

## **MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING NOVEMBER 10, 2011**

The regular Elm River Township monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present were John Kelly, Cheryl Reynolds, Jim Saur, Shawn Hagan, and Bob Sibilsky.

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** The minutes of the October 17, 2011 meeting were read and approved with one correction to the tax account transfer which should have read \$1618.82, not \$1619.13. Motion to approve: Kelly/Saur, all voted aye.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Reynolds. Fund balances are as follows: SNB General Acc't \$32,631.97, MBIA Fire Fund, \$34,863.76, MBIA General Fund \$69,032.21, SNB Tax Acc't \$10,443.95. All bank accounts total \$147,128.45. Motion to approve: Sibilsky/Kelly, all voted aye.

### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

**Audit Performance:** A performance follow up document from the Dept of Treasury relevant to the recent audit was received by Supervisor Hagan.

Clerk Sibilsky and Treasurer Reynolds to complete the survey and respond to the state for the township.

**John Pekkala Drain Commissioner** contacted Supervisor Hagan regarding reverse flow into the lake. Beaver trapping is to be pursued as soon as possible. Supervisor Hagan is to provide devices for us to provide base line to determine flow and levels.

**USDA** questionnaire is to be completed by Supervisor Hagan and Fire Chief Reynolds, related to our fire truck loan.

**Letter from Chief Reynolds** objecting to the hiring of William Johnson, regarding cleaning of snow from the doors. Clerk Sibilsky is to check insurance coverage and licensing.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

**Web site** is up and running thanks to Mike Hubert.

**Assessor contract:** Five proposals were received as a result of our advertisement. Copies of the proposals from James Fedie, Mark Maki, Linda Pizzi, John Botto, and Tom Novascone were circulated to the board for review and recommendation. Maki and Novascone received the most (1) votes. Additional questions would be communicated to the two top candidates with a follow-up meeting scheduled for November 22nd at 5 p.m.

**Board of Review:** Jim Plutchak and Sherri Brandt were appointed to the BOR by Supervisor Hagan. Motion: Kelly/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Furnace:** The furnace in the community center has leaks in the heat exchanger and would require immediate replacement estimated at \$2000 plus. A new furnace was quoted by ALK of Alston at \$2385.00. A motion to replace the furnace was made by Kelly/Saur, all voted aye.

**Ice Rink:** The consensus of the board was to continue the ice rink based on community feedback. Ron Saari is to be asked to begin making ice as soon as weather permits.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No new action. Volunteers are still needed to serve on it.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Chief Reynolds advised the need to have the chimney checked for leaks and capped if possible.

Mike Sabo requested authorization to fly the USA flag on the community building. Board approved. Use of the cemetery flag was suggested if it is the correct size.

Esther Keirinen thanked Phil Kangas for his election support.

Recall election cost estimated at \$1500.00.

**MTA Regional Chapter Meeting** set for Nov. 30th at 7:00 p.m. at the Frankin Twp. Hall.

**PAY BILLS:** Bills totaling \$10,196.45. Motion to pay: Kelly/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

Comments by the Board: Clerk Sibilsky and Trustee Saur appreciated the support and thanked the community for their interest in the recall election.

**NEXT MEETING:** December 19, 2011.

**ADJOURN:** Motion Saur/Sibilsky, all voted aye.