

TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

Township Board Meeting, January 10, 2023 Minutes

Attendance: 11

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 Supervisor Blake-Thomas, Treasurer Sindles, Trustee Simpson and Clerk Hillman present, Trustee Loomis absent. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

1. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the general meeting minutes December 13, 2022. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

1. Fishing Tournament will be February 18, 2023 at the Township Park.

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated January 10, 2023 for items totaling \$9,405.25 was presented.
2. Diana Simaz was appointed Deputy Clerk.
3. Attended CCRC meetings.
4. Quickbooks subscription changed to a single license with payroll transferred to local support.
5. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the Clerk report. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasure Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated December 31, 2022 with a total of \$529,765.43 was presented.
2. Winter Taxes due February 14th, all unpaid taxes transfer to Chippewa County March 1st for collection, Treasurer Hours Tue/Wed/Thu 9 am to 2 pm, February 14th and February 28th 9 am to 5 pm
3. Special thank you to Jessica, Assessor for help with the Treasurer duties.
4. **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 c/o Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. No runs for the month of December.
2. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
3. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, Mark Conroy, and John Clark present.
4. DNR Grant approved for 50/50 match for new wildland water backpacks which will cost \$2190
5. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to purchase wildland water backpacks subject to DNR Grant Second Clerk Hillman Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
6. Mark Conroy is attending Fire 1 and 2 class in Kinross started January 9th and ending in May
7. Estimate for 28 foot custom trailer from Gaylor-Thompson to carry the Ranger with the Rescue Boggan connected allowing single person launch and recovery. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to purchase \$8314 custom trailer. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
8. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to amend the Fire Department equipment budget by increasing it by \$7500 to allow for new equipment purchases. Second Clerk Hillman Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
9. If interested in joining the Fire Department please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
10. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the Fire Department report. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ambulance Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. One ambulance run to Trout Lake this last month.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the ambulance report. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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New Business:

1. Received Sault Ste Marie Band of Chippewa Indians \$5000 Grant for renovations of the Park bathhouse showers.
2. KCI quote for printing and mailing Assessment Notices presented. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to accept the KCI proposal 224225 dated January 5, 2023. Second Treasurer Sindles. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Regular Board Meeting Dates for 2023 set for second Tuesday of each month at 6:30 pm at the Township Hall. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to accept the proposed list of regular Township Board meeting dates. Second Trustee Simpson. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
4. Contract for 2022-2023 full audit from Schultz Oswald Miller & Edwards dated January 7, 2023 **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve signing the full audit contract. Second Clerk Hillman. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Public Comment: None

Board Comments:

Trustee Simpson: Mini-Park decorations are down.

Clerk Hillman: Ice rink will be set up as the weather allows. Pickleball continues on Sunday at Rudyard Elementary School gymnasium. Check Trout Lake Connect for times and dates.

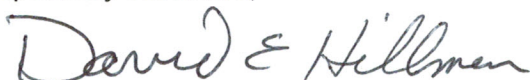
Treasurer Sindles: Thank you all for the support in the new responsibilities.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Welcome to Treasurer Sindles. Plans for an ORV jamboree May 19-20th sponsored by St Ignace Visitors Bureau/Trout Lake Trail Riders to include a Trout Lake event that may contain live music and a meal for a large group of participants. Volunteers to help with guiding trail rides and hosting the Trout Lake event are requested.

Motion made by Trustee Simpson to pay the bills as submitted by Clerk Hillman. Second Treasurer Sindles Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance with a voice vote.

Motion made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to adjourn. Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman

Trout Lake Township Clerk