

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor: Helen Fischer  
Clerk: Kathleen A. English  
Treasurer: Pam Barrett  
Trustee: Laura Simpson  
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Township Board Meeting, July 9, 2019, Minutes, *Draft pending Board Approval August 13, 2019.*

Attendance: Twenty-eight (28)

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 made a motion, seconded by Trustee Clark, to approve the Trout Lake Township Board Meeting Minutes of June 11, 2019. Motion approved unanimously by a quorum of the Board.*

**Tax Assessor Report:** Jessica McLean, Assessor. Report received. Ms. McLean stated that the tax bills have been mailed and asked if there were any questions. No questions presented for Ms. McLean.

**Public Comments:** Mr. Boudreau requested copies of the Board Meeting minutes be distributed at the meeting. Supervisor Fischer stated that the minutes are posted as required. Clerk English stated the minutes are posted at the Town Hall, the Post Office, and on line. There are no plans at this time to distribute copies at the meetings. He also inquired as to how long the minutes have to be posted. Clerk English will research.

**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. One (1) run for the month of July, 2019, to date. Whitefish responded to one (1) call which was a 'sign-off', therefore Mr. Clark is not sure if we will receive a bill for the response.
2. The Ambulance inspection went well. There were a few areas, such as updated Policies & Procedures and Board Meeting Minutes from when the Ambulance was first started that need to be submitted.
3. The Parade and fireworks went well, with no incidents reported.
4. The three (3) new radio pagers are in at central for testing.
5. 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. Zero (0) runs for the month of June and July, 2019, to date.
2. The Parade and Fireworks went well, with no incidents reported. Mr. Clark stated the fireworks were 'great'.
3. 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.
4. Mr. Clark encourages everyone who is looking to burn debris to log onto [WWW.DNR.STATE.MI.US/BURNPERMITS](http://WWW.DNR.STATE.MI.US/BURNPERMITS) The website has color coded maps designating if burning is permitted.

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

1. The septic pump at the campground malfunctioned two (2) days prior to July 4<sup>th</sup>. As it was the holiday, Supervisor Fischer stated she "called everyone in the book, plus some of their homes" and received no responses. She stated that the only solution was Mr. Clean, who was willing to work through holiday and pumped the system several times. Mr. Mullins, of Mark & Sons Plumbing, questioned Supervisor Fischer as to why he, nor his son, received phone calls about the septic pump. He stated they were available all through the holiday and could have repaired the pump. No response from Supervisor Fischer.
2. The Health Department checked Park and Ball Park. All was OK'd.
3. There were several electric stations repaired, some only needed fuses.
4. Road repairs are being worked on today.

**Unfinished Business:**

1. Paperwork was sent to the Road Commission to repair the Shutes Road only. H 40 is maintained by Road Commission. The work is done on a prioritization basis.
2. The Health Department will not condemn house by tracks once own by Mary Beaudoin as the roof and outside walls are good. Supervisor Fischer stated that the current Blight Ordinance needs to be rewritten. Mr. Thomas volunteered to write a draft of a revised Blight Ordinance and briefly explained important points that have to be included, for example the Township would need a "Township Enforcement Officer". Discussion ensued related to this issue 'going round & round, and nothing gets done'. Mr. Walter Cross inquired as to the Board's plan to hire an enforcement officer. No plan presented. Ms. Fischer stated she spoke with Mr. Dutton who agreed to take care of the situation.
3. Waste Management was contacted, they did not recommend putting garbage collecting on tax roll. It would cost the township about \$170.00 per parcel. Another way to go is have a large dumpster, which would have to be monitored, and sell bags at \$2.75. The cost of

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purchasing these bags is \$400.00. Reportedly, customers are complaining at "GT" because of the rise in prices. Ms. Fischer was informed price was going back to original cost.

**New Business:**

1. Graymont granted the Township another grant of \$18,758.00. However, last year's grant dollars must be used first, and projects completed, before sending the balance of \$1,500.00. Upon completing last year's project, this year's grant will be issued less the 10%. Discussion ensued related to how to spend the grant dollars. Supervisor Fischer made a motion, seconded by Treasurer Barrett to use some of the grant dollars for the new septic pump at the Park. Motion approved unanimously by a quorum of the Board.

Reimbursement from the PAR plan grant has been received (\$905.00) for the back-up cameras for the Ambulance (1) and Fire Trucks (2).

*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 1905.*

Respectfully submitted,

Kathleen A. English  
Trout Lake Township Clerk