

MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 27, 2015

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

AGENDA: Approval of the agenda: Motion Trudgeon/Kelly, all voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MARCH 24, 2015 MEETING: The minutes of the March 24, 2015 were read and approved. Motion: Trudgeon/Kelly, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The Treasurer's report was not available with the treasurer being absent. Bills being paid are \$10,456.00 and payroll \$2,285.56. Motion to approve: Trudgeon/Hagan, all voted aye.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL: In as the charges for the past month have not been processed the budget to actual is not current and will not be included until next month. Motion to approve as presented: Sibilsky/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

ASSESSOR REPORT: Every township in the Houghton County was contacted by the State for the AMARE review which was previously referred to as the 14 pt review. Our 2015 tax roll has been submitted. We will be receiving a report card on our performance. They will match our property to actual, using approximate 10% of our records,

CORRESPONDENCE:

- Received notification of the public hearing related to the code changes in the electrical rules, which is scheduled for May 28th in Okemos.
- Accuracy test for election on the 5th of May.
- Supervisor Hagan received wildlife permit to rid the Misery River of beaver.

OLD BUSINESS:

BACK OFFICE PROCESS: Proposal to due portion of township accounting/tax services at the Rukkila agency, estimate of \$372.00 per month with the monies coming from the salary budgets of the Supervisor, Clerk and the Treasurer. BS&A will provide dovetail records. Motion to approve: Trudgeon/Kelly, all voted aye

GARBAGE CONTRACT: The contract as it stands remains the same as before. Supervisor Hagan and Trustee Kelly are to meet with them tomorrow for possible variance to current contract.

NEW BUSINESS:

Keweenaw Green Burial service: Supervisor Hagan was contacted by this service to see if we might be interested in this process. More info is needed to render an opinion.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: The Fire Department has ordered a replacement tank for the water truck. Women's auxiliary is to be reimbursed when the invoiced is presented to the township.

ROAD AND LIGHTS COMMITTEE UPDATE: Trustee Trudgeon reported dangerous hole on Twin Lakes Road. It was suggested that Ray Saatio be contacted.

PAY BILLS: Motion to pay bills totaling \$10,456.01 and payroll of \$2285.56: Trudgeon/Kelly, all voted aye.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

*Rick Baumler questioned why we needed to contract BS&A services. Supervisor Hagan indicated it was his judgment that the method being tried would possibly solve current processing and audit concerns.

*Sherri Brandt needed the status of the cemetery sign replacement.

* Rich Pirhonen indicated that more trout were to be planted in Lake Roland by the DNR.

* John Reynolds was concerned that the Elm River School wasn't receiving their tax monies quickly enough.

*Cheryl Reynolds questioned the frequency of the tax deposits.

* Joe Siller questioned dumpster process for garbage and had information that John Pelkola had beaver dams removed.

BOARD COMMENTS: None.

NEXT BOARD MEETING: May 18, 2015.

ADJOURN: Motion Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor