

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, February 14, 2023 Minutes

Attendance: 9

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 January 10, 2023. Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments: None

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated February 14, 2023 for items totaling \$7,654.63 was presented.
2. Attended CCRC meetings.
3. **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 January 31, 2023 with a total of \$ 700,197.07 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 28th 9 am to 5 pm
3. **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

1. Three runs for the month of January.
2. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
3. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, Mark Conroy, David Blake-Thomas and John Clark present.
4. Fire Chief attended the EUP Fire association meeting on Jan 26th.
5. Application for a new volunteer is under consideration.
6. Mark Conroy is attending Fire 1 and 2 class and doing well.
7. Fishing Tournament will be February 18, 2023 at the Township Park.
8. If interested in joining the Fire Department please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
9. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize the Fire Chief to manage Fire Department Billing Second Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
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. Two ambulance runs to Trout Lake this last month.
2. Ambulance station bids received were all higher than anticipated. A spring ground-breaking is hopeful.
3. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to approve the ambulance report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business:

1. Mini-library at the Townhall needs donations to purchase the furniture.

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New Business:

1. March Board of Review dates are set: Organization meeting Tuesday March 7th, Public Review times Monday March 13th from 10 am to 5 pm and Wednesday March 15th from 4 pm to 9 pm.
2. Trout Lake 1 GB fiber internet install is scheduled for 2023 work to begin. Not too late to order service.
3. A communication public meeting for high-speed internet service will be scheduled with Highline providing information about the service and schedule of installation. Watch for announcements of meeting times.
4. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize the Supervisor to sign and submit an open letter of support for Highline's grant application to serve Trout Lake Township Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment:

1. Ice rink next to the townhall looks good so far

Board Comments:

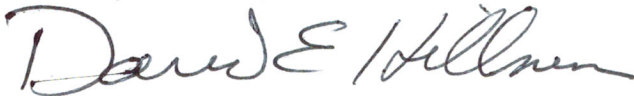
Clerk Hillman: Ice rink is ready with a few skaters already. Pickleball continues on Sunday at Rudyard Elementary School gymnasium. Check Trout Lake Connect for times and dates.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Thanks to Dave for effort to get the rink ready in spite of the weather.

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