

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

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## Township Board Meeting, April 11, 2023 Minutes

Attendance: 11

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 Supervisor Blake-Thomas, Treasurer Sindles, Trustee Loomis, Trustee Simpson, and Clerk Hillman present. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

### Recognition of Fire Departments

Outstanding performance during the Fire call on April 10, 2023 by Dave Sharp, Rod Butson, Dennis McGowen, Eric Butson, Mark Conroy, Ken Collier, Dave Frasier, Kelly Moriarty, Jack Nichols, Sean Waybrandt, Brian McMillan, Jeff Early, and Dave Blake-Thomas.

1. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve Resolution 2023-02 Related to Letter of Appreciation to Trout Lake Township Volunteer Fire Department. Second Trustee Loomis Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas – yes, Treasurer Sindles – yes, Trustee Loomis – yes, Trustee Simpson – yes, Clerk Hillman – yes, All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve Resolution 2023-01 Related to Letter of Appreciation to Hendricks Township Volunteer Fire Department. Second Trustee Loomis. Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas – yes, Treasurer Sindles – yes, Trustee Loomis – yes, Clerk Hillman – yes, All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to approve the general meeting minutes March 14, 2023. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments: Fire was a building in Birch Shores. The building was saved with no surrounding damage.

### Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated April 11, 2023 for items totaling \$8,146.20 and a Fire Department Run bill totaling \$105 were presented.
2. Propane contract was originally set at \$5122.50 and has \$1610.79 left before April 30, 2023 expiration.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the Clerk report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Treasure Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated March 31, 2023 with a total of \$ 571,189.53 was presented.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the Treasurer report. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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

1. One run for the month of March.
2. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
3. Wildland water backpacks were ordered and received.
4. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Rod Butson, David Blake-Thomas, and John Clark present.
5. 800 MHz radio tuning will be this month.
6. DNR inspection for mini-pumper due, return old pickup to DNR, mutual aid agreement turned in.
7. Check the DNR website for open burning restrictions.
8. If interested in joining the Fire Department please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
9. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to approve the Fire Department report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Straits Area EMS Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. One ambulance run to Trout Lake this last month.
2. Ground breaking on the new ambulance building in St Ignace Spring 2023 is pending loan arrangements.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the EMS report. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**



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## Park Report

1. Phone reservation begin May 1, 9:00 am
2. Work sessions begin on May 2nd with camping beginning on May 15.
3. Some seasonal check-ins will be prior to the opening to accommodate the ORV rally.
4. Bath house remodeling will begin as weather permits.
5. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to approve the Park report. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## Old Business:

1. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to hold Spring Cleanup Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at the County Garage site from 9 am to 1 pm. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to submit a Graymont grant application due May 1<sup>st</sup> for four Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) units for the Fire Department use for approximately \$29,000. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## New Business:

1. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to authorize the Board to submit a support letter for Graymont's request for government funding. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to contract with Bay Dust Control for 8000-8500 gallons of 35% Liquidow product for Trout Lake Township 2023 application of road brine. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. FY2023/2024 Budget Development Plan discussion with assignment of actions to Clerk Hillman, Treasurer Sindles, and Trustee Loomis. Public Special Meeting scheduled for Tuesday May 23<sup>rd</sup> to review a draft budget and approval of FY2023/2024 Budget at the regular Meeting for Tuesday June 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Public Comment:

1. Pig roast on Sunday May 28<sup>th</sup> at the Park Pavilion.
2. ORV Scavenger hunt will be on Saturday May 13<sup>th</sup>. Live band that evening. All are invited.
3. Mini-park craft show will be hosted in conjunction with the 4<sup>th</sup> of July activities.
4. New bookshelf cabinet was donated for a community library located in the township hall.

## Board Comments:

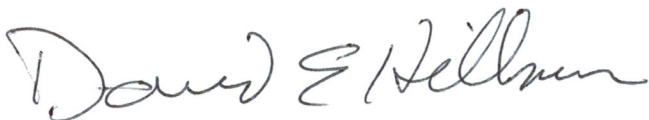
Clerk Hillman: Pickleball continues Sunday at Rudyard High School gymnasium.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas Highline CEO called with commitment for 1 GB Fiber install in summer 2023 available to all residences in Trout Lake Township.

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

*Motion made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to adjourn. Second Trustee Loomis Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:33 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman  
Trout Lake Township Clerk