

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
OCTOBER 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 Saatio, Trustee John Kelly, Trustee Richard Trudgeon, Supervisor Shawn Hagan, and Clerk Bob Sibilsky. Assessor John Botto was present.

AGENDA: Motion to approve the agenda as presented: Saatio/Trudgeon, all vote aye.

MINUTES OF SEPTEMBER 29, 2014: The minutes of the September 29, 2014 were approved with correction to the audit statement in the treasurer's report which should read "the 2014 audit is progressing under the guidance of Deb Bradford from Rukkila/Negro and Assoc." Motion: Trudgeon/Saatio, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Saatio gave the report with bank balances as follows: River Valley \$31,017.49, SNB General \$24,640.38, SNB Tax \$466,286.35, Cutwater \$14,527.89. Motion to approve: Sibilsky/Saatio, all voted aye.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL: All accounts were near where we should be at this time. Minor accounting related to payroll data and input wouldn't allow completion of the actual report.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: The State multiplier will be 1.6%. Two building permits were received from A. Penegor and J. Hoover.

CORRESPONDANCE:

UPPCO reported they have contracted with Asplundh Tree Expert Co. to do tree pruning service along their lines.

U. P. S. E. T. substance enforcement team from Marquette wanted us to consider donating to their effort.

UPPCO announced that a hearing on a rate increase would convene on Nov 18, 2014 in Lansing.

Bids were received for propane with the contract awarded to Keweenaw Petroleum at \$1.74 gal with their price good through April 2015, Ferrellgas bid \$1.749, Settlers \$1.80 and Lagasco/Suburban \$2.29.

OLD BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS: General Election to be held 11-4-2014

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Chief Reynolds presented a letter of request for the replacement of the water tanker body. The current unit is leaking in several places and is 70 yrs old. New tanker could cost \$40,000.00. A NFPA approved service tank of fiberglass can be purchased for \$15,000. Two thirds of the money would come from the Women's Auxiliary and 1/3 from the Fire Dept Operating Funds.

There hadn't been any interest expressed in a community ice rink.

Use of the rear portion of the building for fire equipment storage was also requested.

Motion to approve both requests: Trudgeon/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

ROADS AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE UPDATE: No action

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Payroll \$2712.07 and invoices totaling \$4718.76.

Motion to approve: Saatio/Hagan, all voted aye.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Mary Kieranen indicated that house numbers should to be installed facing traffic.

Rich Pirhonen advised that the dock was to be moved out of the launch site.

Joe Siller inquired about beaver dam status.

NEXT MEETING: November 24, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

ADJOURN: Motion Saatio/Kelly, all voted aye

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor