

# **MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING**

APRIL 19, 2010

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

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** The minutes of the March 18, 2010 meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve: Lindeman/Saur all voted aye.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was given by Clerk Sibilsky and was accepted as given. The fund balances are as follows: Citizens CD \$7,474.21, SNB General Account \$14,583.52, MBIA Fire Fund \$46,786.01, MBIA General Fund \$115,425.12, MBIA Tax Fund \$40,775.30, SNB Tax Acc't. \$7,420.15

**CORRESPONDANCE:** Associated Bank our current credit card provider will be offering upgrades to our cards.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

**TOWNSHIP HALL/TANKER/USDA:** Clerk Sibilsky contacted Always Available Contracting to determine the location of the existing septic and drain field system. It was determined that the tank was located off the north wall of the kitchen nearest the area where the fire dept garage joins the community building. Supervisor to contact U. P. Engineering for review status plus the availability of funds to remodel for tanker storage. Tanker Est. \$120,000 to \$170,000.

**GARBAGE PICKUP CONTRACT:** The sample contract from Waste Management was reviewed by the board with the need for non-compliance provision by the provider necessary for inclusion. Supervisor to pursue with Waste Management. Cost \$3000.00 per mo. approx.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

**AMENDMENTS FOR THE MARCH 2010/ final entries posted:** changes to the 2010 budget were approved: Motion to approve changes: Lindeman/Saur all voted aye.

(See attached schedule.)

**INSURANCE CHANGES:** The Township has blanket \$50,000 equipment coverage for the fire department. The trucks are covered separately. The fire dept to review their values.

**PENSION FUND:** Supervisor Maki to pursue clarity to our current fund and see if the firm of Burham and Flowers can suggest an alternative.

APPROVE 2008-2009 BUDGET HEARING MINUTES: The minutes of the 2008-2009 budget hearing were read and approved. Motion to approve: Saur/Lindeman all voted aye.

PLANNING COMMISSION UPDATE: Shawn Hagan provided update of work progress. WUPPDR , Nels Anderson provided maps of the township for our review and update. He's the GIS Specialist/Assistant Planner. In June we will be meeting with Ron Yesney of MDNRE. Public Hearing scheduled for June 14, 2010 recreation orientated.

Master Plan completion date estimated toward early fall

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CITIZEN'S COMMENTS: Clerk Sibilsky asked to get beaver trapping permit. Community promotion at the Mine Shaft business in Houghton ..More info later.

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PAY BILLS: Motion to pay township bills Lindeman/Sibilsky all voted aye  
The bills amounted to \$16,319.60

NEXT MEETING: 5-17-2010 (also MTA Meeting in Houghton)

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to adjourn Maki/ Sibilsky all voted aye.

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Robert Sibilsky, Clerk

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Deb Maki, Supervisor