

# 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, December 14, 2021 Minutes

Attendance: 17

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 David Blake-Thomas, Joseph Boudreau, Gary Loomis, Laura Simpson and David Hillman present. A quorum of the Township Board was in attendance.

1. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to approve the general meeting minutes November 9, 2021 as written. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments:

1. Congratulations on 185<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Michigan Upper Peninsula establishment December 14<sup>th</sup>, 1836
2. Appreciation for the outstanding decoration of the Mini Park by the Pride Committee.
3. Drawing for Pride Committee give away will be on Saturday December 18
4. ARPA funds will be spend according to the set rules but are expected to free up some general funds.

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated December 13, 2021 for items totaling \$18,244.25
2. Clerk attended one meeting of the Chippewa County Road Commission.
3. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to accept the Clerk Report. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Treasure Report: Joseph Boudreau, Treasurer:

1. Financial report received dated November 30, 2021 total of all accounts \$505,644.26.
2. All Winter tax bills have been sent out with 5 returned for incorrect addresses
3. Please send entire tax bill with payment and self-addressed stamped envelope to receive a receipt
4. Received payment from American Rescue Plan Act for \$19,625.50
5. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to change tax overpayment amount from <\$3 to <\$5 that will not be refunded. Second Clerk Hillman Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
6. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to accept the Treasurer Report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
7. Hall hours for tax payments Saturdays 11-3PM except Christmas and 9-5PM on 12/31/21 and 2/28/22

Assessor Report: Jessica McLean, Assessor No report this meeting

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. One run for the month of November 2021 with Dave Sharp, Dennis McGowan, Sean Waybrant and Rod Butson responding
2. Fire department meeting called with Dennis McGowan, John Clark, and Dave Blake-Thomas present
3. NFIRS report entered for the month.
4. Road flares and radio batteries were installed
5. One person indicated interest in joining the Fire Department
6. Winter issue: Please clear address signs of limbs and debris
7. DNR website for burn availability and if allowed
8. Call John Clark at 906-203-0621 if interested in joining the Fire Department.
9. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to accept the Fire Chief Report. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**



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## Ambulance Report:

1. No ambulance calls to Trout Lake this month
2. All six communities have approved articles of incorporation of the Straits Area EMS Authority
3. Funding for the St Ignace ambulance building has been received and development is progressing
4. Communities may contribute an estimated \$60000 next year with Trout Lake portion being \$4247
5. A millage may be requested to fund the ambulance service in the future.
6. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to accept the Ambulance Report. Second Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## Town Projects: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. A list of community suggestions for Township improvement projects was presented
2. Suggestion additions include a lake improvement organization, a dock on Crego Lake with an improved trail, snowmobile trail from Birch Lodge into town.
3. Email to troutlakesupervisor@gmail.com and Trout Lake Connected are avenues for more ideas to be considered
4. All ideas provided will all be reviewed at a Special Meeting to be announced

## Old Business:

1. Operation of the Senior Lunch at the Trout Lake Townhall is anticipated mid-January 2022. Proposed serving on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday. Crystal Schwesinger and Laura Sindles are the kitchen staff. You don't have to be over 60 to enjoy the meals or make advanced reservations to join in the fellowship.
2. Ice Skating Rink area is prepared and waiting on favorable weather to install the liner and water. Saturday or Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup> are the most likely fill dates. Jessica McLean provided rink signs.
3. Trout Lake Township ambulance has been sold to Kinross EMS for \$13,000.

## New Business:

1. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas for the board to recommend the application by Birch Lodge Trout Lake, LLC located at 21830 Birch Lodge Drive, Trout Lake, Michigan 49793 for a Class C & SDM Liquor Licenses be considered for approval by the Michigan Liquor Control Commission. Second Clerk Hillman: Supervisor Blake-Thomas yes, Treasurer Boudreau yes, Trustee Simpson yes, Trustee Loomis yes. Five 'Yeas' with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
2. Straits Area Grooming Club Inc will restructure and resume maintenance of the snowmobile trails south of Trout Lake thanks to the leadership of David Blake-Thomas and his team of volunteers.

*Motion made by Treasurer Boudreau to pay the bills as submitted by Clerk Hillman. Second Trustee Loomis. Motion approved unanimously by the Board Members in attendance with a voice vote.*

*Motion made by Trustee Loomis to adjourn. Second Trustee Simpson. Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:20 PM.*

Respectfully submitted,

*David Hillman*  
Trout Lake Township Clerk