

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, July 12, 2022 Minutes

Attendance: 15

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. Special thank you from the Board to the Pride Committee and Women's Club for making July 4th activities successful this year. The Township is proud of all the effort that made the strawberry social, craft fair, parade, and fireworks events that were appreciated by community and visitor alike.
2. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau to approve the general meeting minutes June 14, 2022 as written. Second Trustee Loomis Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis to approve the special meeting minutes June 14, 2022 as written. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Park Report:

1. No incidents at the park this year over the July 4th weekend due to park staff, Crystal and Al along with support from the Chippewa County Sherriff and Michigan State Police presence.
2. Bookings are down from last years record but well above average.
3. Tractor is under repair and may have to be replaced.

Public Comments:

1. Can vendors be allowed to sell on township property? It could be an overall benefit to the community by making the campground more attractive and drawing more campers to the park.

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated July 12, 2022 for items totaling \$33,579.95 was presented.
2. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau 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 6/30/2022 with a total of \$519,952.84 was presented.
2. Summer taxes are being collected. Return receipts require lower half of the bill with the payment.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Loomis 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

1. No runs for the month of June.
2. New truck is complete with lights, siren, radio, drop hitch, battery maintainer and lettering
3. Fire Department meeting Dave Sharp, John Clark and David Blake-Thomas present. Fire hall cleaned.
4. NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
5. Airbag suspension lift maybe needed for the new truck to handle the weight of the water tank.
6. Reminder to check the DNR web site for burn advisory as fire risk is high
7. If interested in joining the Fire Department call John Clark 906-203-0621 for an application.
8. **Motion** by Treasurer Boudreau 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 911 calls to Trout Lake in the last month.
2. EMS board approved requesting up to 2 mills on the November 2022 referendum to cover operating costs of the service in lieu of participating community funding. September information meetings anticipated.
3. **Motion** by Trustee Simpson to approve the ambulance report. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

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Old Business:

1. Ambulance building roof repair completed by White Pine Builders with no additional costs above the estimate. A \$15,000 Graymont grant was awarded to help pay for this repair. Door covers to protect against ice and snow jamming the door are under consideration.
2. Wegwas road project paving was completed. Line paint and epoxy coating yet to be applied.
3. **Motion** by Clerk Hillman to approve payment of the remaining Wegwas project costs when billed by the Chippewa County Road Commission. Second Supervisor Blake-Thomas Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

New Business:

1. The kitchen stove gas feed pipe was switched to the large tank which will free up the small propane tank for a new task or to be sold.
2. July Board of Review is set for July 19, 2022 at 10:00 am.
4. Change of Bank Signatories. **Motion** by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to remove Stefanie Clark and add Laura Sindles to the authorized signatories of the Township general checking account. Second Treasurer Boudreau Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
3. Discussion of shooting of firearms on Township Property.

Board Member Comments:

Trustee Simpson

1. The Township mini-park looks beautiful and is being nicely maintained. Like the flags.

Clerk Hillman

1. FOIA request received for 2020 election information.
2. Pickleball events are scheduled for Monday and Wednesday at 6:30 pm. All are welcome to play.

Trustee Loomis

1. Questioned the fuel surcharge on the trash bill as being excessively high.

Treasurer Boudreau

1. Flag retirement ceremony will be conducted by American Legion on Veterans Day. Old flags can be brought to the Township Hall to be respectfully retired.
2. Elimination of one of the electric meters on the ambulance or firehall buildings would lower overall costs.
3. Mini-park electric needs to have control to turn off the Campground billboard lights in the winter.

Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. Thanks to Dave and Mary for keeping the mini-park in good condition. Volunteers to weed at the park would be appreciated anytime.

Motion made by Treasurer Boudreau 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 Loomis. Voice approved. Meeting adjourned at 7:39 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

David Hillman

Trout Lake Township Clerk