

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 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.

MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the March 21, 2012 meeting were read and approved: Motion: Kelly/Saur, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The expenditures for the month totaled \$18,522.55. Bank account balances are as follows: SNB General Acc't \$38,783.58, MBIA Fire Fund \$33,267.49, MBIA General Fund \$78,637.25, SNB Tax Acc't \$88,835.82. Total of all accounts \$331,524.14. Motion to approve: Kelly/Sibilsky, all voted aye. Treasurer Saatio reported that she had attended BS&A tax training in Lansing and felt the experience was of great worth. Saatio will be attending additional training in late May.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT: Supervisor Hagan deferred reporting until the BS&A conversion is completed along with the transfer of our old computer data to the new Dell.

ASSESSOR REPORT: 24 Petitions were handled at the last Board of Review. A reappraisal of the township will go forward as recommended by the State.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Supervisor Hagan received a letter from the Department of Natural Resources Minerals Management section. The state will be leasing out state-owned metallic mineral rights on lands in Houghton and Ontonagon counties. There will be fifteen sections in Elm River Township. The company doing the leasing for the state is Sundance Minerals Inc.

The township received from the DEQ, copies of Campground Licenses for Emily Lake State Forest Campground and Twin Lakes State Park.

County Clerk, Mary Schoos, advised that there would be a training program for the deputy and the clerk in Hancock on the 26th. She also mentioned that the Township could apply for reimbursement of expenses as related to the Presidential Primary Election expenses.

A letter received from the Michigan Liquor Control Commission states that effective April 1st 2012 they are requiring approvals from the local unit of government to the Commission. The Commission is requiring the applicant to directly submit requests for these local approvals to the local unit of government or local law enforcement agency.

Notice was received that the MTA will be holding the Spring Regional MTA meeting at Michigan Tech Memorial Union Building Tuesday, May 22.

Letter was received From the DEQ authorizing MDNR FMD permission to install a 12 foot long by 14 foot wide temporary bridge for skidder access on a logging job in Elm River Township, Town/Range 51N, 36W, Section 11.

OLD BUSINESS:

Building Repairs: Contractor Don Cline should complete repairs to the Building, the Honor Roll sign and the office door replacement next week.

BS&A: In the next couple of days we should have the data transfer complete to the new Dell computer.

Road Subcommittee: Jim Saur and John Kelly would Co-Chair that committee. And will be meeting with residents to design a plan for future priorities for the county Road Commission to consider in Elm River Township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Appraisal of Tax Roll: Township formulated plan for the reappraisal of the township. Within a five month window the field work could or should be completed. Our request for Proposals can be received from our assessor. Initially John Botto felt the time frame would be difficult for him to be able to perform alone.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Richard Krupp indicated that we need to contact Representative, Benishek for road monies, because our area contains numerous lakes and rivers for camping and recreation. He also indicated if road upgrades are considered, he felt the hill on Emily Lake Road near the Alston Trail crossing was a safety hazard.

Dale Baumler asked if an assessor would need to be hired if John Botto is not used.

PAYMENT OF THE BILL: Motion to pay bills totaling \$18,522.55: Saatio/Saur, all voted aye.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

NEXT MEETING: May 21st 2012.

ADJOURN: Motion Kelly/Sibilsky, all vote aye.

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor

