

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor: David Blake-Thomas  
Clerk: David Hillman  
Treasurer: Joseph Boudreau  
Trustee: Laura Simpson  
Trustee: Gary Loomis

## Township Board Meeting, May 10, 2022 Minutes

Attendance: 14

Meeting at the Township Hall called to order at 6:30 PM, by Supervisor Blake-Thomas. The Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag and Roll Call of Board Members David Blake-Thomas, Joseph Boudreau, Gary Loomis, Laura Simpson and David Hillman present. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to approve the general meeting minutes April 12, 2022 as written. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Public Comments:

1. Pig roast will be May 29<sup>th</sup> at the Campground Pavilion.
2. Kevin Sprague will present the Soo Locks project at 7:00 PM on Wednesday May 25<sup>th</sup> in Rudyard Townhall.

### Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated May 10, 2022 for items totaling \$12,304.03 was presented.
2. Propane contract was completed and all prepaid funds were used. New contract will be offered in the fall.
3. Asphalt contractors have been identified for the Township projects this summer on Wegwas road and the culvert replacements that cross M123 south of town.

### Treasure Report: Joseph Boudreau, Treasurer

1. Financial report dated April 29, 2022 total of all accounts \$534,402.08 was presented.
2. Millage for the townhall building payment has been received and deposited.

### Assessor Report: Jessica McLean, Assessor No report

### Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. No runs for the month of March 2022.
2. Fire Department meeting Dave Sharp, Rod Butson, Eric Butson, John Simez and John Clark
3. Skid unit in the brush truck, tested and ready for operation.
4. John Clark attended the EUP Fire Association meeting in Pickford on April 28<sup>th</sup>.
5. DNR is down in staff and Newberry's plane doesn't have a pilot.
6. Forest Service will be burning in the Dick Road Settlement area
7. EUP fire dues will be in the mail soon
8. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
9. Fire Hall roof repair quotes were presented with action deferred pending further review.
10. New fire department pickup truck has been manufactured and is pending delivery to dealer. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize the Treasurer/Clerk to issue a check for payment of the pickup not to exceed \$30,000. Second Treasurer Boudreau. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
11. Reminder to check the DNR web site for burn advisory as fire risk is high
12. If interested in joining the Fire Department call John Clark 906-203-0621 for an application.

### Ambulance Report:

1. Three ambulance calls to Trout Lake in April/May.
2. Straits Area Ambulance Authority board will vote at their next meeting to proceed with a November 2022 ballot proposal for 1.75 millage to fund the EMS services. This will replace the six community contributions that constitutes the current funding mechanism. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize him to represent the interest of Trout Lake Township by voting Yes at the board meeting to approve the action of placing a November 2022 referendum before the six communities for a 1.75 millage to be the primary source of funding for the Straits Area Ambulance Authority for up to a 10-year period. Second Clerk Hillman. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**



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## Park Report:

1. Opening Date May 16, 2022 Closing Date October 16, 2022
2. Booking of campsites this season already exceed \$46,000
3. Capital purchases for bath house partitions and picnic tables are proceeding.
4. Porta-Pottys are arranged for the July 4<sup>th</sup> week.
5. Temporary campsite license for the area near the ball field will be requested.
6. Adam Sindles will be leaving the park staff and will be replace by Alan Schlehuber.

## Old Business:

1. Road Brining of township roads will be coordinated with the Road Commission to have grading completed before the application of the brine.
2. **Reminder** Special Meeting May 19, 2022 at Township Hall 2:00 PM. **Subject:** Review of FY2023 draft budget
3. **Reminder** Spring Clean-Up is scheduled for May 21<sup>th</sup>. 9am to 1pm at the old County Garage location.

## New Business:

1. Assessor laptop computer replacement with additional external storage. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to purchase a laptop computer with external data storage capability not to exceed \$2000. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Pickleball equipment for use in the townhall parking lot. Motion by Clerk Hillman to purchase pickleball net, balls, and paddles not to exceed \$500. Second Supervisor Blake-Thomas Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Townhall floor refinishing quote for \$.80 per sq ft to strip and wax the tile flooring. **Motion** to accept the Brian Ross \$2400 proposal to strip and wax the hall tile floor. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Motion made by Trustee Simpson to pay the bills as submitted by Clerk Hillman. Second Trustee Loomis. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance with a voice vote.*

*Motion made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to adjourn. Second Treasurer Boudreau. Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

David Hillman  
Trout Lake Township Clerk