

# TROUT LAKE TOWNSHIP

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

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## Township Board Meeting September 10, 2024 Minutes

Attendance: 16

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 August 13, 2024 as written. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

Public Comments: None

Clerk Report: David Hillman, Clerk

1. Detailed expense report dated September 10, 2024 for items totaling \$21,092.35 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.**

Treasure Report: Laura Sindles, Treasurer

1. Bank balance report dated August 31, 2024 with a total of \$538,299.63 was presented.
2. Summer tax payments are being accepted without interest or penalty until September 16th.
3. Funds transferred to the Mercantile Bank account to earn interest on a Saving Account and Certificate of Deposit.

Fire Department Report: John Clark, Fire Chief

1. One run for the month and the NFIRS Fire Report was entered for the month
2. Fire Department meeting with Mark Conroy and John Clark present.
3. Argo was ordered with a deposit and is scheduled for an end of October delivery.
4. Residential smoke/CO detector installs continue, if interested call 906-203-0621.
5. Open burning has to follow the DNR guidelines stated on their website.
6. If interested in joining the Fire Department, please contact John Clark 906-203-0621.

Straits Area EMS Report: Supervisor Blake-Thomas

1. No calls to Trout Lake this month.
2. Mark Wilk has moved to being a direct employee of Straits Area EMS.
3. Support for the Labor Day Bridge Walk was provided with no incidents.

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

1. Thanks to many people for helping generate and distribute the Parks and Recreation Survey being sent to gather community input to the process.
2. Next meeting is Monday October 7, 2024 at the townhall at 6:30 PM. Open to all interested.

Campground Report: David Blake-Thomas, Park Manager

1. The bath house project to remodel the shower floor and walls is underway.
2. Fall Fest this year is set for October 4, 5, and 6<sup>th</sup>. Activities include site contest, costume contest, movie night, hay ride, haunted trail, DJ with karaoke, and a scavenger hunt.
3. A craft show is scheduled for October 5 in the Township Hall.
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 \$90K.

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## Old Business:

1. Installation of high speed fiber internet to the townhall building is scheduled for September 16.
2. A quote for a new phone service to replace existing township hall service was received. **Motion** made by Clerk Hillman to authorize the purchase of phone equipment and change the service to a VOIP system. Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously**

## New Business:

1. **Motion** made by Trustee Loomis to approve a resolution to support a new on-premises Class C with Sunday am/pm sales permit license application for the Birch Lodge Trout Lake LLC. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Roll call vote: Supervisor Blake-Thomas 'yes', Treasurer Sindles 'yes', Trustee Loomis 'yes', Trustee Simpson 'yes', and Clerk Hillman 'yes'. All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion passed and resolution adopted.**
2. 2024 Flu Shot Clinic will be requested from the Chippewa County Health Department.
3. Winter Snowplowing contract with Mark Beaudoin to be arranged for 2024/2025 season on recommendation of the Board.
4. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to authorize the submission of a Sault Tribe 2% grant request for a kid's fishing dock to be located east of the boat launch in the Township Park. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
5. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to change the regular Board meeting date for October, November, and December 2024 from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday at 6:30, at the Trout Lake Township Hall. Seconded by Trustee Simpson Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**
6. **Motion** made by Supervisor Blake-Thomas to approve land division resolution 2024-03 for Betcher property Seconded by Treasurer Sindles Voice vote: All yes with no 'Nay' votes. **Motion carried unanimously.**

## Public Comments:

1. Concern expressed over the garbage in the front of the old bank on H40

## Board Comments:

Supervisor Blake-Thomas: A write-in candidate for treasurer expressed interest in running.

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

Supervisor Blake-Thomas motioned to adjourned the meeting at 7:12 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

*David Hillman*  
Trout Lake Township Clerk