

# 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 November 13, 2024 Minutes

Attendance: 11

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 Deputy Clerk Simaz present. Clerk Hillman absent. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

1. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the minutes of October 9, 2024 as written. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments: None

Clerk Report: David Blake-Thomas, Supervisor

1. Detailed expense report dated November 7, 2024 for items totaling \$36,435.45 was presented.
2. **Motion** made by Treasurer Sindles to approve the expense report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasure Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. All accounts report dated October 31, 2024 with a total of \$545,394.63 was presented.
2. Winter bills are being prepared to be mailed on December 2nd.

Fire Department Report: Mary Sharp for Fire Chief

1. One run for the month and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month.
2. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, Mark Conroy, Brian McMillan and John Clark present.

Park and Recreation Committee Report: Laurey Simpson, Co-Chair

1. Additional survey results were presented.

Old Business:

1. Congratulations to the newly elected township board, David Blake-Thomas, Gary Loomis, Melissa Ellis, Susan Manshum, and Laurey Simpson. The new board will be sworn in just before the next board meeting on Wednesday December 11<sup>th</sup>.
2. The election was conducted by Chairperson Diane Simaz, and was assisted by Election Inspectors Laura Sindles, Crystal Schwesinger, Linda Robb, Patrice Roe, and Kathy Gaylor.
3. Quotes for the servicing the township fire extinguishers were receive from CertiSite and Summit, others will be considered.

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## New Business:

1. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve Resolution 2024-04 to assign signatories on township bank accounts at Central Savings Bank. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Treasurer Sindles 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes', Trustee Simpson 'yes', and Clerk Hillman 'absent'. All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion passed and resolution adopted.**
2. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve Resolution 2024-05 to assign signatories on township bank accounts at Mercantile Bank. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Treasurer Sindles 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes', Trustee Simpson 'yes', and Clerk Hillman 'absent'. All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion passed and resolution adopted.**
3. **Motion** made by Trustee Loomis to pay the 2024 Annual Incentive Program, \$2500 to be divided as determined by service points accrued by each member throughout the year. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
4. December Board of Review will be held on December 10, 2024 with time TBD. There is one additional member needed due to a vacancy created by the election.

Public Comments: None

Board Comments:

Gary Loomis: It was a short four years, hard to believe it went by that fast. We'll see what the next board brings.

Laura Sindles: It's been a quick two years. Thanks for everybody's support. I really appreciate it.

Laurey Simpson: This is the best board. Everybody got along so well, which is so nice

David Blake-Thomas: I've appreciated working with everyone. Looking forward to working with Sue and Melissa. I want to thank Diane for her service as Deputy Treasure and Deputy Clerk.

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

Supervisor Blake-Thomas motioned to adjourned the meeting at 6:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Hillman*

Trout Lake Township Clerk