

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
DECEMBER 16,2013**

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, Richard Trudgeon, Lisa Saatio, and Robert Sibilsky. Assessor John Botto was also in attendance.

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

**MINUTES NOVEMBER 25, 2013:** The minutes of the November 25, 2013 was read and approved Motion Kelly/Saatio , all voted aye.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Saatio gave the report with the bank balances as follows: River Valley savings \$31,103.90, SNB General \$38,943.83, SNB Tax Acc't \$86,853.58, MBIA \$23,375.74. Winter Tax collection office hours are to be posted on township website. Motion to approve report: Trudgeon/Sibilsky, all voted aye

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL:** Waiting for report from state auditor's on the most recent audit.

Most accounts are on track awaiting winter taxes. Motion to accept budget to actual: Saatio/Sibilsky , all voted aye.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

County Road Report/ Ray Saatio: Ray Saatio gave an overview of the county situation relevant to coverage of road plowing primary roads are 7 days a week based on traffic volume. The secondary roads are 5 days a week. From 5:30 to 2:15p.m. Weekend call outs are based on amount of snow 6" or more or emergencies. There are 800 plus miles of road to care for. 31 employees in departments. School bus routes are priority. Winona,Twin Lakes areas come out of Alston garage. M-26 service is provided by the State of Michigan.

**ASSESSOR'S REPORT:** December Board of Review met and veterans' exemption were being dealt with.more information being sought related to the unemployable/disabled veteran and spouse. Back/tax issue need to dealt with. Veterans will need to reapply every year.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Houghton County Clerk sent letter indicating her retirement would take place this month and Pat Janke will replace her to until her term is completed. She also indicated a change would be coming as related to affidavit of identity forms.

**NEW BUSINESS (cont'd)**

HOUGHTON COUNTY HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN Elm River Township adopted a 5 year resolution to the Houghton County 2013-2018 Hazard Mitigation Plan.  
Motion to adopt: Kelly/Saatio , all voted aye.

**PLANNING COMMISSION:** No action

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE;**

Chief Reynold presented roster of fireman for 2014. Motion to approve roster:  
Trudgeon/Kelly, all voted aye

The Township Winfester event went well per Chief Reynolds.

**PAY BILLS:** Bills for supplies and services were presented for payment: Supplies \$6783.81 services payroll \$3333.95. In addition the township paid \$35,000.00 in advance to the fire truck loan.  
Motion: Kelly/ Sibilsky, all voted aye.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:**

Sherry Brandt noted that there is a BOR Training in February 11, 2014

Sherry Brandt indicated that she knew of a beaver trapper for river problem on Misery.

John Reynolds was inquiring the need for a double light on the bridge between Gerald and Roland Lakes.

Joe Siller inquired about the mitigation resolution which identifies the hazard threats to the County and feasible mitigation projects to minimize hazard impacts.

**NEXT BOARD MEETING;** January 22, 2014

**Adjourn:** Trudgeon/Saatio, all voted aye.

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Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

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Shawn Hagan, Supervisor