

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, December 10, 2019, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval January 14, 2020.*

Attendance: Seventeen (17)

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, Laura Simpson and Pam Barrett. A quorum of the Township Board was in Attendance.

Speakers:

1. Mark from Cheboygan Life Support Systems/Straits Area Life Support Ambulance Services presented a plan for providing Ambulance coverage for Trout Lake Township. He distributed a detailed report of estimated costs associated with coverage. Lengthy discussion ensued related to coverage, status of equipment, etc. He presented a sample of the contract for the Board's review. A meeting of the Ambulance Board will be held on December 17, 2019, in St. Ignace, which John Clark will be attending, as well as some members of the Public.
2. Robert Brown, Enforcement Officer for the City of Sault Ste. Marie and Dafter spoke to the proposed Blight Ordinance for Trout Lake Township and detailed how various aspects could be handled. Length discussion ensued. At this time, proceeding with enforcement for Trout Lake Township will be tabled as consensus was that the Ambulance coverage issue needs to be resolved first.

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the minutes of November 12, 2019, as written. Motion Approved unanimously.

Public Comments:

1. Supervisor Fischer stated that the cell tower is on hold as an electrical easement for Cloverland Electric has not been obtained.

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

1. Clerk English presented two (2) quotes related to upgrading the computer system. Advantages and concerns were discussed. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Simpson, to accept the quote from National Office Products in Sault Ste. Marie. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance.

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

1. Treasurer Barrett stated she will be at the Township Hall December 27, 2019, 0900 – 1600, to collect the winter taxes for persons desiring to pay their taxes in person.

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

1. Zero (0) runs for the months of November & December, 2019, to date.
2. Mr. Clark reported that the Trout Lake EMS is down until the issue of coverage is resolved, which he has told the State will be at least until January 1, 2020.
3. 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. Zero (0) runs for the month of November & December, 2019, to date.
2. All trucks are in good working order. Mr. Clark replaced the starter pull rope on the brush truck, which was frayed, and cleaned the carburetor, which was dirty.
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. Ms. McLean presented a land division request. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark to confirm the land division request. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance.

Unfinished Business: No unfinished business presented for this meeting.

New Business:

1. Several questions were presented from the public related to the cell tower electrical easement. Supervisor Fischer stated she will contact Cloverland Electric for further information.
2. Trustee Simpson inquired about the possibility of having the Township provide garbage/trash pick-up for the residents. Lengthy discussion ensued. No action taken at this time.

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 2042.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk

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