

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
OCTOBER 25, 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.

**AGENDA:** Motion to approve: Saur/ Sibilsky, all voted aye

**MINUTES OF REGULAR SEPTEMBER 17, 2012 MEETING:**

The September 25, 2012 minutes were read and approved: Motion: Saur/Kelly, all voted aye.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Saatio indicated we were paying bills this month in the amount of \$10,261.81. Bank balances were as follows: SNB Tax Acc't \$29,743.24, SNB General Fund \$46,685.15, MBIA Fire Fund \$23,356.53, River Valley General Fund \$65,805.26. Motion to approve Treasurer's report: Sibilsky/Saur, all voted aye.

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT:** Progress is being made with the transfer of the data from the pervasive system to the dot/net (.net). Shawn and Lisa are working with the BS&A people to conclude the transfer of data and indicated that it should be ready for the November meeting. All accounts are apparently on track from our initial expectations.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Our data base was loaded into the County system thru Mark Pierpont and entered in data base by John Partanen. We are 98% done with the residential. We are 90% complete overall. Discussion prevailed related to providing card data to owners and others. Apex software is to be pursued down the road. It isn't a requirement at this time.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Snow Plowing Contract:** Bids were taken for snowplowing with two bids received:

1. DMC Construction @ \$44.00 per hr. and \$50.00 for loader.
2. Parkview Leasing @ \$50.00 per hr. and \$60.00 per hr. for loader.

Motion to award to DMC: Saur/Saatio, all voted aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Receiving Board:** The State at a recent clerk's meeting in Marquette is reinforcing the use of a Receiving Board for elections. The Board acts as a clearing board at the end of elections to be sure all closing processes are adhered to and verified. It needs to be made

up of certified trained election workers and the least of which component wise is one Democrat and one Republican. A resolution for establishing the Receiving Board was adopted by the Township Board this date with no descending votes. Motion: Saur/Kelly, roll call vote, all agreed. Mary Ann Jarvi and Donna Meier were appointed by the election board for the general election 11-6-12. Motion to appoint Jarvi and Meier: Hagan /Saur, all voted aye.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No action

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Mike Sabo reported that the Fire Department had held youth fire prevention training at the Elm River School. Mike also reported the road sign for Penegor Road was in the process.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:** Saur and Kelly reported that they had met with Houghton County Road Commission, Dave Harju and Ray Saatio and discussed our road conditions funding. Dave Harju indicated that residents should call if there are road concerns.

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** Motion to pay bills totaling \$10,261.81: Kelly/ Sibilsky, all voted aye.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

**Mary Ann Jarvi** voiced her concern about election work distribution rotation among eligible workers.

**Joe Siller** was questioning our financial status and thought the Township was in deficit. An explanation of our current position and where monies come from was provided by Trustee Kelly and Supervisor Hagan, and that once the BS&A work is completed, a report will be provided.

Joe also was concerned about the ID Number of the new residence on Lake Gerald Rd. for fire protection. He was referred to County Sheriff's office Mr. Britz. The owner is responsible to get the number.

**Mary Ann Jarvi** wanted us to be aware of FinnFest coming next summer. They are looking for housing help, etc. Volunteers are welcome.

**BOARD COMMENT'S:**

Kelly advised he would be assisting Clerk Sibilsky and Treasurer Saatio on year end regulations and forms.

Sibilsky advised the problem with the tree at the launch site and the possibility of removing it before winter, coordinating with Rich Pirhonen at the DNR. Fire Dept may be interested in the wood for their raffle.

**NEXT MEETING: November 12, 2012.**

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

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Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

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Shawn Hagan, Supervisor