

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor: David Blake-Thomas  
Clerk: David Hillman  
Treasurer: Joseph Boudreau  
Trustee: Laura Simpson  
Trustee: Gary Loomis

## Township Board Meeting, October 11, 2022 Minutes

Attendance: 15

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 Boudreau, Trustee Loomis, Trustee Simpson and Clerk Hillman present. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

1. Motion by Trustee Loomis to approve the general meeting minutes September 13, 2022 as written. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Public Comments:

1. Question about H40 right of way brush cutting will be addressed to the CCRC.
2. Light standards are available from Mark's Trading Post.
3. Request to stock home Covid test kits at the hall for distribution to the general public.
4. Will the Board send a letter of appreciation to the contractors for the fine job on the hall floor?
5. Property near the Mini-park is very distracting.
6. Posting on Cloverland Electric poles that should be removed was mentioned.

### Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated October 11, 2022 for items totaling \$41,838.58 was presented.
2. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to amend the 2023 budget Park Capital account from \$20000 to \$30000. Second Supervisor Blake-Thomas. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Payroll service are under review to consider changing to a local service versus Quickbooks online.
4. Two FOIA requests were received and are in process of being completed.
5. Attended one Chippewa County Road Commission meeting.
6. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to change the November meeting date from 8 November 2022 to 9 November 2022 at 6:30 pm. Second. Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
7. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the Clerk report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Treasure Report: Joseph Boudreau, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated September 9/30/2022 with a total of \$527,730.36 was presented.
2. Still collecting Summer 2022 taxes.
3. Tax bill address change process between the Treasurer and Assessor are a concern.
4. TWG formally requested the Trout Lake Township Summer Tax roll report in BS&A format.
5. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to approve the Treasurer report. Second 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 September
2. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
3. Fire Department meeting Dave Sharp, Rod and Eric Butson, Dave Blake-Thomas, John Clark present.
4. Brush pile in the Cemetery will be burned in the next couple of weeks.
5. Second quote for running boards at \$425 plus \$300 for coating was received. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to purchase 4 inch aluminum step bars for the pickup truck from LineX for \$475. Second Trustee Loomis. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
6. Check the DNR website for burning restrictions. Keep all address markers visible on your property.
7. Fire Chief will be attending the EUP Fire Association meeting at the end of October.
8. Fire department merchandise is being considered for a fundraiser.
9. Plans for the Fire Department sponsorship of the February 2023 Fishing Derby are underway.



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10. If interested in joining the Fire Department please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.

11. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the Fire Chief report. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## Park Report:

1. The park will close for the 2022 Season on Monday October 17<sup>th</sup>.
2. Three major park sponsored events this season, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Cornhole Tournament, Fall Fest
3. Fall fest went well with a movie, costume contests, children activities, and a live band.
4. Season receipts for the park will be around \$82,000.
5. Improvement projects completed this year: Bath house partition replaced, Bath house interior painted, Outhouse painted, fixed overhead lighting to remove wire hazard, 30 newly constructed picnic tables, new fire rings, purchased a new tractor with implements.
6. Commendations for the park staff on a fine job.
7. Year End Bonus **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to pay a 10% of yearly compensation bonus to Crystal and Al. Second Trustee Loomis. Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas "yes", Clerk Hillman "yes", Treasurer Boudreau "no", Trustee Loomis "yes", Trustee Simpson "yes". **Motion carried.**
8. Next season start Monday May 15<sup>th</sup>. Close Monday October 16<sup>th</sup>.
9. Proposed 2023 season park rates \$30 electric, \$20 tent, weekly 7 nights pays for 5, \$480 monthly, \$2000 season. Pre-booked will have current rates. New rates might take effect in the Spring.
10. Next season projects: Replacement picnic tables, shower renovation, electric system modernization.
11. 2023 Events. New Kids Fishing in June, 4<sup>th</sup> of July, Cornhole Tournament, Fall Fest
12. Locking dumpster are in place and will be locked until next season.
13. Motion by Trustee Loomis to approve the park report. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## Ambulance Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. A millage proposal on the November 8 ballot to support Trout Lake EMS services.
2. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the ambulance report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## Old Business:

1. Flue shot clinic from Noon to 1 PM on Friday October 21, 2022.
2. Hall floor refinishing results exceeded expectations.

## New Business:

1. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve volunteer fire fighters fund policy Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Entry cement pad needs to be leveled with the parking lot asphalt.
3. Jean Beaudoin is retiring from the Board of Review with the sincere thanks of the Board for her service. Those interested in serving should contact Supervisor Blake-Thomas.
4. **Motion** made Treasurer Boudreau to transfer all funds from the Fire Department Account and close it. Second Clerk Hillman Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

*Motion made by Treasurer Boudreau to pay the bills as submitted by Clerk Hillman. Second Trustee Simpson Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance with a voice vote.*

*Motion made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to adjourn. Second Trustee Simpson. Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

David Hillman  
Trout Lake Township Clerk