board meeting minutes of May 14, 2019 were removed from the bulletin board at the Post Office the day after they were posted. He requested the purchase of a locked board similar to the one at the Township Hall. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Clerk English, to purchase the locking board. Motion approved 5 yes/0 no.
- Dan Hamp reported that he has received notice of an increase in trash pickup by GFL from \$69.00 to \$83.50/month. He wants a trash service millage enacted. Stefani Clark reported she had called Waste Management, who stated they are "not allowed to come into the Township." Recommendation to look into getting a different company was made. Supervisor Fischer stated she will look into it. A member of the public, not a Township resident, stated Cedarville has a community dumpster/recycling dumpster/cardboard dumpster and with which there are issues.
- Chari Fischer inquired as to whether Gary Howe of Rudyard has started a project at the Park. Supervisor Fischer stated that the weather has been too wet, therefore, the project has not started. In addition, Supervisor Fischer is awaiting documentation of his license and W9. Ms. Fischer also inquired about the electrical work at the Park.

Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk

- The Chippewa County Health Department conducted the inspection of the Campground/Park. Issues identified, requiring fixing: were that the hydrant by the well/office is threaded and one of the campground hosts continually hooks their hose to it. This water outlet must be unthreaded so that a hose cannot be hooked up to it, there is no safety equipment at the beach, which requires a life ring/life preserver hanging on a post at the beach, a sign needs to be placed on the nonpotable water outlet at the dump station stating to replace the hose back in the hanger so that the tip does not touch the ground.
- Clerk English presented a letter, signed by a quorum of the Board, requesting a special meeting to apprise all the Board Members of recent campground issues. Supervisor Fischer stated she will arrange a date and time, in writing, to the Clerk. She will also add agenda items.
- Clerk English distributed a list for Board Member contact information for the Assessor.

Treasurer's Report: Pam Barrett, Treasurer. Financial Report received. No additional report presented.

Ambulance Service Report: John Clark, Ambulance Corp Captain

- One (1) run for the Month of May and June 2019, to date.
- Supplies need to be ordered/replaced, at a cost of \$156.20, prior to the scheduled inspection June 19, 2019. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to purchase the supplies. Motion approved 5 yes/0 no.
- Mr. Clark purchased glucometer strips to replace the outdated strips.
- EGLE is now requiring a license for medical waste license at a cost of \$75.00. Mr. Clark will work with the Clerk to get the forms submitted on line.
- Pickford will be doing an EMT class in the near future. Interested persons may contact Mr. Clark at the number/email below.
- Mr. Clark is looking for persons interested in an MFR class. Interested persons may contact Mr. Clark at (906) 203-0621 or email troutlake01@yahoo.com. Whitefish is planning a course in the fall. He needs to give the instructor a count of people who would be taking the course.

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

- Zero (0) runs for the month of May and June, 2019, to date.
- Monthly Fire meeting was held. All trucks were started and the tank placed on the brush truck and filled with water.

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3. Mr. Clark stated that with dry weather approaching, everyone needs to be checking the DNR website to make sure there are burn permits available.
4. Mr. Clark was contacted by a department Ron Gatchell is on in Indiana, asking if we are interested in some SCBA packs. If so, Mr. Gatchell will bring them up. There is no charge. Mr. Gatchell contacted Mr. Clark to let him know he has picked up the packs and will be probably bringing them up this weekend.
5. Mr. Clark requested a check to purchase candy for the 4th of July parade. Cost will be \$150.00.
5. 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.
6. 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.

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

Park Report: Helen Fischer, Supervisor.

1. Mower blades, weed whacker line, and grease is needed. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to purchase these items. Motion approved 5 yes/0 no. In addition, Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to pay Ms. Faulkner mileage to pick up the supplies. Motion approved 4 yes/1 no.

Unfinished Business:

1. Roads at the Park: see discussion under Public Comments.
2. Town road repairs: Supervisor Fischer presented a Township Road Agreement from the Chippewa County Road Commission to repair several roads in the town at a cost of \$226,418.00. This can be paid over three (3) years at a cost of \$75,472.67/year. Discussion ensued as to whether the roads will be of the quality to withstand the heavy truck traffic. Supervisor Fischer will look into this issue. Mr. Ellis brought up that the H40 roads are being broken up and the Township should not have to pay for the repairs. Clerk English stated that the Wilwin Road is being broken up as well.

New Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett to proceed with brining the roads. Motion approved 5 yes/0 no.
2. Supervisor Fischer as for input on what to do with all the junk accumulating in the town and surrounding area. It was pointed out that there is a Blight Ordinance in the Township. Supervisor Fischer asked Trustee Simpson if she would take on this project, to which she consented. Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Treasurer Barrett to proceed with contacting the lawyer and enforcing the Blight Ordinance. Motion passed 5 yes/0 no.
3. Robert Mowrey inquired as to why he could not rent the Township Hall for \$1.00 to teach gun safety to children. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett to allow Robert Mowrey to rent the Hall for the purpose of teaching gun safety to children. Motion approved 4 yes/ 1 no. Further discussion ensued related to revising and writing guidelines for use of the Town Hall Building. Mr. Thomas volunteered to work on this project.

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 1950.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk