

TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

Township Board Meeting, April 9, 2024 Minutes

Attendance: 12

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 March 13, 2024 as written. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments: None

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated April 8, 2024 for items totaling \$5,720.97 was presented.
2. Attended one CCRC meeting. CCRC contribution for brine was changed from \$1000 to \$2000.
3. County Early Voting agreement modified to include Trout Lake for all state and federal elections in 2024/25. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize the clerk to sign the County EV agreement. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **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.**

Treasurer Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated March 31, 2024 with a total of \$564,286.94 was presented.
2. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. Zero runs for the month of March and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
2. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Brian McMillan, Dennis McGowan, Rod Butson, Mark Conroy, Eric Butson, and John Clark present.
3. 800 pagers waiting for approval from the county.
4. Residential smoke/CO detector installs continue, if interested call 906-203-0621.
5. Turnout gear on order with hood and boots received.
6. Fire Department will do a controlled burn at the cemetery.
7. CPR renewal class set for 13 April at 9:00 am at the fire hall. Community members welcome to participate in the training.
8. If interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
9. **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. Two ambulance runs 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 Simpson to accept the EMS report. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Park and Recreation Committee Report: Laurey Simpson, Chair

1. Held first organizational meeting was held March 20th at 1:30 pm
2. Next meeting is Monday 13 May 2024 at the townhall at 6:30 PM. Open to all interested.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve PR Committee report. Second by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

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Park Report: David Blake-Thomas, Park Manager

1. Park will open Monday May 13. New reservations for the 2024 season will be accepted starting Monday, April 29th, 2024 at 9:00 am. To make a reservation at that time please call (906) 569-3299.
2. Social events this year include, 4th of July, Last Stand Band night on the 20th of July, and Fall Fest.
3. Tentative close of 2024 season planned for second Monday in October.
4. Major project to reside the office building.
5. Plans, estimates and permit work needed to improve the boat launch.
6. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve Park report. Second by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Old Business:

1. The recycle trailer has been returned with a new plan. The recycle company will pay \$90 per trip to haul the full trailer to their site in the Soo and then return the empty trailer to Trout Lake. Volunteers needed.
2. Township wide trash pickup options have not been finalized as of this time.
3. Discussion of road improvements that are needed throughout the townships.
4. Tribe grant submitted for \$5000 to replace the florescent lights throughout the hall

New Business:

1. Hall needs repair to the rain gutters, heating system, outside facet plumbing,
2. Spring cleanup will happen in late May at the CCRC site. Watch for announced date and time.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to hire Bay Dust to apply road brine this year. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
4. FY25 Budget workshop scheduled for Thursday May 16 at 2:00 pm at the townhall.

Public Comment:

1. Frenchman Lake fish survey is underway. Planting of walleye fingerlings has been mentioned.
2. The Memorial day pig roast will be at 1 PM.

Board Comments:

Trustee Simpson: The new sign on the Fire Station is brilliant.

Clerk Hillman: Pickleball is being played at the Rudyard Middle school gym on Sunday at 1-3pm

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Fire Chief, John Clark is doing an outstanding job of submitting paperwork that qualifies Trout Lake for grants that have been received in the thousands of dollars.

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

Supervisor Blake-Thomas motioned to adjourned the meeting at 7:47 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hillman
Trout Lake Township Clerk