

**MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
MAY26, 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 Shawn Hagan, and Clerk Bob Sibilsky. Treasurer Lisa Saatio was absent. Assessor John Botto was also absent.

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

RESIGNATION: A letter of resignation from Treasurer Lisa Saatio was read, which is effective immediately. Motion to accept Trudgeon/Sibilsky, all voted aye. Supervisor Hagan thanked Lisa for her service.

SPECIAL MEETING: A special meeting to replace the Treasurer was set for June 8th at 6:30 p.m. The replacement would finish the term of the current treasurer. An advertisement in township businesses and the Community Bldg. were posted along with advertisement in the Mining Gazette and the Township website.

APPROVAL OF APRIL 27, 2015 MINUTES: The minutes of the April, 27, 2015 were read and approved. Motion: Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was not available with Treasurer Saatio being absent. Bills were presented by Clerk Sibilsky as follows: Supplies and Services \$18,745.04 and Payroll \$1788.47. Motion to approve: Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

BUDGET TO ACTUAL: Supervisor Hagan provided a three sectional report for distribution to the residents present: BSA output 101 General Fund 206-207, Fire fund and 212 Liquor Fund. Motion to accept: Kelly/Sibilsky, all voted aye.

ASSESSOR'S REPORT: Townships in Houghton County are preparing for the State AMAR which is the State Tax Commission's tool to ensure that a local unit has in place the proper assessment administration practices to comply with the General Property Tax Act and State Tax Commission Rules. This was formerly the 14 point review of assessment process.

CORRESPONDANCE: Numerous notices of MTA meetings and the announcement of the state hearing on UPPCO rate increase request were the items received.

OLD BUSINESS:

GARBAGE PICKUP: was discussed but no progress with Waste Mgmt. or other prospective providers was presented.

NEW BUSINESS: None.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No action.

FIRE DEPARTMENT UPDATE: New water tanker was painted and is in need of fender installation.

Reimbursement of funds to the auxiliary was questioned. Rukkila /Negro & Associates would be processing \$5000.00 next month to the Auxiliary.

ROAD COMMITTEE: Trustee Trudgeon indicted that the repair of the large hole on Twin Lakes Rd near Johnson Rd was being undertaken by the Houghton County Road Commission.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Bills totaling \$18,745.04 and Payroll \$1788.47 were motioned for approval: Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

John Reynolds was concerned about millage for the Elm River Township School. He was referred to County Clerk's Office.

Rich Pirhonen said DNR planted 6700 rainbow trout in Lake Roland.

Mike Sabo was concerned about the community building refrigerator replacement and water samples for future use and rentals. Clerk Sibilsky was going to submit test sampling with the Golf Club next week.

Rick Bamler questioned status of audit this fall. Supervisor Hagan wasn't firm on status.

Joanne Maki was concerned about her tax check not being cashed in a timely manner. Since Treasurer Saatio was not present, an answer was not available at that time.

BOARD COMMENTS:

Clerk Sibilsky indicated that the road millage request was defeated in Elm River Township 54 no, 19 yes.

NEXT MEETING: June 22, 2015.

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

Robert Sibilsky, Clerk

Shawn Hagan, Supervisor