

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 21, 2012**

The regular Elm River Township monthly meeting was called to order at 7:26 p.m. by Supervisor Hagan. Members present were Deputy Clerk Mike Sabo, John Kelly, Jim Saur, Lisa Saatio and Shawn Hagan, absent was Robert Sibilsky.

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** The minutes of the February 15, 2012 meeting were read and approved: Motion: Hagan/Saur, all voted aye.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The expenditures for the month totaled \$14,989.49, Bank account balances are as follows: SNB General Account \$38,783.58, MBIA Fire Fund \$33,267.49, MBIA General Fund \$70,637.25, SNB Tax Account \$188,835.82. Total of all accounts \$331,524.14. Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Saur/Kelly, all voted aye.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Our Assessor John Botto at the Board of Review had 24 parcels questioned, 11 were reappraised, 9 were completed and cards updated. Numerous complaints related to classification of properties were received.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

**PERFORMER INTEREST:** E-Mail from A Fiddler/Storyteller wanted to perform at the township as a community service. This was referred to The State Park for possible inclusion in their activities.

**CONTRACT SERVICES COUNTY:** We are waiting for proposal cost to have the folding, insertion and mailing costs associated with taxes from the county.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**OFFICE DOOR & BUILDING REPAIRS:** The office door has been replaced and new lock mechanism installed. The Honor Roll Plaque is under repair and the building patching is to be done as weather conditions improve.

**COMPUTER REPLACEMENT:** Supervisor Hagan ordered a new Dell computer for the office which needs to be loaded with our township needs and BS&A software. This new computer needs to be run in conjunction with our current unit to make sure it is performing our needs.

**BS&A** software upgrade to be compatible with the county was approved approx. \$5000.00 with discounts. Motion: Hagan/Saur, all voted aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**2012-2013 MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Mondays were tentatively scheduled primarily except during October and November. A schedule will be posted separately on the Township website. Planning Commission to be developed once reactivated: Motion to approve: Kelly/Saur, all voted aye.

**TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY:** Present lawsuit to remain with current Attorney Fahay and future concerns when necessary would be with Attorney Tomasi, for local consul. Motion: Hagan/Saur, all voted aye.

**EXPENSE POLICY:** Approved extending existing rates, with changes for mileage to match Federal Rate. Language for travel was modified, with reimbursement accordingly. Motion to approve: Hagan/Saur, all voted aye.

**SALARY RATE POLICY:** No change from 2011-2012. Motion: Saur/Kelly, all voted aye.

**RESOLUTION FOR BOARD SALARIES:** Approved at current levels: Voice vote Yes: Kelly, Hagan, Saur, and Saatio. No: None.

**REAPPRAISAL OF TOWNSHIP:** Discussion on the need for complete township reappraisal. Motion: Hagan/Saur to approve with a request for proposal and notify State, all voted aye. Assessed values could change but not the taxable unless they find something omitted.

**CITIZENS COMMENTS:**

Karl Johnson discussed pending lawsuit and Houghton County Road Commission.

John Reynolds indicated that the department was putting in for a Government Surplus truck that could do snowplowing. He requested we look into using the back of the Community Bldg for new fire hall. The Township could use old Fire Dept area for storage.

Rick Gemignani questioned why we are still involved in the lawsuit and why we are using Attorney Fahay.

**PAY BILLS:** Motion to pay bills totaling \$14,098.49: Saatio/Kelly, all voted aye.

**ADJOURN:** Motion: Hagan/Kelly, all voted aye.

**NEXT MEETING:** April 23, 2012.