

TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

Township Board Meeting, June 14, 2022 Minutes

Attendance: 19

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 Trustee Loomis to approve the general meeting minutes May 10, 2022 as written. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

1. Ice skating rink was a success this year and there is a plan to set it up again next year.
2. Helen Newberry Joy Hospital new clinic in Eckerman. Presentation introducing the new facility that will be open Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 9 am to 4 pm with an emphasis on family preventative care.
3. The road in front of the mini-park repair did not happen in conjunction with the Wegwas project.

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated June 13, 2022 for items totaling \$87,375.23 was presented.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the Clerk report. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasure Report: Joseph Boudreau, Treasurer

1. Summer 2022 Tax bills will be delivered by July 1st.
2. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to approve the Treasurer report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. One run for the month of May 2022 with Rod Butson and Dave Sharp responding.
2. Fire Department meeting Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, Sean Waybrandt, Laken Waybrandt, and John Clark. Also present John Simaz and Dave Blake-Thomas. Pumper Operations and setup of drafting operations reviewed.
3. DNR Fire Assistance Grant submitted for new water backpacks.
4. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
5. Funds for Independence Day parade candy requested.
6. Smart battery maintainer for the mini-pumper replacement is needed.
7. Reminder to check the DNR web site for burn advisory as fire risk is high
8. If interested in joining the Fire Department call John Clark 906-203-0621 for an application.
9. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve the expenditure of up to \$1200 for the Fire Department to purchase items for the new truck including drop hitch, graphics lettering, 2 battery tenders, installation of radio. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
10. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to approve the advance of \$150 to the Fire Department for parade candy. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
11. Two applicants have applied to join the Fire Department.
12. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the Fire Chief report. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Park Report:

1. Gary Loomis, Lorretta Loomis, Al English, Dave Hillman, Crystal Schwesinger, Alan Schlehuber, and Dave Blake-Thomas constructed 31 new picnic. This volunteer work saved the Township \$6000 and will be appreciated by the campers.
2. New partitions have been installed in the bath house restrooms with volunteer labor.
3. The boat launch has been dredged and is ready for use.

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4. The ball field fence that was damaged by a falling tree was fixed by volunteers Stan Ellis, Crystal Schwesinger, Al Schlehuber.
5. The July ball tournament is planned with camping near the field for participants by invitation only.
6. Campground attendance is good but below last year. The 4th weekend is completely booked.
7. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to approve the Park and Recreation report. Second Supervisor Blake-Thomas Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business:

1. Ambulance building roof repair. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize the Supervisor to accept either the Up North Roofing Inc proposal of \$14,420 or the White Pine Builders proposal of \$15,360 based on which one can commit to the earliest completion date. Second Clerk Hillman Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:

1. Chippewa County Assessor agreement for assessor of last resort. Motion by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize the Supervisor to sign the agreement on behalf of the Trout Lake Township. Second Clerk Hillman. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Member Comments:

Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. July Board of Review will be on Tuesday July 19th at the Township Hall beginning at 10 am.
2. The new fire pickup truck has arrived and was available for inspection.
3. Road brining of the Township roads will be completed on Wednesday June 22nd.
4. Historical Society will be meeting Thursday June 16th at the Christ Church.

Clerk Hillman

1. The Deputy Clerk position has been assigned to Laura Sindles. Thanks to Stephanie Clark for her service over the last nine months.
2. EUPconnect Collaborative's Community Liaison Mariah Goos is coordinating with the all townships to advance their goal of bringing broadband to all 911 addresses in the Tri-county area. Step one is to conduct an interest survey. Trout Lakes previous response to a broadband survey will be compared to the new results. Please participate to help
3. Pickleball equipment for use in the townhall parking lot has been acquired. Layout of the court is in the area next to the hall. Painted lines will be applied soon.

Treasurer Boudreau

1. Spring cleanup was successful but a review of the process would be helpful to keep costs down.
2. Park reservation rates review may be on a future board agenda for discussion.
3. Recycle trailer located in the Townhall parking lot will be removed from June 30 to July 5.

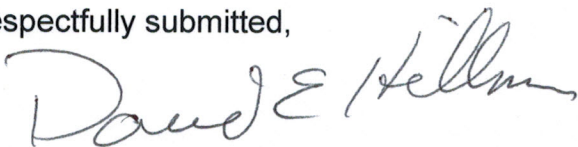
Trustee Loomis

1. Questioned the fuel surcharge on the trash bill as being excessively high.
2. The townhall floors are schedule to be professionally waxed this summer.

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

Motion made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to adjourn. Second Treasurer Boudreau. Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman

Trout Lake Township Clerk