

**MINUTES OF THE EM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JULY 21, 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, and Clerk Robert Sibilsky. Assessor John Botto was absent.

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

SPECIAL GUEST HOUGHTON COUNTY ROAD COMMISSION ENGR: Kevin Harju provided a brief review of the budget for township and federal construction projects:

There aren't any federal projects scheduled for Elm River Township. The only road eligible is the Pike Lake road, which isn't on the schedule for this coming year. The County does the prep work to accelerate the work using an 80/20 funding formula. Funding millage is scheduled for August 5th election.

Our Township has 7.3 primary roads and 17 miles of local roads. Seasonal roads could be abandoned. There is a procedure for abandoning cost is approx. \$500. It could have future negative consequences. He cautioned people in doing abandonment.

He handed out HCRC Road Construction regulations. Concerned citizen's questioned road repair costs and some areas of individual specific needs were addressed.

MINUTES OF JUNE 23, 2014: The minutes of the June 23, 2014 were read and approved. Motion to approve: Trudgeon/Kelly, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Saatio gave the report with bank balances as follows: SNB Tax \$71,174.00, SNB Gen \$42,428.91, River Valley\$31,043.60, Cutwater Mi Class, \$23,386.44. Bills being paid \$13,476.73 and Payroll \$3861.59. Motion to approve: Kelly/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL: Supervisor Hagan reported that the Township is at the 33% level overall with some minor transfer adjustments needing to be done, insurance changes etc. Fire Dept is in-line. Motion to approve: Saatio/Sibilsky

ASSESSOR: Assessor John Botto has 147 properties to review.

AUDIT UPDATE: Lisa is working with Debbie Bradford on details. Mike Jutila is to perform the new audit.

FIREWORKS: Residents reminded that the fireworks should be done at the time of the event and respect for the residents is requested,

NEW BUSINESS:

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action

FIRE DEPARTMENT: No action

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills totaling \$13,476.73 and payroll \$3861.59: Saatio/Kelly, all voted aye.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Mary Kieranen asked who takes care of the Township boat launch park. Answer: Our Township maintenance person Jeff Veum.

Rick Baumler asked who the audit firm was. Answer: Mike Jutila

Richard Krupp warned of problems with digging indicating anyone doing so needs to call Miss Dig.

Joann Maki was pleased with the dust control.

Board Comments: Clerk Sibilsky indicated election forthcoming Aug 5th. Election Board and Inspector's attended training.

ADJOURN: Motion Kelly/Saatio, all voted aye.

NEXT MEETING: August 18, 2014.

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor