

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor: David Blake-Thomas

Clerk: David Hillman

Treasurer: Laura Sindles

Trustee: Laurey Simpson

Trustee: Gary Loomis

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## Township Board Meeting, March 13, 2024 Minutes

Attendance: 15

The meeting at the Township Hall was called to order at 6:30 PM by Supervisor Blake-Thomas. The Pledge of Allegiance and Roll Call of Board Members; Supervisor Blake-Thomas, Treasurer Sindles, Trustee Simpson, Trustee Loomis, and Clerk Hillman were present. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

1. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the general meeting minutes of February 13, 2024 as written. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Public Comments:

1. All fishing derby fire raffle proceeds were given to the Fire Department.
2. Schedule is set for July 6th Fireworks and Craft Show
3. The Molly Gibson stop sign was placed by trail maintenance and is not a street sign.

### Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

4. Detailed expense report dated March 13, 2024 for items totaling \$12,468.79 was presented.
5. Attended one CCRC meeting.
6. Presidential Primary Election EV 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> and Vote Day Feb 27<sup>th</sup> completed with detailed expense report presented. Discussion about EV being moved to the county site.
7. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to accept the Clerk's report. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Treasure Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated February 29, 2024 with a total of \$722,417.70 was presented.
2. Winter taxes are now payable to the county and cannot be accepted by the Township Treasurer.
3. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson 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 January and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
2. Fire Department signed a new mutual aid agreement with the forest service.
3. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Brian McMillan, Dennis McGowan, Rod Butson, Mark Conroy, Eric Butson, and John Clark present.
4. New Radios are now in service.
5. Residential smoke/CO detector installs continue, if interested call 906-203-0621.
6. Turnout gear on order and expected by August.
7. Fishing derby raffle was successfully conducted and netted \$883.00
8. Fire Department will do a controlled burn at the cemetery.
9. Recertification needed for CPR that expires in April. Community may take this class too.
10. If interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
11. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve Fire Department report. Second by 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 since the last meeting.
2. The new EMS building in St Ignace will be turned over and operation to begin in April.
3. An open house will be scheduled this Spring to show off the new facility.
4. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the EMS report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

### Old Business:

1. All seats on the Township Board will be on the November ballot. Anyone interested in running for these seats must submit paperwork by as early as April 23.

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2. Township Compensation was discussed and a budget review scheduled for the April Board.
3. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to request a Sault Tribe 2% grant not to exceed \$10,000. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to request a Graymont grant for ice and water rescue gear. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to support a Trout Lake Historical Society Sault Tribe 2% grant request for tracking software to be used by the Society. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## New Business:

1. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve Resolution titled "Resolution Confirming Appointment of Member Representative to the Michigan Township Participating Plan" confirming David Blake-Thomas as Trout Lake Township representative. Seconded by Clerk Hillman. Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Treasurer Sindles 'yes', Trustee Simpson 'yes', Clerk Hillman 'yes', and Trustee Loomis 'yes'. All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to fill out and return the Letter of Support for Bay Mills Health Center. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize the creation of the Trout Lake Township (TLT) Park & Rec Advisory Committee. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to appoint TLT Park & Rec Advisory Committee members Laura Sindles and Laurey Simpson. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Supervisor Blake-Thomas nominated Crystal Schwesinger, Diana Simaz and Judy Umlor to be members of the TLT Park & Rec Advisory Committee. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to appoint Crystal, Diana, and Judy to the committee. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
6. The first meeting of the Trout Lake Township Park & Rec Advisory Committee March 20th at 1:30 pm.

## Public Comment:

1. Smoke detectors are being installed in the Townhall.

## Board Comments:

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Thanks to Clerk Hillman and the election workers for a job well done. Odawa conservation will be doing a walleye fish survey on Frenchman Lake. Sixty-five hundred fingerlings will be placed in Frenchman Lake. The recycling trailer is back but needs someone to haul it to the Sault periodically. Volunteers are needed although they will be compensated for the trip.

Clerk Hillman: A salad bar option was being considered for the Senior Lunch program but seems to lack interest.

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

Supervisor Blake-Thomas motioned to adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hillman  
Trout Lake Township Clerk