

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, September 13, 2022 Minutes

Attendance: 18

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 August 9, 2022 as written. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

1. Craft Show will be at the Townhall on Saturday October 1st. 9:00 am to 4:00 pm

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated September 13, 2022 for items totaling \$41,840.59 was presented.
2. Clerk Hillman and Deputy Clerk Sindles will attend a one-day Election training session in Marquette on September 21, 2022.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the Clerk report. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasurer Report: Joseph Boudreau, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated September 8/31/2022 with a total of \$540,550.01 was presented.
2. Last day to pay summer taxes Wednesday September 14.
3. **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. One run for the month of August
2. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
3. Fire Department meeting Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, John Clark present.
4. Cornhole Tournament went well as did the Shytte Creek event.
5. Both Pumper and Tanker tires were replaced as planned.
6. Airbags were installed on the new brush pickup truck
7. Quote for step bars for the pickup truck \$475 from LineX. Additional options will be investigated.
8. One new applicant has applied to join the Fire Department.
9. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the Fire Chief report. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Park Report:

1. Fall Fest at the campground will be Friday September 30 and Saturday October 1st. Movie Friday and "Crossroads" band on Saturday night. Campers and all locals are encouraged to participate.
2. New tractor forks will be purchased from Gaylor-Thompson for \$1050.
3. Board had no objection to the Supervisor attempting to sell the old tractor at an asking price of \$5000.
4. Volunteer Fire Fighters fund donations of \$1000 as part of the Cornhole and Shytte Creek events.
5. Al Schlehber will leave the park staff at end of September with grateful thanks from the board for his significant contributions to a successful 2022 season.
6. Jeff Sindles will be hired to fill in at the park until the end of season.
7. Dumpsters in the park and at the hall will be exchanged for locking units.
8. The showers in the bathhouse needs plumbing upgrades to adjust the water temperature.
9. The park dock will be removed on October 14th. The boat launch will remain open for use.
10. The park will close for the 2022 Season on October 17th.
11. Motion by Treasurer Boudreau to approve the park report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Ambulance Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Four EMS calls to Trout Lake in the last month.
2. A millage proposal on the November 8 ballot to support Trout Lake EMS services will be presented at a local meeting to be announced with the public encouraged to attend.
3. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to approve the ambulance report. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Old Business:

1. The hall floors will be waxed during the entire weekend of September 15th.
2. A new steam table has been provided by Community Action for the lunch program.

New Business:

1. A Flu Shot Clinic may be conducted at the Trout Lake Townhall in October.
2. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to purchase 2500 gallons of propane from Shute Oil and Propane at a unit cost of \$2.049. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to submit a request to the Tribe 2% Grant program for funds to update the park bathhouse shower plumbing. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
4. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to pay on the Townhall debt in October 2022 all funds collected (minus \$100) from previous tax collections plus an additional \$15000 from the General Fund account. Second Treasurer Boudreau. Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Treasurer Boudreau 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes', Trustee Simpson 'yes', Clerk Hillman 'yes' All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. A property tax exemption is in dispute. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve a one-time payment of \$2252.32 settlement agreement in lieu of potential litigation in exchange for a signed agreement waiving all rights against the Township involving this matter. Second Treasurer Boudreau. Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Treasurer Boudreau 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes', Trustee Simpson 'yes', Clerk Hillman 'yes' All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

1. The Trout Lake Pride organization commissioned and installed "Robert Mowery" dedication signs on the trail bridge across from the Trout Lake Fire Department buildings.

Board Member Comments

Clerk Hillman – Forrest Service will have an open house 3-7 pm on November 5th at their Newberry office.
Treasurer Boudreau – US Flags for November 11th retirement ceremony. Paper shredding will be in October.
Supervisor Blake-Thomas – Thanks to Trout Lake Trail Riders.com for community volunteer contributions.
TLTR Members/prospective members will meet October 15th at 5 pm for an annual meeting and at 6 pm for a spaghetti dinner at the Trout Lake Townhall. RSVP requested for accurate meal planning.

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 7:40 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hillman
Trout Lake Township Clerk