

TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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Supervisor: David Blake-Thomas
Clerk: David Hillman
Treasurer: Laura Sindles
Trustee: Laurey Simpson
Trustee: Gary Loomis

Township Board Meeting October 9, 2024 Minutes

Attendance: 11

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 September 10, 2024 as written. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

1. Suggested that blood pressure monitoring be conducted at the hall once a month.

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated October 9, 2024 for items totaling \$21,378.82 was presented.
2. **Motion** made by Treasurer Sindles to approve the expense report. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Elections will be on November 5th from 7 AM to 8 PM at the township hall.

Treasure Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. All accounts report dated September 30, 2024 with a total of \$538,510.69 was presented.
2. Summer tax payments are still being accepted.

Fire Department Report: David Blake-Thomas for Fire Chief

1. One run for the month and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month.
2. Cold water rescue suit received. Need ice awls and inflatable rescue sled next.
3. New sheet of plexiglass purchased to repair the rescue boggan.
4. Fire Department meeting with Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, Mark Conroy, Brian McMillan and John Clark present. Ice suit was tried on for size.
5. Pagers are in and will be distributed. Need 3 more @ \$690 each.
6. Need a metal tongue box to hold all water rescue gear. Cost is \$400.
7. Residential smoke/CO detector installs continue, if interested call 906-203-0621.
8. If interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.
9. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to purchase three additional pagers at \$690 each. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
10. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to purchase a tongue box for the ice gear at \$400. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Straits Area EMS Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Four calls to Trout Lake this month.
2. EMS support for Graymont property was discussed based on a recent incident.

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

1. Survey results were presented with the main interests and additional comments.
2. Next meeting is Monday November 11, 2024 at the townhall at 6:30 PM. Open to all interested.

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Campground Report: David Blake-Thomas, Park Manager

1. The shower renovations have been completed.
2. Failed water tests caused repairs and follow up testing to bring the public water back into safe operation.
3. Fall Fest this year was again a success. Events like scavenger hunt, haunted trail, hay ride, Dancing Witches added to the festive atmosphere.
4. The 2024 Park season is presently scheduled to end Monday October 13 as the last day.
5. Revenue for the season is lower than the record last year but still very good at around \$95K.
6. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize a 20% bonus for the park staff. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Old Business:

1. Received 4 bids on the propane tank. **Motion** made by Clerk Hillman to accept the highest bid of \$350 offered by Michael Wieman. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
2. 2024 Flue and covid Vaccine Clinic will be October 24, 2024 from 1 to 3 PM.
3. The winter snowplowing will be provided by Mark Beaudoin at a rate of \$100 per plowing.

New Business:

1. **Motion** made by Trustee Loomis to contract with Mark Beaudon to remove the tree stumps that are on the Church property for \$350. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**
2. Use of lockbox for Cisco early morning delivery. **Motion** made by Clerk Hillman to allow the keys to the kitchen be left in a lockbox on each delivery day. Seconded by Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

Public Comments:

1. Thanks to Crystal for cleaning up the trash near the old bank building.
2. Thanks to the Pride committee for keeping mini-park looking good.

Board Comments:

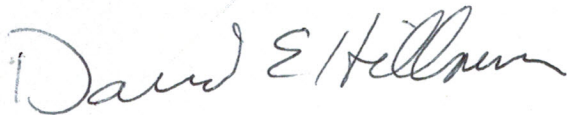
Clerk Hillman: Pickleball court will be taken down. Plans for an ice rink in that area as weather allows.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: Meeting next month will be on Wednesday 13th, not Tuesday

Motion made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to pay the bills as submitted by Clerk Hillman. Seconded by Trustee Loomis. The motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance with a voice vote.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas motioned to adjourned the meeting at 8:10 PM.

Respectfully submitted,



David Hillman
Trout Lake Township Clerk