

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, August 10, 2021 Minutes

Attendance: 19

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 David Blake-Thomas, David Hillman, Joseph Boudreau, and Gary Loomis, Laura Simpson present. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

1. **Motion** made by **Supervisor** Blake-Thomas to approve the meeting minutes of July 13, 2021 general meeting as written. Second Trustee Simpson **Voice vote**: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Board Comment:

1. The board offers deepest condolences to the Mowery family on the loss of Deputy Clerk Robert Mowery.

Special Guests:

1. Toni Phillips, Chippewa-Luce-Mackinac Community Action Agency presented senior meal program opportunities that could be introduced to the Trout Lake community. Additionally, TL seniors that would benefit from home services, personal care, or respite care can call (906) 632-3363. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve sending a letter expressing our desire to open the Township Hall as a congregate center. Second Treasurer Boudreau **Voice vote**: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Jennie Hoffman, Eastern UP Intermediate School District and Center for Change is inviting the township to join EUP Connect Collaborative, a proposed non-profit group, to advise and hold accountable the high-speed fiber internet company that has a contract to provide services.
3. Clerk Hillman took an action to investigate the EUP Connect Collaborative and report to the board with recommendations on how to proceed.

Public Comment:

1. More information should be solicited for non-medical transport services for Trout Lake
2. AT&T hotspots are providing adequate internet service for some residents
3. The boat launch in the park has been dredged twice this year, maybe again in Spring 2022
4. A request for more clinics in the Townhall, i.e. flu, COVID booster, etc

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk. Detailed expense report received.

1. Thanks to the Election Inspectors, Deb Newland, Lorretta Loomis, Sandra Carruthers, Laura Simpson, and special support from Gary Loomis and Annie Hillman for a successful election on August 3rd
2. UP Non-emergency Medical Transportation Survey was discussed and responses offered.
3. Results of a Spring 2021 Michigan Public Policy Survey

Treasure Report: Joseph Boudreau, Treasurer: Financial report received.

1. Treasurer hall hours will be Saturdays from 12:00 pm to 3:00 pm to collect taxes payments
2. Graymont grant 90% check in the amount of \$15,750 received for the new fire pickup truck.
3. September 14, 2021 (last day for deferment) all day Treasurer office hours to accept tax payments

Assessor Report: Jessica McLean, Assessor No report.

Park and Campground Report: David Blake-Thomas Park Manager

1. Park on pace for a record year of activity including first weekend of October fully booked
2. Park staff Crystal and Adam are working well to provide smooth operation of the park
3. 2022 reservations collected \$9,000 so far primarily for July 4th

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. No runs for the month of June 2021.
2. Nfirs report entered for the month.
3. Grass was cut at the fire hall.

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4. Fire department meeting called with all members present to spray the church to clean the walls
5. Mini-pumper ran out of gas due to faulty transfer pump to be fixed on September 2nd
6. Tanker parking brake canisters replaced and tire failed which will require replacement
7. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve the purchase of 4 new tires for the tanker. Second Treasurer Boudreau **Voice vote**: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
8. Check the DNR website for burn advisories as the conditions continue to be dry
9. Call John Clark at 906-203-0621 if interested in joining the Fire Department

Ambulance Report:

1. One emergency call in the last month
2. St Ignace EMS Council is moving forward with the purchase of a new ambulance, power load system and cot. Five of the six council members have approved the purchase
3. New ambulance station. EMS Council is retaining an architect to draw up new building plans. Payment for the plans is anticipated to be from this year services profits.

Old Business:

1. Graymont grant for purchase of pickup truck \$17,750 received. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve the purchase of a new Fire Department pickup truck not to exceed \$30,000. Second Clerk Hillman **Roll call vote**: Treasurer Boudreau yes, Trustee Simpson yes, Trustee Loomis yes, Supervisor Blake-Thomas yes, Clerk Hillman yes. All 'Yea' with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:

1. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve the Annual Tax Levy Resolution Trout Lake Township as presented in the amounts of 1.5835 operating and .65 debt retirement (town hall) Second Treasurer Boudreau Hillman **Roll call vote**: Supervisor Blake-Thomas yes, Trustee Loomis yes, Trustee Simpson yes, Treasurer Boudreau yes, Clerk Hillman yes. All 'Yea' with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Town Hall parking lot repairs. One estimate presented for simply filling the cracks. One estimate to fill the cracks and do a total resurface sealing. **Motion** made by Treasurer Boudreau to retain Mark Beaudoin to fill the cracks, resurface the entire parking lot, and repaint the lines at a cost of \$3700. Second Trustee Loomis **Voice vote**: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Senior citizens dinner and other services need better communications and coordination. A letter will be sent to express interest in starting the senior dinner program. Word of mouth is encouraged in passing of information on this and other subjects of interest in advance of a better communication tool.
4. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to send a letter of appreciation to Sandy and Paul Chaney for the transfer of Christ Church to the township. Second Supervisor Blake-Thomas **Voice vote**: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Motion made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to pay the bills as submitted by Clerk Hillman. Second Treasurer Boudreau. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance with a voice vote.

Motion made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to adjourn. Second Trustee Loomis. Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:44 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hillman
Trout Lake Township Clerk