

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JULY 22, 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 Sautio, Richard Trudgeon and Bob Sibilsky. Assessor was absent.

AGENDA: Motion to approve Sautio/ Kelly.

MINUTES JUNE 24, 2013 MEETING: Motion to approve minutes: Trudgeon/Kelly, all voted aye.

MINUTES JULY 8, 2013 SPECIAL MEETING: Motion to approve minutes: Kelly/Sautio, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Saatio. Bank balances were SNB Gen \$69,281.61, SNB Tax \$65,448.57, River Valley \$66,021.43 and MBIA \$23,373.37. Bills for the period were \$5,480.20.

State Auditor expects to be done with our audit around September 12th.

Motion to approve Treasurer's report Trudgeon/ Sibilsky, all voted aye.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT: Treasurer Saatio replicated the audit report from Rukkila all balances appear in-line and where they should be at this time. Overall expenses are at 30%. The Fire Operating Fund is over budget on specific items, but still within annual budget. Fire Truck Fire where it should be at this time of year. Motion to approve: Kelly/ Saatio, all voted aye.

BOARD OF REVIEW: The Board of Review met without problems. Two issues need to be resolved: One on Pike Lake Rd and the island in Lake Roland. The Board of Review will be meeting on December 10, 2013 at 6:00 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE:

A MTA Budget workshop is forthcoming and a letter advising UP Power Company request for a rate increase were the only two correspondence items.

OLD BUSINESS: NONE

NEW BUSINESS:

Fire Auxiliary Fund: The Par Plan defined the differences between Fire Department & Fire Association and obtaining 501c3 non-profit status. Having the Fire Department organize A Fire Association as a 501c3 allows it greater latitude in how moneys are raised and disbursed for Fire Department needs. Without creating this Association, funds

will have to be transferred to an account that the Township Treasurer would manage according to the ERT Board.

Cemetery Rates: A comparison of the rates at other local cemeteries was discussed. The last rate increase was in June 2011. The rate increased from \$25.00 to \$50.00. It was recommended that we study and make recommendations to the Board at the next meeting.

HALL AND EQUIPMENT LOAN USE RATES: Further study is suggested and recommendation to be presented at future meeting. Kelly is to check on surplus equipment availability. Shawn is to check on policies at other townships.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Chief Reynolds wanted to thank attendee's to the pancake breakfast. An estimate of 400 attended.

LIGHTS ROADS/STREET COMMITTEE: Kelly reported that the lights were well placed.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion to pay bills totaling \$9,645.40: Saatio/Kelly, all voted aye.

CITIZEN'S COMMENT'S

Jay Glandon concerned about bird nests in the street lights, could they cause a fire?

Richard Krupp recommended setting up an Association for the Fire Dept.

Mike Hubert indicated that maps were available on-line of Township properties.

Mike Sabo indicated that equipment purchased by the Fire Dept in the past frequently was purchase with auxiliary monies.

Joe Siler asked when the tax monies are deposited. Lisa indicated disbursements to the taxing authorities are made on the 15th and the 30th.

NEXT MEETING: August 19, 2013.

BOARD COMMENTS: Lisa indicated tax payment hours are 7-8 p.m. on Wednesdays during August.

ADJOURN: Motion Trudgeon/ Saatio, all voted aye.

Robert Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor