

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
NOVEMBER 25, 2013**

The regular Elm River Township monthly meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Supervisor Hagan. Members present were Shawn Hagan, John Kelly, Richard Trudgeon, Lisa Saatio, and Robert Sibilsky. Assessor John Botto was also in attendance.

AGENDA: Motion to approve Trudgeon/ Sibilsky, all voted aye.

MINUTES OF OCTOBER 15/21st MEETINGS: The minutes were approved with the addition of the name of the newly appointed Liquor Inspector Mary Kieranen added to the records. Motion: Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

L-4029: Kathy Beattie County Treasurer explained the Millage Request Report to County Board of Commissioners. This form is to be completed and submitted on or before September 30 annually. The Township has collected a surplus of \$39,000 for the fire truck. A revised form was provided by Kathy Beatty which would satisfy the County Clerk. A motion to reduce the millage to .6 as it relates to the fire truck was made. Motion: Kelly/Saatio, all voted aye.

The recommendation in coordination with Deb Bradford was to pay \$35,000 of the \$39,000 leaving a surplus of \$4,000. The \$35,000 is to be applied to the principal. This recommendation was approved in the form of a motion: Kelly/Saatio, all voted aye.

MICHIGAN SENATE BILL 352: Kathy Beattie also informed the board of this new bill which allows disabled veterans an exemption from property taxes. A copy of the senate bill was provided for specifics of the bill.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Saatio. Bank balances are as follows: SNB Gen \$41,946.09, SNB Tax \$422,187.24, River Valley \$66,090.32, MBIA \$23,375.74. Motion to approve: Trudgeon/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT: The audit report isn't available to finalize. Most budgets are in line for this time of year pending review after audit.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Board of Review meets December 10th 2013. Transfer of property can now be transacted without penalty to son or daughter.

There are three building permits to date for the Township.

Assessor Botto had a telephone hearing with the Michigan Tax Tribunal without a problem to the township. Only one case being reviewed.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Local MTA: Michigan Township Association Meeting in Franklin Township office tomorrow night.

UPPCO: EST \$500 credit from UPPCO for incorrect billing on street lights.

Copper Country Intermediate School District: Passed resolution to impose a summer property tax that they are requesting Elm River Township to collect.

Annual School Report for 2012-2013 Elm River School District was received.

Copper Country Survey Final Report and Historic Preservation Plan.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Fire Department old water tanker has been sold to Pat McIntyre and was delivered to him in Greenland. Sale price was \$2500.

NEW BUSINESS

Beavers are damming the Misery River with the result water is backflowing into Lake Roland.

Pros and cons of the resolution to the problem were discussed. Trappers were suggested. No one knew who would be available at this time. Supervisor Hagan to check on possible workers to break the dams.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Houghton County donated their ice rescue sled to Elm River Township Fire Dept. The Winter Festival is to be sponsored by the Township with the Fire Dept to organize. Motion: Trudgeon/Saatio, all voted aye.

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ROADS AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE: No action.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion to pay bills totaling \$6222.55 and \$3740 for payroll: Sibilsky/Kelly, all voted aye.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

Rick Baumler requested the amount that is left after payment for fire truck in March..
Treasurer Saatio will provide when transaction is done.

Joe Siller inquired about where the monies would be put from the sale of the tanker. He
was told it would be reinvested in the new tanker up grade.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

NEXT MEETING: DECEMBER 16TH 2013.

ADJOURN: Motion: Saatio/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor