

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 17, 2012**

The regular Elm River Township monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hagan. Members present were Shawn Hagan, Richard Trudgeon, John Kelly, and Robert Sibilsky. Absent: Lisa Saatio. Present also: Assessor John Botto

AGENDA: Motion to approve: Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

MINUTES OF NOVEMBER 12, 2012: The November 12, 2012 minutes were read and approved. Motion: Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Supervisor Hagan read the report indicating we were paying bills this month in the amount of \$10,739.19. Bank balances were as follows: SNB General \$28,232.36, River Valley General \$65,864.77, SNB Tax \$64,502.78. There will be a meeting of the Treasurer, Clerk, and Trustee Kelly with Debbie Bradford of Rukkila & Negro Accounting to go over the accounting needs of the township. Rukkila is to prepare estimate of services and recommended actions for Board to review.

The Treasurer has prepared an expenditure report of Fire Department expenditures for the current month for the department to use in their own internal accounting.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Kelly/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL: Treasurer Saatio and Supervisor Hagan are continuing to review expenditure codes from July through November. Hopefully a more current budget to actual report will be available at the January 21, 2013 meeting.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: John Botto reported that they are essentially complete with the reappraisal process. He was thanked by Supervisor Hagan for the quality and timeliness of his performance. John questioned the Board's position on the BS&A plan B which would allow free access of the property card. The Township is to review and decide at a later date.

CORRESPONDENCE: A communication was received from Mary Ann Jarvi relevant to the large gully on Pike Lake Road near the Kapp residence which she felt should have more protection for vehicles should they leave the road. Clerk Sibilsky was instructed to bring the question to the Houghton County Road Commission at the MTA local meeting on the 19th.

OLD BUSINESS:

Minutes of the Special Fire Department meeting were provided with an understanding that further review would take place once Deb Bradford (Rukkila/Negro and Associates) had a chance to review the existing data

Ice Rink concerns were discussed with no direction on the possibility of the rink being activated. Status is to be reviewed at the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Board of Review (BOR): New members were appointed to the Board of Review, with Sherri Brandt, Richard Krupp, and Jim Plutchak as regular members and Bill Meier, Ray Saatio and John Reynolds as alternates.

Historical Presentation: Ralph Raffaelli was making available an opportunity for someone to represent the Elm River area as a resource person from June 1st through Labor Day at a community showing in the Dee Stadium. Pictures and other memorabilia would be shown.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Reynolds presented to the Board a list of current firefighters and officers. This report was approved by the Board and would become an annual request in December.

The Fire Dept Christmas party was held December 15, 2012. All township residents were invited.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Dick Trudgeon and John Kelly were appointed for the remainder of the fiscal year. Joe Siller indicated his interest on future committee work.

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills totaling \$10,738.19: Sibilsky/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Joe Siller desired to be appointed to the Road Committee.

Mike Sabo indicated Pilt/CFR monies were shared with the Fire Dept. under previous administrations.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING: January 21, 2013

ADJOURN: Motion to adjourn: Trudgeon/Hagan. All voted aye.

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor

