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Supervisor: David Blake-Thomas  
Clerk: Gary L. Loomis  
Treasurer: Melissa Ellis  
Trustee: Laurey Simpson  
Trustee: Susan Manshum

**Township Board Meeting April 8, 2025**

**Attendance: 11**

The Trout Lake Township Board Meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Blake-Thomas. The Pledge of Allegiance followed by a Roll Call of the Board Members: Supervisor Blake-Thomas, Treasurer Ellis, Trustee Manshum, Trustee Simpson and Clerk Loomis were present. A quorum of the Board was present. Treasurer Ellis made a **Motion** to approve the March 12, 2025 Minutes as written, seconded by Trustee Manshum. The **Motion** was **approved** by voice vote.

**Public Comments:** Mary Fischer-Sharp stated that there would be a Side by Side/ORV benefit fundraiser ride **April 26 to support the July 4 Fireworks** (Sat-July 5). Scavenger hunt, food, music, prizes and lots of fun. See Mary for details. Pig Roast is scheduled for **May 25<sup>th</sup>**. Gary Mitchell questions when the new Fishing Pier would be available. The Fishing Pier will be delivered the first part of May.

**Clerk's Report:** Gary L. Loomis, Clerk

1. April Expense Report Totaling \$6,666.50 was presented. No unusual expenditures were noted other than Cloverland was not available to post in time for the Board meeting.

**Treasurer's Report:** Melissa Ellis, Treasurer

1. Bank Balances totaling \$1,001,706.95 was presented.
2. Still in the process of settling the taxes with the County.

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

1. No runs for the month and the Nfirs report was completed.
2. Fire Meeting called, Dennis McGowan, Mark Conroy, Crystal Schwesinger, Dave Sharp, Brian McMillan and John Clark attended.
3. MES will do flow testing of the SCBA's on April 23<sup>rd</sup>.
4. New "800" pagers were passed out at the fire meeting and the department went live with "800" paging April 8<sup>th</sup>.
5. The Department needs to order 4 new batteries for the pagers at a cost of \$131.53. A **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas, seconded Trustee Simpson to purchase the batteries. Voice vote followed all Ayes and no Nays, **Motion** passed.

**Campground Report:** David Blake-Thomas, Supervisor

1. Park opens May 19, 2025.
2. Campground reservations will be taken by phone starting at 9:00am on Monday May 5, 2025.

**Park & Recreation Committee Report:**

The committee is working diligently to expand the activities for our citizens. There will be a **Potluck and Movie night April 16, 2025 at 5:30pm**. A **"Craft" night is planned for April 30, 2025 at 6:00pm**, bring a craft to work on and share! Many more activities are planned and the committee is working on new ways to communicate them to the community.

**Old Business:**

1. Spring Clean-up will be held June 14, 2025, 9:00 am to 1:00 pm at the Old County Garage Property.
2. CLMCD Tree Planting Presentation postponed until June 10, 2025.
3. Supervisor Blake-Thomas brought to the Board what he considered to be a significant issue created by the Ice storm and Mackinac Bridge closure which occurred this month. A shortage of Medical Oxygen Tanks became prevalent as people exhausted their supplies. Since Oxygen Tanks are refilled by a company below the Bridge the area quickly ran out of replacement tanks. He stated that Straits EMS is looking into purchasing an Oxygen Tank Refilling System for \$115,000.00. The money would come from Straits EMS and several Grants. The Board was asked that if the grant money fell short of its needed goal would the Board be willing to use the Graymont Grant, if awarded, to fill the need. The Board was in favor of supporting the request to transfer any possible Graymont Grant awarded funds to this new use, if these funds were required.

**New Business:**

1. Trout Lake Township Assessor Jessica Mowery requested that the Board adopt a new **Policy for land division**. A **Motion** was made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas, seconded by Trustee Simpson to adopt said policy. Voice Vote followed with all Ayes and no Nays. **Motion** passed.
2. Road Brining information will be available at the next Board meeting.
3. Trout Lake Township FY2025-2026 Budget Workshop will be held at 2:00 pm Monday May 12, 2025.

**Board Member Comments:** Trustee Simpson Thanked Diane Simaz for presenting the Park and Rec Committee report and also thanked all the attendees for coming.

**Pay Bills:** Supervisor Blake-Thomas made a **Motion**, seconded by Trustee Simpson to Pay Bills. Voice vote with all Ayes and no Nays, **Motion** passed.

**Supervisor Blake-Thomas adjourned the meeting a 8:00pm.**

**Respectfully submitted,**

**Gary L. Loomis**

**Trout Lake Township Clerk**