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MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING AUGUST 22, 2011

The regular Township monthly meeting was at 7:00 p.m. Members present were Jim Saur, Cheryl Reynolds, Bob Sibilsky, and Shawn Hagan.

Prior to the start of the meeting, Clerk Sibilsky announced the receipt of Shawn Hagan's resignation as chair of the Township Planning Commission. The oath of office for Shawn Hagan was then administered as Supervisor of Elm River Township, filling the vacancy left with the resignation of Deb Maki on July 20, 2011.

MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the July 20, 2011 were read and approved with the correction of the date of Margaret Lindeman's resignation as 7-20-2011 rather than 6-20-2011. Motion to approve: Saur/Reynolds, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Reynolds. The fund balances are as follows: Citizens Bank CD \$7,565.15, SNB General Acc't \$61,672.60, MBIA Fire Fund \$51,045.00, MBIA General Fund \$55,471.61, MBIA Tax Fund \$1,616.87, SNB Tax Acc't \$17,518.06. All Bank Balance \$194,889.29. Motion to approve: Sibilsky/Saur, all voted aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: Letter from the Upper Peninsula Power Co. on their application for a rate increase request.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Wealton Litigation: The Township was provided with a copy of the lawsuit filed by the Wealton's objecting to the contention that a public road exists on their property. The Wealton's are attempting to intervene in the existing case in order to oppose the Road Commission's attempted claim to Lake Gerald Road. They have also added a claim for trespass against the Road Commission. The Township can either support this motion, oppose this motion, or not respond.

Trustee Interview Process: We have five candidates who have shown interest in the vacant trustee position. The candidates will be interviewed at 11:00 a.m. on Saturday, August 27th. A scoring system will be set-up to allow scoring from all Township Board members. The numeric selection process will be similar to previous board selections for clerk and treasurer.

Lake Water Testing: July 28, 2011 Whitewater Testing did sampling of Lake Gerald, Lake

Roland and Sandy Lake. Other lakes in the township were sampled and will be part of the testing process. Tests results will be presented in late September.

Webmaster: Options and various sources were discussed. Further investigation is anticipated. Volunteers were present and noted. Issue was temporarily tabled.

Propane Contract: Settlers Co-op sent notice of **contract** payment conditions and changes as well as our rate for 2011-2012 at \$2.04 per gal. We used 1400 gals last year. Our price last year was \$1.60 per gal. The Township Board asked the Clerk Sibilsky to get bids from other providers. Selection should be made at the next meeting.

Recall: The recall process is going forward with the election scheduled for Nov. 8, 2011.

NEW BUSINESS:

Assessor contract: An assessor contract document was to be researched by Treasurer Reynolds thru the MTA.

Tax Collection: September 14, 2011, Treasurer Reynolds will be in the office all day to collect the summer taxes.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action at this time until a new chairman and board member are appointed.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Joe Siller asked about lake testing in bays that are like the shallow bay on the south side of big Lake Gerald.

Richard Krupp would like the Township Board to consider a speaker system to aid the hearing impaired. The speaker system could also be used for community events in the ice rink area.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion to pay bills amounting to \$30,241.00, Sibilsky/Saur, all voted aye.

NEXT MEETING: September 21, 2011.

ADJOURN: Motion, Saur/Reynolds, all voted aye.

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk Shawn Hagan, Supervisor