

# 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 July 9, 2024 Minutes

Attendance: 15

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 June 11, 2024 as written. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Public Comments:

1. Trash pickup could be a property tax funded activity.
2. The 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration, parade, craft show, and fireworks were very good this year.

### Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated July 9, 2024 for items totaling \$36,090.16 was presented.
2. August Primary Election Early Voting at Soo Township Hall July 27 thru August 4 from 8 am to 4 pm. In person at Trout Lake Township Hall August 6 7:00 am to 8:00 pm.
3. **Motion** made by Trustee Simpson to approve the expense 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 June 30, 2024 with a total of \$511,971.17 was presented.
2. Summer tax payments are being accepted without interest or penalty until September 16th.

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

1. No runs for the month and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
2. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Brian McMillan, Dennis McGowan, Mark Conroy, Rod Butson and John Clark present.
3. New DNR grant with a 50/50 match was submitted for wildland turnout gear.
4. A new radio was issued to Brian due to a failure with the emergency call function.
5. Residential smoke/CO detector installs continue, if interested call 906-203-0621.
6. Open burning has to follow the DNR guidelines stated on their website.
7. If interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.

### Straits Area EMS Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. No calls to Trout Lake this month.
2. The 2024 millage rate will be set by the EMS board to less than the max 2 mills. Possibly 1.8 or 1.9.

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

1. Meeting was held July 8 at 6:30 pm
2. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve the funds for a township wide survey mailing. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Next meeting is Monday 12 August 2024 at the townhall at 6:30 PM. Open to all interested.

### Campground Report: David Blake-Thomas, Park Manager

1. The entire week of 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebrations went without any incidents thanks to Crystal, Alan, Brian McMillan and John Strait.
2. Eight members of the Highline fiber installation crew are staying at the campground.

### Old Business:

1. Hall upgrades are being completed with the replacement of the rain gutters and receipt of LED lighting to be installed throughout the Hall.
2. Highline internet installation in the township is stated to have increased progress in August with customer connections. Some Highline customers have service in the Ozark area.

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## New Business:

1. Investment of Township Reserve Funds. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to request the Treasurer investigate the investment of some of the reserve funds in higher interest bearing instruments provided the instruments don't exceed 12 month maturity. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. The small chest freezer is not being used. **Motion** made by Trustee Simpson that the chest freezer can be disposed of at the discretion of the hall manager after first checking with Community Action. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## Public Comments:

1. Second annual boat parade was appreciated by the community.
2. The Strawberry Social put on by the Trout Lake Women's Club was a success.
3. The Historical Society Museum was open and had a large number of viewers over the 4<sup>th</sup>.

## Board Comments:

Trustee Simpson: The new flags on the parade route look great and the magnificent mini-park decorations are appreciated.

Trustee Loomis: This weekend activities had more people participating than I've ever seen.

Treasurer Sindles: The weekend activities were fantastic and enjoyed by all.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Thank you to all the organizations that work hard to make the community functions a success, especially the Pride Committee, the Women's Club, the Fire Department, American Legion, and Historical Society.

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

Supervisor Blake-Thomas motioned to adjourned the meeting at 7:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman  
Trout Lake Township Clerk