

TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

Township Board Meeting, August 8, 2023 Minutes

Attendance: 19

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 Loomis, Trustee Simpson, 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 July 11, 2023, as written. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Guest Speakers: Will Taborda and Kyle Dean, Global Data Group

1. Plans were presented to establish a server farm in Trout Lake. Sound measurements were described at various distances from the shipping containers. Many questions were answered.

Public Comments: None offered.

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated August 8, 2023 for items totaling \$23,064.58 was presented.
2. CCRC bi-weekly meeting was attended and the AEG fiber installation permits were obtained.
3. **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 July 31, 2023 with a total of \$ 595,047.95 was presented.
2. Summer taxes are being collected with treasurer office hours posted at the Post Office.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson 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. No runs for the month of June and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
2. Fire Department meeting with Dennis McGowan, Mark Conroy, David Blake-Thomas, Brian McMillan, and John Clark was present. Painted bay parking lines.
3. Mary Sharp, Peyton Clark and John Clark painted the pillars and park stops at the fire hall.
4. Chief Clark will attend a fire investigation class on the 10th in Roscommon.
5. Yellow caution tape, red danger tape, and restrictive paint were received.
6. Check the DNR website for open burning restrictions.
7. Fire Department hotdog concession at the cornhole tournament on the 19th and t-shirts for sale.
8. If interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
9. Graymont grant received \$24,500 for breathing pack units. More funding is being requested.
10. Demo of breathing pack units on August 23, 6 PM at the fire hall.
11. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the Fire Department report. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Straits Area EMS Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. A few ambulance calls to Trout Lake since the last meeting.
2. New St. Ignace ambulance building construction on track to finishing this year.
3. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to accept the EMS report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

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Park Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Cornhole tournament will be Saturday, August 12. Signup by 7pm Friday. Evening band at the Pavilion.
2. Labor Day weekend Saturday, September 2. A band in the Pavilion. Dunk tank in the afternoon.
3. Reservations this year are projected to be a record of over \$100,000 in revenue.
4. Playground concerns will be investigated.
5. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the park report. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business:

1. Highline internet installation activity has begun. Need permission to access poles on private property. Highline fiber internet \$200 connection fee being paid by the Township is still under consideration.
2. Chapel repairs will be completed this week.
3. A draft of a Township Noise Ordinance was discussed. Action on adoption of this ordinance was tabled.

New Business:

1. Nine days of in-person early voting for all precincts, including Trout Lake Township, signed into law after the voter-approved Michigan Constitution amendment can be hosted at the town hall or at another county location.

Public Comment: None offered.

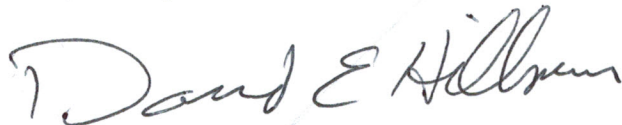
Board Comments:

Trustee Simpson: The Mini-Park looks great.

Motion made by Trustee Loomis 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 adjourn the meeting at 8:50 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman
Trout Lake Township Clerk