

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, January 9, 2024 Minutes

Attendance: 9

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 December 12, 2023, 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 January 9, 2024 for items totaling \$10,418.55 was presented.
2. Attended one CCRC meeting.
3. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to accept the Clerk's report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasure Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated December 31, 2023 with a total of \$548,882.34 was presented.
2. Winter taxes are being accepted in person. Office hours Feb 29 9am-5pm
3. CLASS investment funds may be of interest for the township.
4. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson 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 December and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
2. Fire Department meeting with Mark Conroy, Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, Brian McMillan, John Clark, and Dave Blake-Thomas present. New SCBA gear was placed on the trucks.
3. SCBA in service training completed and the units are ready for use.
4. Received the hose and adapter for filling the SCBA tanks.
5. Grant for the turnout gear is proceeding.
6. Radios may be ready for use soon. Chargers and antennas will be delivered.
7. Check the DNR website for open burning restrictions.
8. Investigation into adding smoke detector capability to the Simply Safe system.
9. If interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
10. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the Fire Department report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Straits Area EMS Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Two ambulance calls to Trout Lake since the last meeting.
2. EMS finished in good financial health with 1280 events logged in 2023.
3. The new EMS building may begin operation in early February.
4. Replacement of oldest ambulance is scheduled for 2024.
5. Supervisor Blake-Thomas completed a 16 hour International Trauma and Life saving class.

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6. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to approve Resolution Number 2024-01, titled "Resolution to Approve the Dissolution of the St. Ignace Area EMS Council and Other Matters". Seconded by Trustee Loomis Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Treasurer Sindles 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes', Trustee Simpson 'yes', and Clerk Hillman 'yes' All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
7. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the EMS report. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Old Business:

1. Walking and Yoga Class will begin Monday January 15 at 6:00-8:00 pm and continue Wednesday and Thursday nights at the same time. Open to all with a requested donation to help cover expenses of this activity. Indoor shoes recommended.

New Business:

1. Schedule of 2024 Township Board meetings presented. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the proposed schedule. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
2. A list of Board member activities and responsibilities was presented in preparation for a discussion at the February Board meeting with adjustment of Board Compensation up for review.
3. Election inspector/Board of Review Member compensation change recommendation. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to revise the compensation for Election Inspectors and Board of Review members to \$15 per hour and Election Chairperson to \$17.50 per hour. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles. Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Treasurer Sindles 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes', Trustee Simpson 'yes', and Clerk Hillman 'yes' All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Public Comment: None

Board Comments:

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Highline will make connections to the already installed cabinets yet this winter. Highline representatives are offering connection at a discount.

Clerk Hillman: Rink ice will start on January 15 and should be ready to skate on by the end of that week.

Motion made by Trustee Simpson 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 7:30PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman
Trout Lake Township Clerk