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Supervisor: David Blake-Thomas
Clerk: Gary L. Loomis
Treasurer: Melissa Ellis
Trustee: Laurey Simpson
Trustee: Susan Manshum

Township Board Meeting October 14, 2025

Attendance 13

The Trout Lake Township Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm By Supervisor Blake-Thomas. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Roll Call of the Board Members: Supervisor Blake-Thomas, Treasurer Ellis, Trustee Manshum, Trustee Simpson and Clerk Loomis were present, there was a quorum. Trustee Manshum made a **Motion**, seconded by Trustee Simpson, to approve the September 9, 2025 Board Meeting minutes as written. **Motion** was **Approved** by voice vote.

Public Comments: Mary Fischer-Sharp Ask if the Township would pay for the trees removed from the Mini Park. Trustee Simpson made a **Motion**, seconded by Clerk Loomis to pay \$800.00 for the tree removal. The **Motion** was **Approved** by voice vote.

Clerk's Report: Gary L. Loomis, Clerk

1. October 2025 Expense Report totaling \$41,856.91 was presented with major expenditures of the storage container, park electrical repairs and stump grinding being noted.
2. **Motion** was made by Treasurer Ellis, seconded by Trustee Simpson to approve the Clerks report. **Motion** was **Approved** by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Ellis, Treasurer

1. Total of all Township Accounts was \$562,949.41 as of 9/30/2025.
2. Treasure Ellis will continue to take tax payments (including late interest) until February.

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. One run for the month. A power line causing ½ to ¾ acre fire on East Lake Rd.
2. The Nfirs report was done for the month and it will soon be replaced by a new NERIS system. Chief Clark has been participating in webinars for the new system.
3. There will be a Fire 1 & 2 course starting in Mackinaw County this December. Contact Chief Clark for additional information.
4. The Fire Department CPR/AED recertification is in the process of being scheduled.

Campground Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. The Campground closes October 13, 2025 with \$95,000 in earned revenue.
2. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas, seconded by Clerk Loomis to pay an "end of season" park staff bonus of 20% to Crystal Schwesinger and 10% to Amanda Vaughn. **Motion** was **Approved** by voice vote.
3. A total of 70 trees were planted in the campground with 5 more to be added in the spring.
4. The storage container has been delivered, is very functional and it looks great.
5. Four electrical stanchions failed and were replaced at a cost of \$2079.
6. Our 4th quarter water test failed for coliform bacteria. After a retest failed at 3 additional locations and consulting with the County Health Department it was decided that it would be more practical to take corrective action in the spring. The Bath House counter tops, sinks, water storage tanks, hot water heater

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and all connecting plumbing needs upgraded due to age and **condition**. This will be a major expense for the park. This project is at the top of the list of projects to **complete**.

7. The park is also in need of a new zero turn lawn mower, new **playground** equipment and playground topping cover material.
8. The Electrical Equipment that supports the entire campground is **extremely** old and is in dire need of replacing which will also be at very high cost.

Park & Recreation Committee Report:

1. The Potluck Dinner November 12, 2025 has been cancelled. Dinners will begin again after the first of the year.

Old Business:

1. Flu/Covid Vaccine Clinic is October 30, 2025 from 1pm – 3pm.
2. Michigan Secretary of State Mobile Unit is here November 18, 2025 from 11am – 1pm.
3. The Data Center Ordinance is now in effect. A copy of the ordinance was given to the developers proposing a Data Center in Trout Lake.
4. The 2026 Elections require 9 days of early in person voting. Clerk Loomis made a **Motion**, seconded by Treasurer Ellis to allow Trout Lake Township to enter into a municipal agreement with other Townships in Chippewa County to hold the 9 days of early in person voting in one location. The **Motion** was **Approved** by voice vote. Additional information will be announced at a later date.

New Business:

1. The topic of “Wellbeing Checks” was presented by Supervisor Blake-Thomas citing that we as a community need to be more concerned about the wellbeing of our people. With winter approaching the possibility of severe weather brings increased risks especially to our elderly. There is a need to create better Township communication, concern and follow up with respect to the needy. Clerk Loomis stated that he would schedule a meeting of the group that in 2021 developed the emergency warming center for Trout Lake Township to discuss how we can implement a better way of communicating. More information to follow.

Additional Public Comments: Maggy Lundy ask if anything had been done at Straits EMS to have Oxygen tanks filled during power outages. Supervisor Blake-Thomas said he had found out that it would be very difficult to create service due to regulations concerning the process.

Pay Bills: Clerk Loomis made a **Motion**, seconded by Treasurer Ellis to pay the bills. **Motion** was **Approved** by voice vote.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas adjourned the meeting at 7:37 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Gary L. Loomis
Trout Lake Township Clerk

October 15, 2025

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