

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 19, 2013**

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

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

MINUTES July 22, 2013 MEETING: Motion to approve minutes: Kelly/Saatio, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer, Saatio. Bank Balances were SNB General \$68,977.12, SNB Tax \$132,338.89, River Valley Savings \$66,038.82, MBIA \$23,373.37. Bills for the month totaled \$13,896.48 plus Payroll \$3910.26.

Treasurer Saatio is to meet with Deb Bradford of Rukkila/Negro Associates CPA's to finalize our audit. Motion to approve treasurer's report: Trudgeon/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

BUDGET TO AUDIT: No major changes working on simplifying report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: No problems. Only one building permit reported in the Township this year to date.

CORRESPONDENCE:

UPPCO is requesting rate increase.

UPSET Substance Enforcement, requesting a donation.

Adams Township request for interested party donations to Flagpole replacement.

Power Consulting flyer on Economic impacts of Renewed Copper Mining.

Houghton County Drain Commissioner sent a Lake Level Study for Twin Lakes/Property Owner Survey.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Department Auxiliary Fund: Fire Department has created a Registered Fund with Officers John Reynolds, President, and Jack Reiss, Vice President. Funds have been transferred to the Registered Fund by the Fire Department. Board requested copies of the transfer documents for the Township Board files 501c3. The Board delegated Trustee Kelly to have documentation reviewed with our attorney to be sure creation of the 501c3 is done correctly. Motion: Hagan/Saatio, all voted aye.

Cemetery Rates: Effective September 1st 2013 the rates will be O/C \$200.00, Cremains \$75.00, Lots \$50.00 Non-Resident \$100.00, Mike Sullivan \$300.00(excavator). Motion to approve: Trudgeon/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

Hall/Room Rates/Chairs: The rates for use of the Township building, chairs, tables, etc. are to be studied further and discussed at our next meeting. Donations are welcome until rates are established.

NEW BUSINESS:

Sewage

Backup of sewage in Township Hall at the last wedding caused concern: Clerk Sibilsky is to pursue septic tank cleaning and whatever else is necessary to correct the problem.

PLANNING COMMISSION: Supervisor Hagan announced that the Planning Commission make-up would be Mike Hubert, Sue Richards, Dick Trudgeon, Dave Saari, and Sherri Brandt. Motion: Hagan/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: No Action

ROAD REPAIRS: Pike Lake is to be partially paved shortly per the County Road Commission.

LIGHTS: Trustee Trudgeon has spoken to the UPPCO about LED street lights. We would have a potential savings of 20 to 40 % with LED street lights. Additional information will be forthcoming.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Sherri Brandt was concerned about being on the Board of Review and the Planning Commission. She could be on both.

Rick Baumler questioned the cost of Rukkila for the audit services.

NEXT MEETING 9-23-2013.

ADJOURN: Motion Trudgeon/Saatio, all voted aye.

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor