

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 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, Lisa Saatio, Richard Trudgeon, Bob Sibilsky, and Assessor John Botto.

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

**NEW BUSINESS:** (This presentation was inserted early in the meeting to allow the presenter to leave once his topic was concluded): John Pekkala Drain Commissioner

John Pekkala, Houghton County Drain Commissioner made a presentation related to the water levels of Twin Lakes. He discussed the authority for his position. He related the history of authority of the County and the courts input to that authority. The recommendation for the level was set at 1187.68 but that level was not accepted as the legal level by law. The level was left to the Drain Commissioner. The County created a Dam Committee. The land owner could deny access to the beaver dams that were impacting the water level. A court order may be required to change levels. The Dam Committee has to do a study to assist the Drain Commissioner in establishing future levels

**MINUTES OF MARCH 18, 2013:** Motion to approve minutes: Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Saatio. Bank balances were SNB Gen Fund \$46,645.95, Tax Fund \$206,799.98, River Valley Savings \$65,967.96. Bills being paid \$20,922.36/Payroll \$3075.00. Motion to approve the treasurer's report: Kelly/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL:** Preliminary budget was passed out to Board members. Most categories were on track with some minor adjustments.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**TREASURER MEETING WITH RUKKILA:** Lisa Saatio met with Deb Bradford, of Rukkila/Negri. Bradford has set up a BSA fund acc't. for the Fire Department Fund. She also did policy reviews. Deb Bradford is expected to provide input at our May meeting.

**ASSESSOR:** Final assessment values have been filed with the State/County. All questions have been answered.

**CORRESPONDENCE:** Insurance communications were received relevant to the upcoming fiscal year.

State sent e-mail to Supervisor related to audit 2012 financials.

**AUDIT OF STATE RELATED TO 2012:** Motion to work with the State on audit for 2012: Kelly/Trudgeon, all vote aye.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No action

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** Chief Reynolds requested consideration to a proposal for the expansion of the Fire Department portion of the community building to house the new rescue truck and equipment. He estimated a structure costing \$30,000. That request will be taken under consideration by the Board. The total impact needs to be reviewed.

**PAY BILLS:** Motion: Saatio/Trudgeon Payroll \$3075.00 and supplies and services totaling \$20,922.36.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENT:** Rick Baumler requested future discussion on the use of the recreation area of the community building.

**BOARD COMMENT'S:** None

**NEXT MEETING:** May 20, 2013

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Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

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Shawn Hagan, Supervisor