

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

The regular Elm River Township monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hagan. Members present were Lisa Saatio, John Kelly, Jim Saur, Shawn Hagan and Robert Sibilsky.

**MINUTES OF MEETING:** The minutes of the April 23, 2012 were read and approved. Motion: Kelly/ Saur, all voted aye.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Saatio. Checks were written for \$18,789.52. The Bank fund 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. The total of all funds is \$331,524.14. Treasurer Saatio is to attend the Fund Accounting training at BS&A in Lansing in the next week. Motion to approve: Saur/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT:** A report showing the new departmental breakout of the actual to budget was provided for board review. Three- quarters of the data from the old computer have been transferred to the new Dell Computer.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** John Botto introduced Carol Little who with John would be interested in the reappraisal process for approximately \$36,500 vs. our only other proposal from Mark Maki at \$54,000.00. Carol is currently in the process of getting her appraisal license, perhaps by October. Several residents were witnesses as to John and Carol's ability to perform the reappraisal function.

Use of the township website and appointments with the Assessor were techniques of improving the appraisal process suggested. Shawn will check with the State relevant to our working with John Botto's company at a reduced rate to our current proposal. He will attempt to have resolution by our next meeting.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** One letter was received from the DEQ related to the installation of fiber optic cable through the township and the U.P.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**BUILDING REPAIRS:** Most of the repairs were completed including the new Honor Roll, capping of chimney, and door replacement in office area. Work on siding to stop critters is still being worked on.

**REAPPRAISAL OF TAX ROLL:** Previous discussion covered this topic.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**TOWNSHIP PURCHASE OF FORCLOSED PROPERTY:** Houghton County Treasurer requested our interest in acquiring the foreclosed Strack property in Donken.

Township Board was not interested in acquiring the property. Motion to decline: Saur/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

**MILLAGE RENEWALS FOR AUGUST BALLOT:** Motion for resolutions renewal/or add: Motion: Kelly/Saur, Roll call vote, all persons voted to include on ballot in August.

Resolution 1 is a 2mills renewal  
Resolution 2 is a 1 mill renewal  
Resolution 3 is a ½ mill addition

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** Appointments to the ERT Planning Commission, include Sue Richards, and Mike Hubert, and reappointment of Bob Sibilsky. Motion to approve: Kelly/Saur, all vote aye.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Joe Romano was concerned about need for a Planning Commission.

Mary Ann Jarvi was concerned about dust from the Penegor Mill.

John Reynolds clarified his right to park his camper in front of his property.

Esther Kieranen wanted more recycling and more action on dust control of Penegor Mill.

Tom Condon indicated that the Survey done a couple of years ago should guide the new Planning Commission.

Several citizens expressed concern about the Strack property that burned and the danger to children in area.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion to pay bills totaling \$18,789.52: Saatio/Saur, all voted aye.

**NEXT MEETING:** June 18, 2012.

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

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Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

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Shawn Hagan, Supervisor

