

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
MARCH 18, 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, Lisa Saatio, Richard Trudgeon, and Deputy Clerk Mike Sabo. Assessor John Botto was present and Clerk Robert Sibilsky absent.

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

**MINUTES OF FEBRUARY 25, 2013:** Motion for approval of February 25, 2013 minutes: Kelly/Saatio, all voted aye.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Saatio. Bills being paid this month amounted to \$9131.74 of which \$5175.50 represented payroll. Bank balances were: SNB \$64,243.38, SNB Tax Acc't \$215,606.32, River Valley Bank \$65,944.49. Motion to approve the Treasurer's Report: Motion Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL:** Treasurer Saatio and Supervisor Hagan continue to work with Debbie Bradford on accounting system/fire fund review. Documents should be available for discussion at the April or May meetings.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** Assessor Botto reported that a total of 10 parties had questions: 4 in person, 3 by letter, 3 by telephone, and 5 were settled by the BOR Board.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** NONE

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Ice Rink: Some use is continuing. Weather should dictate how much longer the ice will last.

Treasurer Meeting with Deb Bradford : April or May meeting should bring reports and presentation from Rukkila/Negro.

Fire Department Expansion: Karen Cooper from U. P. Engr. provided a copy of 2010 previous study. Options were discussed.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**Meeting Calendar 2013-14:** Dates subject to change are: 4/20, 5/28, 6/17, 7/22, 8/19, 9/23, 10/21, 11/18, 12/16, 1/20, 2/17, 3/24 BOR 7/16, 12/10. Motion to approve schedule: Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

**Resolution to Establish Township Salaries:** The salary and rate policy currently in force with the exception of the mileage rate reimbursement which is requested to be changed to the federal schedule of 56.5 cents per mile was approved. Motion:

Kelly/Trudgeon all voted aye.

Salary resolution for Trustees was approved by roll call vote at \$100.00 per month.

Salary resolutions for Supervisor at \$6000.00 per year, Clerk at \$5400.00 per year, and Treasurer at \$6000.00 per year were approved with each having a roll call vote all voting aye. No descending votes.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No action.

**FIRE DEPARTMENT:** Ice rescue training was a success.

**ROAD COMMITTEE UPDATE:** It was suggested that the committee include Street Lighting as one of its advisement roles and that the committee consist of five members. Trustee and committee member Kelly felt there would be more potential interest from the residents in May when the snowbirds return.

**PAYMENT OF THE BILLS:** Motion to pay bills and payroll totaling \$14,307.24: Trudgeon/Hagan, all voted aye.

**CITIZEN & BOARD COMMENTS:**

Richard Krupp indicated the proper terminology for the Fire Department training should be: River and Lake Ice Rescue.

Supervisor Hagan asked The Liquor Inspector his function in the township and the work he performs.

Rick Baumler asked about the status of the appointees to the Planning Commission and the roles of the Clerk and Treasurer as it relates to the general ledger input. Treasurer Saatio indicated the roles of the board people were part of the Rukkila/Negro review and would be addressed in their report.

Richard Trudgeon voiced concern about 4<sup>th</sup> of July fireworks and the need for more control.

Lisa Saatio indicated that she, her husband Ray and Richard Trudgeon attended last months local MTA meeting in Franklin Township, and that she attended the monthly treasurer's meeting in Houghton County. Lisa will be attending an accounting class this summer.

Lisa also indicated that our payroll module has been activated through BS&A.

Shawn Hagan indicted that he had attended meetings through his employer that related to “Eurasian Water Milfoil “an aquatic plant that could enter our rivers and lakes and no known eradication method or chemical was available at this time. This weed could choke our lakes and streams.

**NEXT MEEING:** April 22, 2013

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

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Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk  
Recorded Mike Sabo, Deputy Clerk

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Shawn Hagan, Supervisor