

# 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, December 13, 2022 Minutes

Attendance: 20

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 Simpson to approve the general meeting minutes November 9, 2022. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments: None

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. **Detailed** expense report dated December 12, 2022 for items totaling \$13,523.41 was presented.
2. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to change the Travel Reimbursement Policy dated 5/11/20221 to reimburse for the nearest water sample drop off site. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to change Travel Reimbursement Policy dated 5/11/20221 to reimburse for travel to pick up tax printed bills. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: 4 "Yea" and 1 'Nay' vote. **Motion carried by majority.**
4. Two FOIA requests were sent responses. Permanent Absent Voter List was requested and Perm AV list with addresses. Both were filled with simple QVF reports with minimal redaction sent by email.
5. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the Clerk report. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasure Report: Joseph Boudreau, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated November 30, 2022 with a total of \$473,908.21 was presented.
2. Winter tax bills were printed and mailed.
3. Thank you to Deputy Treasurer Diane Simaz for help with the Treasurer duties.
4. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to approve the Treasurer report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief c/o Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. No runs for the month of November.
2. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
3. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, Mark Conroy, Dave Blake-Thomas, John Clark present. Rod Butson also attended.
4. New battery is needed for the Polaris Ranger.
5. Skit Unit removed and rescue toboggan was placed ready for winter season.
6. The Fire Department received a new fire service mutual aid agreement.
7. If interested in joining the Fire Department please contact John Clark 906-203-0621. Training classes will start in January.
8. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to reimburse costs related to Fire Fighting Training course material of approximately \$150 for successful completion of the classes. Second Clerk Hillman Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
9. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the Fire Chief report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Ambulance Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Three ambulance runs to Trout Lake this last month.
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. Ice Rink for 2023. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to use the Pickleball Court portion of the Township Hall parking lot for an 80' x 40' ice rink. The sidewalk will be kept clear and useable to the side entry door. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Updating of security camera and playback resolution was discussed. Options to be explored.



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## New Business:

1. Letter from Chippewa County MTA Chapter related to ARPA fund use by Chippewa County Board of Commissioners. More information needed from MTA meeting December 22.
2. Ice Fishing Tournament will be on February 18 sponsored by the Fire Department/Pride Committee.
3. Thank you to Jean Beaudoin and Sandra Carruthers, retiring Board of Review members.
4. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to nominate John Simaz, Loretta Loomis, Crystal Schwesinger as Board of Review members for a two-year term. Second Trustee Simpson. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. Lending library in Town Hall proposed by MaryLou Karacson to replace the space used by the piano with a book shelf. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to allow space for a Library in the townhall. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
6. Resignation of Township Treasurer. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to accept the letter of resignation dated December 10, 2022 from Joseph Boudreau, Township Treasurer effective 13 December 2022. Second Clerk Hillman. Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
7. Resolution Related to the Appointment of Treasurer 2022-01. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve Resolution Number 2022-01 appointing Laura Sindles as Trout Lake Township Treasurer effective December 14, 2022. Second Trustee Simpson. Roll call vote. Trustee Simpson 'yes', Clerk Hillman 'yes', Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes' With 4 'Yea' with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
8. Resolution Related to Signatories on Township Bank Accounts 2022-02. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve Resolution Number 2022-02 to change the signatories on the Township bank accounts. Second Clerk Hillman. Roll call vote. Trustee Simpson 'yes', Clerk Hillman 'yes', Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes', Treasurer Boudreau 'abstain' With 4 'Yea' with no 'Nay' and 1 'abstain' votes. **Motion carried by majority.**
9. Resolution of Appreciation by the Trout Lake Township Board of Trustees to Joseph Boudreau for His Service to the People of Trout Lake Township 2022-03. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve Resolution Number 2022-03. Second Trustee Loomis. Roll call vote. Trustee Simpson 'yes', Clerk Hillman 'yes', Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes', Treasurer Boudreau 'abstain' With 4 'Yea' with no 'Nay' and 1 'abstain' votes. **Motion carried by majority.**
10. Resolution of Appreciation by the Trout Lake Township Board of Trustees to Diane Simaz for Her Service to the People of Trout Lake Township 2022-04. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to adopt the Resolution Number 2022-04. Second Trustee Simpson. Roll call vote. Trustee Simpson 'yes', Clerk Hillman 'yes', Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes', Treasurer Boudreau 'yes' With 5 'Yea' with no 'Nay' **Motion carried unanimously.**

## Public Comment:

1. Question concerning payment to SomeCPAs explained as F65 report and Quickbook consulting.

## Board Comments:

Trustee Simpson: Mini-Park decorations looks beautiful and is much appreciated.

Clerk Hillman: Thanks for the support on hosting a community ice rink. Pickleball drew 8 players last weekend and continues in the Rudyard gym with next session January 15<sup>th</sup> starting at noon as noted on Trout Lake Connection.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Mini-park is very nice. Thanks to Joe and Diane for the time and effort in service to the Township over the last two years.

Treasurer Boudreau: Delivered parting comments expressing his thoughts on the Treasurer position.

*Motion made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas 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 7:50 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

David Hillman

Trout Lake Township Clerk