

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, September 12, 2023 Minutes

Attendance: 15

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 August 8, 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 September 12, 2023 for items totaling \$27,942.41 was presented.
2. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to accept the Clerk's expense report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
3. CCRC bi-weekly meeting was attended.
4. Plan for the presidential primary Early Voting (EV) submitted to the Chippewa County Clerk tentatively scheduled for 2/17 thru 2/25/2024. Nine days of in-person EV will be at the Trout Lake Townhall.
5. **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 August 31, 2023 with a total of \$563,098.66 was presented.
2. Summer taxes collection office hours will end September 14.
3. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Trustee Loomis 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 August and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
2. Fire Department meeting with Mark Conroy, Dave Sharp, and John Clark present.
3. Fit testing of the SCBA tanks, Dave Sharp, Mark Conroy, Dennis McGowan, John Clark, and David Blake-Thomas.
4. Grants received for SCBA equipment: Graymont \$24,500 and MI Fire Grant \$5,000
5. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas approval to purchase four Air-Pak X3 Pro SCBA units for \$36,360. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
6. Chief Clark attended a fire investigation class.
7. Three Fire Department applications given to prospective firefighters.
8. Check the DNR website for open burning restrictions.
9. If interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
10. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the Fire Department report. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Straits Area EMS Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Two ambulance calls to Trout Lake since the last meeting.
2. Construction of the new St. Ignace ambulance building continues.
3. Mileage request is expected to be the maximum for this year due to funding the new building.
4. Anticipation of a new ambulance for next year with funding request to US Senate pending.
5. **Motion** by Treasurer Sindles to accept the EMS report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

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Park Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Fall Fest will be September 6th and 7th. Planned activities include movie night, costume contest, trick-or-treat (4pm to 6pm with park roads closed for safety), and evening band at the Pavilion.
2. Park may remain open into November by request to accommodate internet installation crew.
3. Reservations this year are projected to be a record close to \$100,000 in revenue.
4. Upcoming project: re-siding of the park office.
5. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the park report. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business:

New Business:

1. Highline Metro Act Mandatory Permit Agreement. Motion by Treasurer Sindles to sign the agreement and deposit the \$500 fee. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to contract with Mark's Excavating for snow plowing at the same rate as last year. Seconded by Clerk Hillman Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve prebuying 2500 gallon of propane at \$1.699 / gal. from Shute Oil and Propane Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to amend the FY2024 budget for Accounts 101-000-675 (\$40519.40) Graymont, State of MI, Tribe Grants, 101-000-683 (\$2500) reduced, 101-101-700 (\$45,226) Historical Society Grant, 101-261-700(\$32,055) Chapel repairs and tree removal, and 101-300-700 (\$69229) SCBA and radio programing. Seconded by Trustee Loomis, Roll call vote: Clerk Hillman 'yes', Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Treasurer Sindles 'yes', Trustee Simpson 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes'. All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment:

1. The requested land split has been finalized by the assessor.
2. Pie social hosted by the Trout Lake Women's Club was successful and raised scholarship funds.
3. Fire Chief Clark announced that free smoke detectors are available for home installation.

Board Comments:

Trustee Simpson: State government seeking to control the placement of solar/ wind energy projects

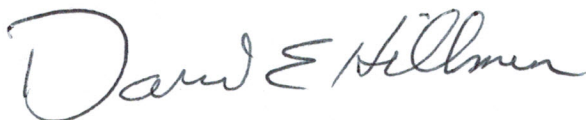
Clerk Hillman: Free well water testing and a septic system webinar September 18 hosted by EGLE.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: John and Jean (Squeek) VanDyke will not be returning to their Wegwaas home in Trout Lake but will be moving to accommodations near their son in lower Michigan. Wishing them the best.

Motion made Trustee Loomis 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 7:36 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman

Trout Lake Township Clerk