

MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

OCTOBER 18, 2010

The regular township monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Board members present were Deb Maki, Margaret Lindeman, Lynn Huotari, Jim Saur, and Bob Sibilsky.

MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the September 22, 2010 meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve Lindeman/Maki, all voted aye

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Huotari and accepted as given. The fund balances are as follows: Citizen's Bank CD \$7,474.21, SNB General Acc't \$9,830.73, MBIA Fire Fund \$26,576.19, MBIA General Fund \$82,358.18, MBIA Tax Fund \$2,037.55, SNB Tax Acc't \$19,303.56.

CORRESPONDENCE:

DNRE PERMITS: Two permits were issued by the DNRE to Vulcan Timberlands for culvert installation on Shawmut Creek Section 10.

DNRE ADVISORY BOARD: The creation of a Citizens Advisory Councils CAC for Lake Michigan and Lake Huron was announced. The purpose to ensure local interest is served. The Upper Peninsula will be a future region to be served later.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TOWNSHIP HALL RENOVATION/TANKER REPLACEMENT:

A preliminary architectural feasibility report from U.P. Engineering was presented to the board for review. Several concerns were aired regarding design and space allocation. Deb Maki was requested to pursue on behalf of the board. It was noted that the document could change measurably when and if it gets to the design stage.

PENSION:

The pension proposal from Burnham and Flowers was received and distributed to the board for review and future discussion.

WATER SAMPLING:

Deb Maki contacted Dr. Kerfoot at MTU at the recommendation of Lynn Madison of the Western Upper Peninsula Health Department. He indicated that certain problems with the fish deaths and water quality were in some respects related to the early warm weather conditions. The consensus of his group opinion was the warm el-nino year was the biggest contributor. More testing was thought to be necessary.

ICE RINK USE:

The previous board meeting called for community evaluation and comments regarding use of the ice arena. Feedback from residents indicated a strong interest in keeping the rink open. It was suggested that a review of the electrical concern in the storage/water room be undertaken. Also the source of heat in that area as well. It cost approx. \$600.00 last year to heat the hose flooding storage space and light the arena.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE:

Bob Sibilsky provided status of Master Plan. Essentially the document is in final assembly stage and will proceed with final mapping shortly. Next

Meeting scheduled for November 8, 2010

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Esther Kieranen inquired about more details of the community bldg. plan. In as the project is in the preliminary stage not much info was available at this time.

PAY THE BILLS: Motion to pay the bills \$8,249.55: Saur/Huotari, all voted aye.

NEXT MEETING: November 11, 2010

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn, Huotari/Lindeman, all voted.

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Deb Maki, Supervisor.