

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
JANUARY 26, 2015**

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 Trudgeon, Supervisor Hagan, and Clerk Sibilsky. Trustee Kelly was absent. Assessor Botto was present.

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

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER 22, 2014: The minutes of the December 22, 2014 were read and approved. Motion to approve: Trudgeon/Saatio, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Treasurer Saatio gave the report with the following bank balances: SNB General \$44,623.17, SNB Tax \$131,365.68, River Valley \$30,991.38, and Mich Class \$14,539.26. Treasurer Saatio advised that the state audit was being worked on but no specific completion date was given. Motion to approve: Trudgeon/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL: No update available pending audit figures. Treasurer Saatio reported total tax collections through Dec 2014 were \$79,540.63. Road fund collections through December 2014 were \$7,308.22.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Property Tax increase notices will be sent out by the second week of February. Houghton County building multiplier assigned by the state is 22%. There are 745 additional acres of CFR land. Lake front property runs between \$600 and \$1000 per foot.

Board of Review dates:

Organizational meeting Tuesday, March 3rd 6:00 pm as directed by State
March 9th noon-3:00 pm & 6-9 pm
March 10th 9 a.m.-12 noon & 6 pm-9 pm

Motion to approve: Saatio/Trudgeon, all vote aye

CORRESPONDENCE:

*A letter was received from Houghton-Keweenaw 4-H soliciting donations of \$60.00 for plat book sales assistance.

*Letter received from the MTA serving as the official notice of the Annual Meeting which is on January 28-30, 2015 in Grand Rapids.

*Notification was received from the Bureau of Construction Codes of meeting 2-10-2015 which is in Lansing for the purpose Of Reviewing Electrical Code Rule changes.

OLD BUSINESS:

PAYROLL PROCESS: Shawn Hagan presented a proposal to have Rukkila do the payroll process versus BS&A to insure all tax entities are paid correctly and on time. Supervisor Hagan is to negotiate a relevant contract, estimating \$125.00 per month at Rukkila, with monthly reductions in pay respectively of \$40.00, \$20.00 & \$20.00 for Clerk, Treasurer, and Supervisor. A detailed proposal is to be presented at February meeting. Motion: Hagan/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

NEW BUSINESS:

GARBAGE CONTRACT: Our Waste Management contract expires in March Supervisor Hagan and Trustee Kelly were to review and make recommendations for continuation or change.

Some items of discussion were: Number of customers, summer vs. winter, Service during road restrictions, Alternative containers. More discussion is to follow after the committee meets with the contractor.

PLANNING COMMISSION: NO ACTION

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: Currently working on water truck and generator.

ROADS AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE: NO ACTION

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion to pay bills and payroll \$6942.09/\$2585.28: Hagan/Saatio, all voted aye.

CITIZEN COMMENTS: Joe Siller questioned the use of Quick Books vs. the State (BS&A)

NEXT MEETING: February 23, 2015

ADJOURN: Motion Hagan/Saatio, all voted aye.

Robert L, Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor