

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
SEPTEMBER 23, 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, Richard Trudgeon, Lisa Saatio and Bob Sibilsky.

AGENDA: Motion to accept: Saatio/Kelly, all voted aye.

MINUTES OF AUGUST 19, 2013: The minutes of the August 19, 2013 meeting were read and approved. Motion: Trudgeon/Kelly, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Saatio. Bank balances were SNB Gen, \$51,590.64, SNB Tax Acc't \$174,269.65, River Valley Bank savings \$66,038.82, MBIA \$23,376.37. Bills for the month totaled \$14,375.50 plus payroll for the month \$3770.00.

Wednesday Lisa and Shawn had an exit meeting with the State Auditor Brenda Gartland. The report hopefully will be concluded by September 30th.

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

BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT: Document verbalized by Supervisor Hagan showed on track performance. Motion to approve: Trudgeon/Kelly, all voted aye.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Most field work completed. Three new building permits issued this year by Houghton County.

CORRESPONDENCE: Two letters of resignation were received one from Mike Sabo who resigned as Deputy Clerk effective, 8-20-2013 and a resignation was also received from Jay Glandon as Liquor Inspector effective 10-31-2013.

A letter from Friends of the Land of Keweenaw who entered into a contract with Power Consulting, Inc to prepare a report on economic impact of a possible resumption of mining in the western UP.

Two DEQ permits issued to Vulcan Timberlands for logging operations.

DNR letter related to Amendments to Commercial Forest and Revised Qualified Forest Programs.

OLD BUSINESS:

Fire Auxiliary Fund was formed. Assistance from Trustee John Kelly and our attorney to legitimize its creation was acknowledged. Fire Fund will be non-profit organization.

Note. A motion to remove the mention of Twin Lakes Fire Fund balance from the New Business section of the July 22 minutes was approved: 4-1 Yes Hagan, Kelly, Trudgeon, & Saatio. No-Sibilsky

Hall Rates- Board chose to table until next meeting.

Loan of equipment- Board to chose to table for next meeting

PLANNING COMMISSION: Members were identified as Sherri Brandt, Sue Richards, Mike Hubert, Richard Trudgeon & Dave Saari. Shawn Hagan having been the Chairperson in the past explained the past and future activities.

NEW BUSINESS:

Posting for Liquor Inspector with applications due by October 12th. A Special Meeting is scheduled on Oct. 15th at 7 p.m. to select a candidate for the position. Jay Glandon gave a recap of the Liquor Inspector job activities.

PAYMENT OF THE BILLS: Motion to pay bills totaling \$14,375.50/payroll \$3770.00: Saatio/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

ROADS AND LIGHTS: No action

CITIZEN COMMENTS:

Rick Baumler voiced concern on payment of the Fire Fund balance to the truck loan balance.

Tom Condon requested information on septic tank problem and correction that occurred.

Joe Siller questioned Whitewater test, calcium chloride, and selection of Planning Commission appointees.

Joe Romano concerned about abandon buildings in Donken and potential problems.

BOARD COMMENTS: None

NEXT MEETING: October 21, 2013..

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor