

# 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, March 14, 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 and Clerk Hillman present, Trustee Simpson absent. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to approve the general meeting minutes February 14, 2023.  
Second Clerk Hillman Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments: None

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated March 14, 2023 for items totaling \$15,313.52 was presented.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the Clerk report. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasure Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated February 28, 2023 with a total of \$ 787,617.16 was presented.
2. All unpaid taxes have now transferred to Chippewa County for collection.
3. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman 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 c/o Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. One run for the month of February.
2. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
3. Fishing Derby donations \$1104.00 with 86 participants, 35 fish were caught.
4. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Mark Conroy, David Blake-Thomas, and John Clark present.
5. Trailer for the Ranger was received.
6. Check the DNR website for open burning restrictions.
7. If interested in joining the Fire Department please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
8. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to approve the Fire Department report. Second Clerk Hillman 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. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve Resolution in Support of Straits Area EMS Authority CDS Request, Resolution Number 2023-01. 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. Board discussion – Continued support of David Blake-Thomas to represent Trout Lake Township on the Straits Area EMS board was expressed by all Trout Lake Board members present.
4. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to approve the EMS report. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Park Report

1. Park 2023 phone reservation will begin May 1, 9:00 am with camping beginning on May 15.
2. New camping rates will be based on only two categories, electric and non-electric, \$20 and \$30 respectively. Monthly rate \$480, Season rate \$2000, Weekly rate will have a two-day discount.
3. Crystal Schwesinger and Alan Schlehuber will again be the campground staff.
4. Bath house shower renovation to regulate the water temperature will be funded by a \$5000 grant.
5. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the park report. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**



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## Old Business:

1. Mini-library at the Townhall received an anonymous \$200 donation to purchase the furniture.
2. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to remove and dispose of the piano from the township hall. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Treasurer Sindles is requested to transfer \$22,119.72 (amount collected from 2023 winter taxes) from the Tax Account to the Hall Debt Account to make the April 2023 payment of \$22,370.51. This will leave \$18,000 remaining on the hall debt which if approved in the next budget cycle can be paid in full in July 2023 and thus eliminating the millage from the Winter 2024 taxes.

## New Business:

1. Schwesinger Land Division Application was reviewed by the Trout Lake Board and approved the proposed division of 017-015-228-014-00 in that it complies with the State Land Division Act. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve the application. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.** **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas authorize the Township Supervisor to complete and sign a resolution authorizing the land division after the completion of the legal description. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Trout Lake 1 GB fiber internet install is scheduled for summer 2023 work to begin. This level of service can lower the cost of land line phones and satellite TV services.
3. Spring Cleanup Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> at the County Garage site from 9 am to 1 pm is being proposed.
4. Graymont Grant is open with a May 1<sup>st</sup> deadline. The board is open to suggestions. City sidewalks, Mini-park sign, playground equipment, paving the park roads and pavilion replacement were mentioned.

## Public Comment:

1. Large pine tree in the Mini-park likely to be removed.
2. Railroad crossings in Trout Lake need repair. Can the County Road Commission do the work?

## Board Comments:

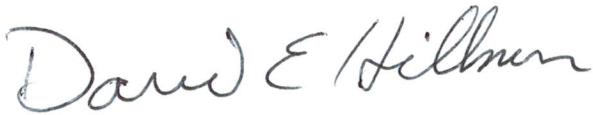
Clerk Hillman: Ice rink in fine shape through this week. Pickleball continues Sunday at Rudyard High School gymnasium. Check Trout Lake Connect for times and dates. All ages welcome.

Trustee Loomis: Glad to be back from Winter break.

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

*Motion made by Trustee Loomis to adjourn. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:40 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman

Trout Lake Township Clerk