

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
SEPTEMBER 17, 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.

**MINUTES SPECIAL WORK SESSION:** September 5<sup>th</sup> 2012. The minutes from the special budget coding and related items were approved. Motion: Kelly/Saur, all voted aye.

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING:** August 20, 2012. The minutes were read and approved: Motion: Kelly/Saatio, all voted aye.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Saatio indicated we were paying bills this month in the amount of \$15,262.32. Bank balances were as follows: SNB General Fund \$36,982.73, Tax Acc't \$315,608.70, River Valley General Fund \$65,771.20, MBIA Fire Fund \$23,353.23. The Treasurer Saatio worked the 14<sup>th</sup> as that was the last payment date for summer taxes. Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Sibilsky/Saur, all voted aye.

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT:** Work is on going related to conversion of data to the new BS&A system and the new computer. Treasurer Saatio is communicating with the BS&A people in this conversion process.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Our Assessor John Botto indicated that a total of 412 parcels were surveyed and 45% were entered. 111 CFR were surveyed 80% entered. Apex software is needed. Discussion about including assessment cards with the December tax bills and/or maybe put out to people that come and get them from the office is being considered.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

1. A letter requesting financial assistance from our Township for the U.P.S.E.T. Substance Enforcement Team was read and tabled pending further investigation by the Board as to the acceptance of this program locally. Board Trustee Kelly is to check this out and report.
2. A letter from our propane supplier Lagasco advising us that they have joined Suburban Propane, a part of the National Energy L.P. Corp.
3. A letter from Parkview Properties was read related to previous tax amounts and the hiring of Waste Management. It was contended that Parkview was misinformed by the Township Board.
4. A conflict of interest e-mail was received relevant to the hiring of the Building Technician. Supervisor Hagan answered the inquiry.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Johnson vs. Houghton County Road Commission and Elm River Township was provided clarification by the judge stating that there won't be a sharing of expenses as related to the lawsuit.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No new action and still attempting to fill positions

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Fire Chief Reynolds said signs for Poyhonen and Winona Rd were received. Penegor Rd and Penegor Lane Rd signs are installed.

Monies are requested for new tanker. Need to be investigated further within the Fire Dept. funds. Treasurer Saatio and Supervisor Hagan will review.

Fire Chief Reynolds and his wife Cheryl are in training for First Responders under Adams Township Fire Responders jurisdiction.

**ROAD COMMITTEE UPDATE:** No Action

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion to pay bills in the amount \$15,262.32: Sibilsky/Kelly, all voted aye.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Richard Pirhonen advised of new water system being installed this fall in Twin Lakes State Park.

Rick Baumler echoed support for the EMS training of John and Cheryl Reynolds.

Joe Siller voiced concern about correct 911 location beyond Johnsons on Lake Gerald. The residence is not identified.

**BOARD COMMENTS:** None

**ADJOURN:** Motion Saur/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

**NEXT MEETING:** October 22, 2012

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Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

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Shawn Hagan, Supervisor