

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

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## Township Board Meeting, December 12, 2023 Minutes

Attendance: 13

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 November 14, 2023, as written. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Public Comments:

1. Trout Lake Pride holiday giveaway signup is at the Trout Lake Corner Store.
2. Thanks to the Pride Committee for the beautifully decorated Mini-Park.

### Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated December 11, 2023 for items totaling \$14,361.86 was presented.
2. Attended one CCRC meeting.
3. Township hall camera/recorder were updated to high resolution and directed at the election dropbox.
4. February Presidential Primary requires a ballot selection indicated on the Absent Voter application.
5. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to accept the Clerk's report. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Treasure Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated November 30, 2023 with a total of \$470,600.91 was presented.
2. Winter taxes are being accepted in person. Office hours December 28 and Feb 29 9am-5pm
3. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to accept the Treasurer's report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. One run for the month of November and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
2. Fire Department meeting with Mark Conroy, Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, and John Clark present. Tracks were placed on the Ranger.
3. Radios are being programmed and will be in service soon.
4. Installing smoke detectors at township residences. Need a detector call 906-203-0621.
5. Dafter donated set of jaws complete with jaws, cutters, ram, hoses, and a pump. Thank you.
6. Training on the SCBA units will be on December 29 at 6pm at the Township Hall.
7. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to purchase adapter, hose, and fittings to fill the SCBA units, approximately \$200. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
8. Check the DNR website for open burning restrictions.
9. If interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact John Clark 906-203-0621,

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## Straits Area EMS Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Five ambulance calls to Trout Lake since the last meeting.
2. St. Ignace EMS building open in early January and anticipated operation by February.
3. What-3-Words, a 911 locator code is being rolled out. Smart phone app can be downloaded to generate a code for all manner of locations and for all types of emergencies.
4. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the EMS report. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Old Business: None

## New Business:

1. **New program** proposed to open the Township Hall for walking and Yoga under the supervision of the Parks and Recreation manager. Tentatively scheduled for 6pm. Requested that all participants bring indoor shoes to wear. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to open the hall for 3 nights a week January through April, hire Crystal Schwesinger to supervise the facility during these activities, and purchase runners to protect the floor. Seconded by Treasure Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comment: None

## Board Comments:

Trustee Simpson: The wreath on the Fire Hall is very nice.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Religious artifacts from the Trout Lake Township Chapel have been relocated to the Bethel Lutheran Church of Cedarville. Letter of thanks was received with special note to Sandra Carruthers for reaching out to place these items.

Clerk Hillman: North Country Trail maintenance volunteers will be working for a month next summer in this area and are looking for accommodations for 20 people. North Country Trail Association, 229 E. Main St., Lowell, MI 49331, 866-HIKE-NCT, [hq@northcountrytrail.org](mailto:hq@northcountrytrail.org)

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

Supervisor Blake-Thomas motioned to adjourned the meeting at 7:10PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman  
Trout Lake Township Clerk