

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

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## Township Board Meeting, May 11, 2021 Minutes

Attendance: 17

Meeting at the Township Hall called to order at 6:30 PM, by Supervisor Blake-Thomas with the Pledge of Allegiance to the Flag. Roll Call of Board Members David Blake-Thomas, David Hillman, Joseph Boudreau, Gary Loomis, and Laura Simpson present. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

1. **Motion** made by Treasure Boudreau to approve the meeting minutes of April 13, 2021 as written. Second Trustee Loomis **Voice vote**: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

### Public Comment:

1. Radar signs grant request to AAA for two signs. Should hear about grant by August.

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

1. Attended two CCRC meetings with road brine coordination information received
2. CCRC garage has been removed and MIDeal recommended to look for a new FD vehicle

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

1. Delinquent taxes accounts from the county received.
2. Purging old records that can be destroyed.

**Assessor Report:** Jessica McLean, Assessor

1. Small claims tax tribunal for Primary Residence Exemption status contested
2. Collected delinquent personnel property taxes

**Fire Department Report:** John Clark, Fire Chief.

1. No runs for the month of April 2021.
2. Nfirs report entered for the month.
3. Grass cut at the fire hall
4. Fire meeting called with Dennis McGowan, Dave Sharp, John Clark in attendance
5. AED were updated and positioned in the Campground for the summer

**Ambulance Service Report:** John Clark, Ambulance Corp Captain, David Blake-Thomas, Chairman St. Ignace Area-EMS Council. –

1. No ambulance runs to Trout Lake in April.
2. EMS Council will procure a new ambulance this year.
3. Building of a new station house is under consideration in the St Ignace area.
4. PPP funding has been received that will help with cost of program

### Budget Review and Amendment

1. Review of detailed report of current status items and proposal for amendments
2. Motion by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to amend the areas of the 2020-2021 budget that are understated to reflect the anticipated end of year expenses. Second Clerk Hillman. Roll call vote: David Blake-Thomas Yes, David Hillman Yes, Joseph Boudreau Yes, Gary Loomis Yes, and Laura Simpson Yes With no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

### Park and Campground Report:

1. Park will open on Monday May 17<sup>th</sup> as planned with reservation for 3155 nights already booked.
2. Managers and grounds crew are working to prepare the park with water/electric turned on, fallen tree removed, ground maintenance equipment serviced
3. Electrical repair completed and new safety and security lights installed
4. Waiting for additional estimates for men and woman's bath house stalls replacement
5. Additional areas to work on include boat launch area dredging, stump removal, road repair, electric

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## Old Business:

1. Wigwas road repaving proposal updated in consultation with CCRC engineer. \$25,000 to repave from M123 to the fork where Wigwas Road splits to the left. Improve the gravel part of the road past the fork to the boat launch. Includes removing of existing asphalt and disposal, regrading and compacting the gravel base, paving with 1 ½ inch hot asphalt. \$7000 for epoxy treating the new pavement for snowmobile crossing not included. Supervisor Blake-Thomas and Trustee Simpson recused themselves from considering this proposal. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to proceed with the road repaving project as proposed by the CCRC and pursue getting the epoxy treatment paid by contributions from the township homeowners that are directly benefiting from the project. Second Trustee Loomis. Roll call vote: David Hillman Yes, Joseph Boudreau No, Gary Loomis Yes. With one Nay vote and two Yea votes **Motion carried with majority of those voting.**
2. Sidewalk replacement discussion to be continued.
3. Spring Clean-Up Saturday May 22<sup>nd</sup> time 9 am to 1 pm moved to the county garage area. See TroutLakeTownship.com Website for acceptable items
4. Travel Reimbursement Policy – Draft presented. Addition of Election related travel to exception list. Motion by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve the Travel Reimbursement Policy as amended for elections. Second Clerk Hillman **Voice vote:** All yes with no ‘Nay’ votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## New Business:

1. Request to donate Christ Chapel real property to Township – **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to accept the donation of the property to the township. Second Trustee Loomis. Roll call vote: David Blake-Thomas Yes, David Hillman Yes, Joseph Boudreau Yes, Gary Loomis Yes, and Laura Simpson Yes With no ‘Nay’ votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
2. Request to donate property on Trout Lake that is near the Birch Lodge. No interested expressed.
3. 2021/2022 Fiscal Year Budget Special Meeting set for Friday May 21, 2021 at 2:00 PM
4. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to pay for the 4<sup>th</sup> of July porta-potties rental, roll-off dumpster and temporary camping permit. Second Trustee Simpson **Voice vote:** All yes with no ‘Nay’ votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
5. Shred service to destroy appropriate township records. Township residence can bring documents to be shredded. **Motion** Treasurer Boudreau to pay for a June on-site shred service. Second Clerk Hillman **Voice vote:** All yes with no ‘Nay’ votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
6. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to send a letter to State Officials to request the Secretary of State Offices be open for business immediately as the rural township residents with limited internet access are being negatively impacted. Second Clerk Hillman **Voice vote:** Majority of Yea votes. **Motion passed.**
7. Blight remediation/demolition grants needed as there are several buildings in the township that could be removed if funding was available. Jean Beaudoin volunteered to search for grant opportunities.

**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. Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:55 PM**

Respectfully submitted,

**David Hillman**  
Trout Lake Township Clerk

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