TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

PO Box 215 Trout Lake, MI 49793 906-569-3291(P) 906-569-3772 (F) Supervisor: David Blake-Thomas

Clerk: David Hillman Treasurer: Joseph Boudreau Trustee: Laura Simpson

Trustee: Laura Simpso Trustee: Gary Loomis

Township Board Meeting, January 11, 2022 Minutes

Attendance: 17

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 December 14, 2021 as written. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Public Comments:

- 1. Fourth of July fireworks scheduling is not yet confirmed for this year.
- 2. Budget stabilization fund does not have mandatory contributions.
- 3. Question about Molly Gibson Road plowing. Will be investigated with the Road Commission.
- 4. Seniors needing winter coats, gloves, hats can contact The Healing Loft at 906-569-1055.
- 5. Community Action Agency services include housing, emergency food, in-home senior services, house weatherization, early childhood programs, transportation and utility assistance. Brochure with contact numbers available at the hall or online at www.clmcaa.com

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

- 1. Detailed expense report dated January 5, 2022 for items totaling \$7,156.46
- 2. Clerk attended two meetings of the Chippewa County Road Commission.
- 3. Estimate from County Road engineer for extending the Wegwas road project to the boat launch is \$35,000 with \$5,000 option for heavy duty blacktop.
- 4. More investigation and planning needed for the H-40 section of road adjacent to the Mini Park repairs and drainage issues.
- 5. Ice Skating Rink area is open and ready for skating.
- 6. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to accept the Clerk report. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Treasure Report: Joseph Boudreau, Treasurer:

- 1. Financial report received dated December 31, 2021 total of all accounts \$588,329,55.
- 2. Winter tax collection is in process.
- 3. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the Treasurer Report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Assessor Report: Jessica McLean, Assessor No report this meeting

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

- 1. One run for the month of December 2021 with Sean Waybrant responding in the mini pumper
- 2. Fire department meeting called with Dave Sharp, Eric Butson, John Clark, and Dave Blake-Thomas present
- 3. NFIRS fire report entered for the month.
- 4. Received notice of a DNR 50/50 grant for a skid unit for the ranger. Total cost \$2000.
- 5. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to purchase a skid unit for the ranger not to exceed \$2100 subject to approval of the DNR grant. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.
- 6. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to purchase 10 rolls of 2 ½ inch hose for \$2126.72 with shipping. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.
- 7. Winter issue: Please clear address signs of limbs and debris
- 8. Call John Clark at 906-203-0621 if interested in joining the Fire Department.
- 9. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the Fire Chief Report. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.

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Ambulance Report:

- 1. Two ambulance runs to Trout Lake this month.
- 2. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to accept the Ambulance Report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.

Old Business:

- 1. Straits Area Snowmobile Club is reorganized and actively grooming the area snowmobile trails.
- 2. Operation of the Community Action Agency Senior Lunch program at the Trout Lake Townhall has begun. Serving on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday at Noon. All are welcome.

New Business:

- 1. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to approve the list of 2022 Board meeting times and dates. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.
- 2. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to accept the Some CPAs proposal to prepare and submit the FY2022 F65 Report Second Clerk Hillman: Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.
- 3. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson accept the proposal from KCI dated December 9, 2021 for Annual Notice of Assessment printing and mailing costs estimated at \$961.20 Second Clerk Hillman: Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.
- 4. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau for approval of new Fire Department member John Simaz Second Trustee Simpson. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**.
- 5. Board expressed support for a Winter Festival at the campground with activities such as a fishing derby, ice skating, groomer rides, cross country ski race, etc. on February 19, 2022. John Clark requests additional ideas for activities.
- 6. Discussion of converting the Christ Church into a Trout Lake Township Historical Society exhibit that could be managed by a group. Loretta Loomis, Jean Beaudoin and Laurie Simpson will assist in forming the organization.

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

Motion made by Treasurer Boudreau to adjourn. Second Trustee Loomis. Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:38 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hillman

Trout Lake Township Clerk