

**8MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 21, 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, Richard Trudgeon, Lisa Saatio, John Kelly, and Robert Sibilsky. Absent Assessor Botto.

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

MINUTES OF SPECIAL DECEMBER 13, 2012 MEETING: The minutes of the December 13, 2012 were read and approved: Motion to approve Trudgeon/ Saatio, all voted aye.

MINUTES OF DECEMBER 17, 2012 MEETING: The December 17, 2012 minutes were read and approved. Motion: Kelly/Saatio, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Saatio. Bills being paid this month amounted to \$9,051.47. Bank balances were: SNB Gen Fund \$21,495.00, SNB Tax Acc't \$126,427.40, River Valley Bank \$65,892.79. Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Motion Sibilsky/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL: Continual progress is being made, and should be ready for February Meeting.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Work is mostly complete on reassessment. No new action.

CORRESPONDENCE:

ICE RINK

Letter from Jeanmarie Hagan requesting the reconsideration of the Ice Rink restoration in the community center. The Board voted on a motion from Supervisor Hagan to reconsider the use of the community building back area for a Township ice Rink.

Discussion with consideration to the Fire Dept who had been given permission to store their two trucks. Alternate storage was to be worked out.

Motion to approve for Ice Rink: Hagan/Kelly, all vote aye

COPIER

Letter from Sayen's Business Equip relevant to the possible obsolescence of our copier. They will maintain our unit with their parts inventory and other sources if necessary.

OLD BUSINESS:

TREASURER'S MTG/RUKKILA with Deb Bradford Audit Mgr. Rukkila/Negro. A review of the accounting process and specifically the fire funds. The result of the meeting was an audit proposal was to be submitted to the Board for consideration.

A motion to set aside audit fees in the amount of \$8000-\$12,500 to accomplish Board needs was approved. Motion: Hagan/Kelly, all vote aye.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: New tanker truck was received and would become the property of Elm River Township. Upgrade of vehicle mechanics is in progress.

Chief Reynolds announced the licensing of the Chief and his wife Cheryl as first responders affiliated **with Adams Township First Responders**. Congratulations were aired by the Board. Clerk Sibilsky was directed to notify our insurance carrier.

ROADS COMMITTEE: Kelly talked with Kevin Harju of the Houghton County Road Commission and was told that federal funds would be the method of funding that would need to be sought for future project. Pike Lake Road is scheduled to continue with the upgrade ongoing. It was recommended that the public needs to get involved.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion to pay bills amounting to \$9051.47. Motion: Saatio/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

RICK BAUMLER entered into a discussion relevant to state audits and fire fund accountability with Trustee Kelly. Further audit review with Rukkila should clarify.

MIKE SABO was concerned with separation of expenses by the Fire dept. It was pointed out that the Fire Dept was getting a monthly breakdown of expenses. This was the second month the report was provided.

FIRE DEPT noted the forthcoming NFPA ice rescue course Feb. 23, at 8:00 A.M.

TREASURER SAATIO informed the Board of her tax receipting schedule for the next month ending up with a full day here on 2-14-13

NEXT MEETING: February 19, 2013

ADJOURN: Motion Hagan/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor

