

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
APRIL 28, 2014**

The regular Elm River Township monthly board meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. by Supervisor Hagan. Members present were Treasurer Lisa Saatio, Trustee John Kelly, Trustee Richard Trudgeon, Supervisor Shawn Hagan, Clerk Robert Sibilsky. Assessor John Botto was absent.

**AGENDA:** Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Kelly/Saatio, all voted aye.

**MINUTES OF MARCH 31, 2014:** The minutes of the March 31, 2014 meeting were read and approved. Saatio indicated the Deputy Clerk position was resigned by Deb Maki. Motion: Trudgeon/Kelly, all voted aye.

**TREASURER'S REPORT:** Treasurer Saatio gave the report with bank balances as follows: River Valley Bank \$31,078.44, Superior National Bank Tax \$52,363.51, Superior National Bank Gen. \$74,701.66, MBIA \$23,381.40. Paying bills in the amount of \$12,288.70 and payroll of \$4202.13. Motion to approve: Sibilsky/Kelly, all voted aye.

**BUDGET TO ACTUAL REPORT:** A nine page report was presented by Supervisor Hagan. A coding clarification document will be provided later. Motion to accept: Saatio/Kelly, all voted aye.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:** None

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

E-mail from Mr. Tim Yoder, Rural Development Agency: they were provided with update on fire truck status by Supervisor Hagan.

MTA Houghton County Chapter meeting tomorrow night related to Houghton County Road Commission year end activities as well as Emergency Services report from Jack Dueke

**AUDIT UPDATE:** No response from the state. Discussion related to the availability of audit services elsewhere ensued. Trustee Kelly was to research available sources and report back at the next meeting. Township is to bid for services.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Fire fund operating millage expired in 2013 and will need to be on the August 5, 2014 ballot. \$21,612 would be raised in the first year. Clerk Sibilsky read the proposed ballot language. Roll call voted followed: All members voted aye.

A second ballot proposal was read by Clerk Sibilsky adding a Road Fund to the August Ballot. All members voted aye in a roll call vote. \$21,612 would be raised in the first year.

**PLANNING COMMISSION: NO ACTION**

**FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE:** The department acquired a rescue sled from the County, which has a wheel kit for summer use with lights and heater. No charge.

**ROAD COMMITTEE:** Richard Trudgeon reported a stump protruding thru the road near Johnson's road. He also attended State update on road projects being coordinated by MDOT.

**PAY BILLS:** Regular bills \$12,288.70/ Payroll \$4,202.13. Motion Sibilsky/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

**CITIZEN'S COMMENT'S:**

Joe Siller

Language for the millage on the new millage request is the same as the previous millage. Pre-buy suggested as method to consider for next year's propane.

Rich Pirhonen was asked to get a summary of services provided by the Fire Dept from last year,

Mike Sabo asked about snowmobile access to the Keweenaw. This could be a problem as it relates to the road/bridge construction in Ripley area.

**NEXT MEETING:** May 19, 2014.

**ADJOURN:** Motion Kelly/ Trudgeon, all voted aye.

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Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

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Shawn Hagan, Supervisor