

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 20, 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 absent.

MINUTES FROM JULY 23, 2012: The minutes of the July 23, 2012 were read and approved. Motion: Saur/Kelly, all voted aye.

SPECIAL REPORT: Judith Rupley candidate for District 5 presented her views on the needs of this district.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Saatio indicated we were paying bills this month in the amount of \$12,450.60. Bank balances were as follows: General Fund \$36,301.28, Tax A'cct, \$149,522.97, Savings \$65,734.91, Fire Fund \$33, 298.25. Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Sibilsky/Kelly, all voted aye. It was noted by Treasurer Saatio that the formal bank report was in the process with the conversion of the old computer data to the new. The formal report should be available next month.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT: Discussion of the revenue and expenses with the report document prepared for the board by Supervisor Hagan identified several areas of adjustment most notably the Special Assessment cost and realignment of Fire Fund and General Fund expenses.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Over one third done with field work and 11% of paperwork completed. Of 494 residential parcels they have visited 178. Of 153 vacant parcels 47 have been visited.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

SUMMER CLEAN-UP: Lisa received question about the summer clean-up from a resident. The clean-up was done in the past but because of cost was deferred for a year. Previous cost was estimated at \$5200 and therefore was to be delayed for another year. Budget review will take place with the thought of doing it again in 2013.

JOHNSON VS HOUGHTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION: At the request of HCRC, the Judge reiterated his findings that the Johnson buildings, the berm, etc were okay. HCRC followed-up the finding requesting Johnsons and the Township share in the expenses the Road Commission incurred in the case. A rebuttal was prepared by the township Attorney Mr. Fahay.

OLD BUSINESS:

BUILDING REPAIRS: Don Cline was to visit Richard Krupp's potential donation of a building and to review the condition of the cemetery building but because of other commitments was unable to get to our projects at this time. Clerk Sibilsky is to get with contractor before next weeks meeting for status. Moyle had a garage for \$2000 delivered to site. Richard Krupp & Clerk Sibilsky had reviewed the Moyle building.

ASSESSOR PLAT OF LAKE GERALD/COTTAGE LANE: The State Treasury department wasn't able to provide assistance. They referred us to our attorney. Supervisor Hagan is to pursue State direction and assistance.

ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP TECHNICIAN INTERVIEW:

Two of three original candidates were asked questions by the Board: John Reynolds and Dan Lorenz. The candidates were rated by the Board members individually and at the conclusion of the ratings hired Dan Lorenz to perform the function. He was to begin the tasks as soon as possible.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action at this time.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Chief Reynolds indicated that the Department was working on road sign changes specifically Penegor Road and Penegor Lane. Signs missing in addition to these included Poyhonen Rd. and Winona Rd. Clerk Sibilsky was instructed to order replacements. The Fire Department was researching a replacement tanker truck. The Board was questioned about funding assistance. No action regarding funding at this time.

ROADS COMMITTEE: Trustees and committee members Kelly and Saur reported not good status for most of our roads. Apron conditions were breaking up. Autumn Blaze and Parkside roads were in good condition. Asphalt grinding and relaying the asphalt utilizing newer mat method is being considered. Diamond mesh is another method to be considered.

PAY BILLS: Motion Saatio/Saur pay bills \$12,450.60, all vote aye.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Rick Gemignani and Joe Siller: Thanked the Board of Review for good job

Esther Kieranen: Was concerned with the Waste Management contract and when it expired.

ADJOURN: Motion Saatio/ Saur, all voted aye

NEXT MEETING: September 17, 2012

Robert Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor