

# 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, November 14, 2023 Minutes

Attendance: 16

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 October 10, 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 November 14, 2023 for items totaling \$26,429.13 was presented.
2. Attended two CCRC bi-weekly meetings.
3. Attended Escanaba Early Voting (EV) training session.
4. Attended Early Voting in Marquette on November Marquette City ballot pilot project.
5. FOIA request received and response completed.
6. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis 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 October 31, 2023 with a total of \$492,743.00 was presented.
2. Winter tax bills that will be mailed out December 1<sup>st</sup> will not have the Townhall debt millage applied as the debt has been paid in full.
3. **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 October and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
2. Fire Department meeting with Mark Conroy, Dave Sharp, Rod Butson, Dennis McGowan, Brian McMillan, David Blake-Thomas, and John Clark present.
3. John attended the EUP Fire Association meeting in Bay Mills.
4. Installing smoke detectors at township residences. Need a detector in your house call 906-203-0621.
5. Year end points Mark Conroy 30, Dave Sharp 32, Rod Butson 16, Dennis McGowan 30, Eric Butson 6, Brian McMillan 14, John Simaz 0, Ron Gatchel 0, and John Clark 35 present.
6. DNR grant for Mark Conroy's turnout gear is anticipated to be awarded this month.
7. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve the Firefighter Participation Incentive Plan payments as listed in the Fire Chief's annual report to be paid by December 15, 2023. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
8. 800 MHz radios will be programmed and placed into service.
9. Check the DNR website for open burning restrictions.
10. If interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
11. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to accept the Fire Department report. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Straits Area EMS Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Three ambulance calls to Trout Lake since the last meeting.
2. St. Ignace ambulance building will be opened by early 2024.
3. EMS Board approved the 2 Mil levy for 2024 due to building costs related to finance arrangements.
4. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to accept the EMS report. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**



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## Park Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Park Closed on Saturday November 10.
2. Over 5000 site rentals with a revenue of almost \$103,000. Most successful season ever.
3. Positive feedback from participants of the Fall Fest, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Cornhole Tournament.
4. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve a one-time bonus to Al and Crystal of 20% for all hours worked in 2023. Second by Treasurer Sindles. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Upcoming project: re-siding of the park office will be postponed until the spring.
6. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to accept the park report. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## Old Business:

1. Flu Shot Clinic served 42 at the Township Hall. Chippewa County Health Department was pleased with the turnout.
2. Trout Lake Township board positions of Supervisor, Treasurer, Clerk, and Trustee will be on the November 2023 ballot. The deadline for candidates to submit paperwork for the August primary is April 23, 2024. July 18, 2023 is the deadline for candidates without political party affiliation to file paperwork for the November Election. Application paperwork and assistance to apply will be available upon request.

## New Business:

1. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve Simaz Land Division Resolution 2023-06. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. December Board of Review will be at the Townhall on Tuesday December 12 at 5:30 pm.

## Public Comment:

1. Questions about the cyber facility progress were discussed

## Board Comments:

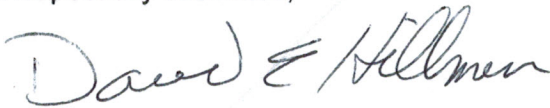
Clerk Hillman: Thank you to Al and Crystal for a fine job of providing park management services this year.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas. Condolences to Clark family on the passing of Stefanie's father.

**Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to pay the bills as submitted by Clerk Hillman. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles. The motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance with a voice vote.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas motioned to adjourned the meeting at 6:55PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman  
Trout Lake Township Clerk