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

Township Board Meeting March 12, 2025, Minutes

Attendance: 8

The meeting at the Hall 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 and Clerk Loomis were present, Trustee Simpson was absent. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve the minutes of February 11, 2025, Board Meeting as written. The Motion was seconded by Treasurer Ellis and **approved** by voice vote of the Board Members.

Public Comments: Mary Fischer-Sharp stated that the Fishing Derby was a success with \$2000 turned over to the township. Fireworks are scheduled for Saturday July 5, 2025.

Steve Baer owner of East Lake Resort requested that the Twp Board help with getting the Chippewa County Road Commission to repair 2 miles of East Lake Rd located in Trout Lake Twp just south of H40. Supervisor Blake-Thomas said that he would check into the situation.

Clerk's Report: Gary L. Loomis, Clerk

1. The March Expense Report Totaling \$12,467.58 was presented citing that there were no major or unusual items listed.

Treasurer's Report: Melissa Ellis, Treasurer

1. The All-Accounts Report dated March 12, 2025, was presented with a total of \$924,945.40.
2. Treasurer Ellis is in the process of settling our tax roll collections with Chippewa County.

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. No runs for the month.
2. NFIRS report done for the month.
3. Fire Department meeting was called, John Clark, Dennis McGowan, Mark Conroy, Crystal Schwesinger, Dave Sharp, Mike Foster and Brian McMillan attended.
4. MES has purchased West Shore Fire and MES will be Testing the new SCBA's in June 2025.
5. Twelve (12) charger bases were delivered from Ray's Pager Sales at a cost of \$1020.
6. A new utility box was purchased for the ice rescue equipment trailer at a cost of \$329.
7. Smoke/CO Detectors are available. Contact John Clark at (906) 203-0621.

Parks and Recreation Committee Report:

1. The Committee's activities have received good participation and responses from the community.
2. More ideas for activities have been submitted such as movie nights, craft nights as well as Mother's and Father's Day events are a few.
3. Upcoming Events include a pot- luck dinner March 19th at 5:30 pm at the Township Hall and Josh Neyer is preparing tech Information for April 9. Better event communications are being worked on.

Old Business:

1. **Motions** were made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas and seconded by Clerk Loomis regarding five (5) resolutions to increase Officer's salaries as follows: Clerk \$775/month, Treasurer \$775/month, Supervisor \$725/month and Trustee's \$100/meeting. A roll call vote for each resolution followed: Trustee Manshum "Yea", Treasurer Ellis "Yea", Supervisor Blake-Thomas "Yea", Clerk Loomis "Yea" and Trustee Simpson was Absent. No "Nay" votes. **All five (5) Resolutions were passed.**
2. Clerk Loomis offered to the Board his thoughts concerning the Fire Chief's and Asst Fire Chief's compensation. He suggested that the Board raise the Fire Chief's Salary from \$150/month to \$250/month and remove the current fire run payment of \$25. He also suggested that the Board should establish a salary of \$60/month for the Asst Fire Chief and continue the \$25 run fee for that position. Both positions would be eligible for the incentive payouts. Supervisor Blake-Thomas made a **motion**, seconded by Treasurer Ellis, for a resolution to increase the salary for the Fire Chief to \$250/month. A **motion was** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas and seconded by Clerk Loomis for a resolution to establish a salary for the Asst Fire Chief at \$60/month. A Roll Call vote followed: Trustee Manshum "Yea", Treasurer Ellis "Yea", Supervisor Blake-Thomas "Yea", Clerk Loomis "Yea" and Trustee Simpson was absent. No "Nay" votes. **Both Resolutions passed.**

New Business:

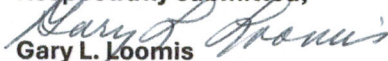
1. Spring Cleanup Date: May 17, 2025
2. Sault Tribe and Graymont Grant requests
 - a. Sault Tribe: Request \$10,000 for a Smart Board Screen for the Township Hall and Orv Trail maintenance. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas, seconded by Treasurer Ellis, to write the grant as stated, voice vote all "Yea and no "Nay" **motion passed.**
 - b. Graymont: Request \$25,000 to work with the DNR to develop a Trail Head in Trout Lake. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas, seconded by Trustee Manshum, to write the grant as stated, voice vote all "Yea and no "Nay" **motion passed.**
3. Fire Chief Clark presented a request to increase the fees charged per truck per fire run. The existing fees which were put in place in 2007 are low and do not include our new additional equipment. A **motion** was made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas, seconded by Trustee Manshum, to adopt the increased fees. Voice vote all "Yea" and no "Nay". **Motion Passed.** Fees are now, Pumper \$600, Tanker \$550, Pumper with foam \$650, Extrication Truck \$650, Brush Truck \$500, Polaris & toboggan \$500, Argo water rescue \$700. The active fire scene charge will remain at \$150 per hour.
4. CLMCD Tree Planting Project presentation will be held at 5:00 pm on April 8, 2025, prior to the Township Board Meeting.

Additional Public Comments: None

Board Comments: None

Supervisor Blake-Thomas made a **motion** seconded by Treasurer Ellis to adjourn the meeting at 7:32pm, voice vote all "Yea" and no "Nay", Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,


Gary L. Loomis

Trout Lake Township Clerk

March 12 2025

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