
MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING JULY 20, 2011

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

MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the June 20, 2011 were read and approved.
Motion: Jim Saur/Margaret Lindeman, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Reynolds and accepted as given. Fund balances are: Citizen Bank \$7,565.15, Gen SNB \$61,672.00, MBIA Fire Fund \$51,045.00, MBIA Gen Fund \$55,471.61, MBIA Tax \$1,616.87, SNB Tax Acc't \$17,518.06.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Letter from the MTA regarding workers compensation program indicating their attempt to start a self-insured fund wasn't successful at this time. They would reorganize and try at a later date.

UPPCO sent letter advising they were requesting a rate increase.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Bob Nottoli: Spoke to the feelings he had regarding turmoil in the community regarding land and recall issues.

Cindy Barth: Uncapping request.

Joan Boyer: Addressed the board regarding her land rights issues.. BOR minutes were requested. Freedom of Information request for Board of Review minutes for March and July for the last five years.

Joe Romano asked about board pension program.

Lisa Saatio asked about website and the lack of response to her request for an announcement regarding community church service.

NEW BUSINESS: None

PLANNING COMMISSION: Scheduled to meet next Monday the 25th 2011.

PAY BILLS: \$8,529.51 Motion to pay Margaret Lindeman/Sibilsky, all vote aye.

CLOSED SESSION/ REQUESTED BY SUPERVISOR MAKI

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Road Litigation: The hearing on the lawsuit has been postponed until August 23, 2011. The township has opted to rest on the brief previously submitted and not attend the trial.

.Attorney Contract: Our attorney was engaged as required. Most U.P townships hire attorneys as necessary, as they can't afford them on a retainer basis.

FIRE HALL ADDITION: The pending grant application for funding the changes to the Township Hall was put on hold because of the lack of governmental grant funds. Loan funds are the only available support at this time.

LAKE WATER TESTING: Whitewater Associates did their presentation on the lakes testing June 29th. Actual testing to be done in early August.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Resignation of Doris Johnson from Board of Review, Planning Commission and as Webmaster. Motion to accept Sibilsky/Cheryl Reynolds, all voted aye.

Resignation of Margaret Lindeman after 30 yrs effective at the end of 7-20-2011 meeting. Motion to accept: Sibilsky/Saur, all voted aye.

Resignation of Deb Maki as Supervisor effective at the adjournment of this meeting. Motion to accept: Saur/Reynolds, all voted aye.

Assessor will be continued on a temporary basis by Deb Maki. Motion to approve Lindeman/Saur, all voted aye.

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A special meeting would be required to appoint or interview for replacement positions 18 hr notice required and needs to be posted.

AUDITOR Assistance of Deb Maki to aid with audit question on a prorated basis to her current Supervisor salary (daily rate). Motion Sibilsky/Saur, all voted aye

MICHIGAN MUNICIPAL TREASURER TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION: Board approved Cheryl Reynolds membership.

ADJOURNMENT: Saur/Sibilsky, all voted aye

NEXT MEETING; August 22, 2011
