

MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD

MEETING

SEPTEMBER 22, 2010

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

MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the August 16, 2010 meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve: Lindeman/Huotari 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 CD\$7,474.21, SNB General Acc't \$25,981.84, MBIA Fire Fund \$26,804.40, MBIA General Acc't \$82,110.27, MBIA Tax Fund \$42,039.04, SNB Tax Acc't \$18,805.81.

The cost of the Waste Mgmt. cleanup containers were noted as a large expenditure that doesn't normally occur @ \$2000.00

SPECIAL PRESENTATION/JUSTICE CENTER

Sheriff McLean presented a video presentation of the current conditions and proposed solution to the jail and court needs of the county. A question and answer period followed. Information brochures were handed out to the attendees.

CORRESPONDENCE:

George Madison Unit Supervisor DNRE Fisheries Div. Sent letter regarding mysterious fish deaths in Roland/Gerald Lakes and indicated that the unknown causes of the deaths would be the focus of a study next summer. The unusual summer heat condition could be partially to blame but there were no unusual water chemistry to point to as a contributing factor. More fish are to be planted or have been planted 500 8-9" lake trout in early September and 150 24" lake trout in late October.

Recreational trails meeting was to be held at the Lakeshore Center Community Room Thursday, September, 23, 2010 at 6:30 p.m. Trail use, access and development were to be discussed.

UPPCO advised they would be changing the light locations at the Sate Park entrance and Lake Gerald road. Street lights were moved from the center of M-26 to the edge of the road entrances.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

TOWNSHIP HALL/TANKER/USDA:

Preapplication documents were in the process by U.P. Engr.

PENSION: Supervisor Maki working with the Burnham and Flowers Company resolve retirement contracts.

WATER SAMPLING:

Supervisor Maki had contacted the Health Dept regarding water tests but the department wasn't in a position to identify a time when they could begin testing.

NEW BUSINESS:

PLANNING COMMISSION APPOINTMENTS:

Doris Johnson and Tom Condon were reappointed to the PC Comm. for 3 yr terms.
Motion to appoint: Margaret Lindeman/Saur all vote aye.

ICE RINK:

The township ice rink in the Community bldg. wasn't used much in 2009-10 winter. The cost to operate is excessive if not very many are using it. In order to get community feeling Supervisor Maki will send a letter to the school for their feedback. This item to be discussed at future meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION:

The master plan continues to be developed. Doris Johnson is working on the Citizen's Planner course. Next PC meeting is Oct 11, 2010.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT'S:

Ray Tencza suggested an alternative funding method be considered for the Justice Center: 1% sales tax, Bonds/Penalty fees etc. Board can't take position on this recommendation.

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Doris Johnson presented a Web Mtce. Contract for Board approval. A flat rate of \$30.00 per month with a monthly minimum of 2hrs, with over 2hrs per month billed at \$15.00 per hr.

The Honor Roll on the community bldg needs carpentry repairs. It was recommended that JimSaur provide the board with an estimate to fix.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Bills amounting to \$15,181.39 were presented for payment.
Motion to approve: Huotari/Maki, all voted aye

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn Huotari/Maki all voted aye

NEXT MEETING: October 18, 2010

Robert Sibilsky, Clerk

Deb Maki, Supervisor