

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

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## Township Board Meeting, May 9, 2023 Minutes

Attendance: 10

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 Loomis, Trustee Simpson, and Clerk Hillman present. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

1. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the general meeting minutes April 11, 2023. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Public Comments:

1. Pride Committee: Pig roast was cancelled, fireworks for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration has been ordered

### Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated May 8, 2023 for items totaling \$13,387.49 as amended to delete duplicate streetlight entry.
2. Chippewa County Road Commission reported on road brine legislature pending that could affect the township.
3. FOIA request for 2020 election information was received.
4. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to approve the Clerk report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Treasure Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated April 30, 2023 with a total of \$ 497,799.79 was presented.
2. Summer tax season preparation underway.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis 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. No runs for the month of April and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
2. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Rod Butson, David Blake-Thomas, and John Clark present.
3. New backpacks filled with water. Skid unit in the truck.
4. Motorola 800 MHz radio tuning complete, Kenwood 800 radios need new antennas \$45.58 for eight.
5. DNR inspection completed and old truck returned.
6. Check the DNR website for open burning restrictions.
7. If interested in joining the Fire Department please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
8. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve purchase of Kenwood radio antennas. Second Clerk Hillman Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

### Park Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Project for shower renovation is partially completed and remainder pending parts availability. Four of six shower stalls now have functioning temperature controls.
2. Park will open May 15<sup>th</sup> with reservations currently totaling 2800 nights already booked. Last year we were at 4000 nights for the whole summer.
3. Narcan drug overdose spray could be secured through the Health Department for use at the hall, park, or by Fire Department. The AED will be moved from the gas station to the park for the summer.
4. Request for refund of a 2023 reservation. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to remanded the request to the Supervisor for adjudication. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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## Straits Area EMS Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Two ambulance calls to Trout Lake since the last meeting.
2. New St. Ignace ambulance building construction will begin this month. Funding of the building was facilitated by a loan from Mackinac County. The building permit has been issued.

## Old Business:

1. Spring clean-up is set for Saturday May 20<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm
2. Special Meeting to review the FY2024 Trout Lake Township budget is set for 3:00 pm at the Township Hall on Tuesday May 23, 2023.

## New Business:

1. The future of the billboard in the Mini-park was discussed. All action deferred.
2. Street sign replacement was quoted by CCRC at \$5000 for the township. No immediate action.
3. Town youth requested the ground under the basketball backboard be leveled so the ball stays on the court. A four-square play surface was also mentioned.

## Public Comment:

1. An option for tire disposal was requested.
2. The DNR will conduct a controlled burn on Dick Road and Lone-Pine Road the week-end of 20 May.

## Board Comments:

Trustee Simpson: Be careful with wild fires.

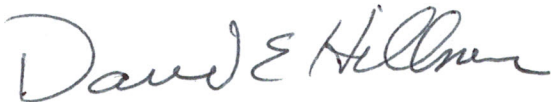
Clerk Hillman: Pickleball on Monday and Wednesday is proposed for this summer at the township hall.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Thank you to MaryLou Karacson for setting up and maintaining the township hall and fire department mini-libraries. Trout Lake Trail Riders have cleared brush, signed, and will grade the ORV trails in the Trout Lake area 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 Trustee Loomis Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman  
Trout Lake Township Clerk