

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, August 13, 2019, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval September 10, 2019.*

Attendance: Twenty (20)

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.

Supervisor Fischer stated that the minutes of July 9, 2019, need amending. Supervisor Fischer stated that she did call Mullins Heating and Plumbing during the July 4th week. Discussion ensued related to Mr. Mullins statements at the July 9, 2019, meeting that neither he, nor his son, were contacted, which is documented in the July 9, 2019 minutes. No action taken by the Board.

Public Comments:

1. Trustee Simpson stated that the road referred to as "Shute road" is actually Evergreen.
2. Gary Mitchell provided an update related to the stocking of Carp Lake. The DNR survey has been completed, however, the results and determination will not be completed until sometime in the winter.
3. Shelly McGowan brought up the issue of liability insurance for the Fireworks, citing a statement in the May minutes.
4. Dan Greenia questioned the repaving of the "Shute" oil road and whether they (Shute Oil) should be 'bonded' to fix the road. Supervisor Fischer stated it is his choice to live there. Mr. Greenia stated the township needs to review this issue further.
5. Mr. Greenia stated that the boat launch is shallow making it difficult to impossible, to launch a boat, and has the township looked into dredging. Supervisor Fischer stated it has been dredged annually.
6. A member of the public inquired about snowplowing S. Ozark Road off H-40 (off Rock Hill). He stated he has 10 acres on this road and intends to make it his permanent residence. He further stated that an endorsement/request from the township, to the County Board, is needed to have the road plowed which is related to Fire and EMS services.
7. Mr. H. Thomas inquired about weight limits being placed on the roads.
8. Trustee Clark asked about a check paid to the Wilkinson Company. Supervisor Fischer stated that it was for the road brining.

Clerk Report: Kathy English, Clerk. Financial report received. No additional report presented.

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

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

1. Two (2) runs for the months of July and August, 2019, to date.
2. The three (3) new radio pagers have been received from central.
3. Mr. Clark attended the PSRO meeting 8/12/2019.
4. 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. Report received.

1. One (1) run for the month of July & August, 2019, to date.
2. The Firemen will be doing pump operations and working on the pumps in preparation for winter.
3. There are two (2) persons interested in joining the Fire Department. Mr. Clark will be getting applications to them.
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 one (1) septic pump was installed and a second one needs to be replaced as it is burned out also. Discussion ensued as to whether to replace it. Chari Fischer stated that it should be replaced so that there are not issues next year requiring emergency repairs and compromises the campground again. Supervisor Fischer questioned using grant money for these repairs. Discussion ensued. Trustee Simpson stated that at the July Board meeting it was approved to use grant money for the septic repairs.
2. There were several electric stations repaired, some only needed fuses. Supervisor Fischer submitted a proposal from Joe Fischer to repair more electrical stations. She reported that people are running over them. The cost of this proposal is \$7,500.00. He is requesting a 50% payment to pay for the supplies he has already ordered. Discussion ensued related to the amount of grant money remaining. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett to approve the payment. Clerk English stated that allocation of the grant monies needs to be dependent on how much money is remaining. Supervisor Fischer amended the motion to reflect this. Motion approved.
3. Supervisor Fischer reported that the road repairs are finished and 'seems to work good with all the rain.' This is a Graymont grant project.

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

Unfinished Business:

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1. Supervisor Fischer reported that the County Road Commission has contacted her and the road repairs will not be done as the asphalt has increased from \$75.00/ton to \$125.00/ton.
2. Supervisor Fischer reported that Waste Management contacted her as to whether any one was interested in changing companies. She stated that 'no one was interested.'
3. Blight ordinance update: the draft of the revised blight ordinance as submitted by Mr. D. Thomas was distributed to the Board members. Supervisor Fischer stated that there is an ordinance enforcement officer, Robert Brown, who performs this role in the Soo and Dafter. His cost is \$150.00/for the first inspection. Follow-up inspections are \$50.00 each. Discussion ensued. Treasurer Barrett made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to have Mr. Brown present to the Board. Motion passed.

New Business:

1. Supervisor Fischer contacted a person to clean the hall, strip & wax the floors, wash all the walls & windows throughout the hall, etc., which will she stated will cost \$1,200.00. Treasurer Barrett made a motion, seconded by Supervisor Fischer to hire this person. Motion passed. Clerk English stated she is not available for the next two weeks to oversee the work and stated that Supervisor Fischer will have to oversee the project if it occurs during this time period.
2. A request for fiber optic work in the township was given to Supervisor Fischer by the Clerk for the Supervisor's review and Board action. Discussion ensued related to the fact that Supervisor Fischer has been overseeing these types of projects and exactly what is this company planning to do. A check for \$500.00 was attached to the request. Further discussion ensued as to whether cashing this check constitutes a contract that will obligate the township to this company. A member of the public, who is a lawyer states that it does constitute a binding contract. Discussion ensued related to other contracts related to cell tower placement/service in the past that have never been acted upon by the companies.

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Treasurer Barrett, to pay the bills as submitted by Clerk English. Motion approved unanimously by a quorum of the Board.

Motion made by Supervisor Fischer, seconded by Trustee Clark, to adjourn. Meeting adjourned at 1935.

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English
Trout Lake Township Clerk