

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
JULY 23, 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. Assessor John Botto was present.

The agenda was approved by all parties.

**HEIN SURVEYING:** Steven Hein presented what was involved in an assessor's plat for Lake Gerald. The hiring of a surveyor and establish property corners estimated cost is \$20,000. This assessor's plat is in the NW Quarter of section 13.

**MINUTES FROM JUNE 18<sup>TH</sup> MEETING:** The minutes of the June 18<sup>th</sup> 2012 meeting were read and approved. Motion: Kelly/Saatio, all voted aye

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was incomplete with regard to the bank balances as the computer conversion hasn't been completed. The total available balance is \$204,490.04. Expenditures for this month is \$18,199.15. The treasurer's report was accepted as read.

The treasurer recommended we modify our current investment policy to allow more flexibility in our investments. A revised Investment Resolution was adopted. Motion: Sibilsky/Kelly, all voted aye on a roll call vote.

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT:** Supervisor Hagan reviewed the current status of our budget with the general consensus that we are in compliance with our budget.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** 80 % of our CFR properties reappraised to date. Nov 16<sup>th</sup> the appraisals should be complete. Copies of the reassessment are available if requested. Contact phone number for John Botto is 517-258-0203.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Our Attorney in the Johnson vs. Road Commission sent us a summary of the judgment. The court reiterated that although there was technically a "road" through the Johnson property, the berm the Johnsons placed across the "road" need not be removed, for the reasons previously discussed by the Court.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

The building repairs to the siding are under consideration by our contractor Don Cline. No status change at this time

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

The **cemetery storage building** needs repair and/or replacement. Clerk to pursue options and cost variables. A storage arrangement for the community building also needs to be pursued.

**Facilities and Grounds Technician** position needs to have job description sent to interested candidates for review and further interviews and discussion.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** The Township Board is still looking for two people to fill the vacancies on the Planning Commission.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** The Fire Department is updating signs for Penegor Lane and Penegor Road. Fire Chief, Reynolds is concerned about his mail being opened. He also asked if he could be on the agenda on a regular basis. A possible tanker replacement is being considered.

**ROAD COMMITTEE: No action**

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** Motion to pay township bills in the amount of \$18,199.15: Saatio/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Karl Johnson stated his intentions regarding use of his land.

Rick Gemignani was concerned that the old township assessment records weren't available. Assessor John Botto indicated that the records were looked for in the past but were not found. These were prior to 2005.

**BOARD COMMENTS:**

Lisa Saatio was concerned about our hiring an attorney from the local area. Further discussion will address this concern.

**NEXT MEETING:** September 17, 2012 at 7:00 p.m.

**ADJOURN:** Motion to adjourn Saatio/Kelly.

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Robert Sibilsky, Clerk

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Shawn Hagan, Supervisor