

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, November 9, 2022 Minutes

Attendance: 16

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

1. October 11, 2022 minutes were amended to change Trout Lake EMS services to Straits Area EMS services and to add a statement concerning the cement and asphalt transition in hall entry. Motion by Trustee Simpson to approve the general meeting minutes October 11, 2022 as amended. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

1. Northern Transitions presentation on the recycle trailer. Clean all recycling, no cardboard or trash, remove and discard all lids, lids smaller than a peanut butter jar lid should be placed in the trash.
2. Rumor that Frenchman's Lake has been stocked by the DNR with Walleye.
3. Question about GFL providing recycling services to Trout Lake and they do not.

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated November 9, 2022 for items totaling \$19,694.15 was presented.
2. Two FOIA requests were sent responses. TWG Summer tax roll report and 11/8/2022 AV report.
3. Attended one Chippewa County Road Commission meeting. Invoice for "Buck Saw Alley" sign will be challenged.
4. North Country Power Generation bill will need more documentation before payment. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to contact the company and get details on the service before payment. Second Clerk Hillman Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Elections concluded thanks to the services of Deb Newland, Patrice Roe, Laura Sindles, Laurie Simpson, Walter Tweedie, Sandra Carruthers, and meals provided by Annie Hillman.
6. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau 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. Bank balance report dated November 9, 2022 with a total of \$495,378.34 was presented.
2. Summer payments arriving and Winter tax bills will be prepared and mailed soon.
3. Hall additional payment is pending. Supervisor Blake-Thomas will facilitate processing the payment.
4. Fire Department bank account was closed and all funds transferred into the General account.
5. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to approve the Treasurer report. Second Trustee Loomis 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 October. Mutual aid call didn't have sufficient responders to proceed.
2. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
3. Mandatory Fire Department meeting to view PFAS video. Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, Mark Conroy, John Simaz, Dave Blake-Thomas, John Clark present. Rod and Eric Butson, Sean and Laken Waybrant absent.
4. Step bars from LineX installed on the pickup.
5. Check the DNR website for burning restrictions. Keep all address markers visible on your property.
6. Fire Chief attended the EUP Fire Association meeting in Rudyard.
7. Fire department merchandise is being considered for a fundraiser.
8. Brush pile in the cemetery will be burned this fall.
9. If interested in joining the Fire Department please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
10. Truck outside the buildings belongs to DNR and will be moved to new owners at their direction.

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11. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the Fire Chief report. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ambulance Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Two ambulance runs to Trout Lake this last month.
2. Straits Area EMS millage proposal on the November 8 ballot passed and will provide funds to support Trout Lake with EMS services into the future.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the ambulance report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business:

1. None

New Business:

1. Second week of December may have a Board of Review meeting if necessary.
2. Snow Plowing: **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize entering into a contract with Mark Beaudoin Excavation at a rate not to exceed \$90 per plowing of the Townhall and Fire Hall combined. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Townhall road sign display management will be assigned to Trustee Loomis.
4. Recycle trailer management will be assigned to Supervisor Blake-Thomas.

Board Comments:

Trustee Simpson: Election challengers pointed out that no "Vote Here" sign was posted.

Trustee Loomis: Rachael benefit event will be on Sunday 13 November at the Townhall

Clerk Hillman: Thanks to everyone for not abusing the park dumpsters that are out of service until spring.

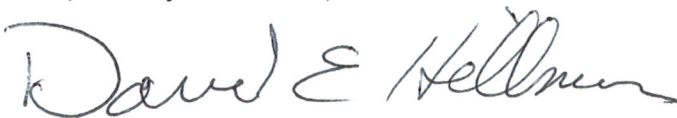
Treasurer Boudreau: Upcoming electronic and tire recycle opportunities will be posted. Be careful when changing the Township Hall roadside message board.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Posting on Cloverland Electric poles has been removed.

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

Motion made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to adjourn. Second Trustee Simpson. Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:51 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman

Trout Lake Township Clerk