

MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

DECEMBER 17, 2015

The regular Elm River Township monthly meeting was called to order at 6:30 pm by Supervisor Reynolds. Members present: Treasurer Reynolds, Supervisor Reynolds, Trustee Kelly, Trustee Trudgeon, and Clerk Brandt.

AGENDA: Approval of the agenda C. Reynolds/Trudgeon, all vote aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER 17TH, 2015 REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve with the change of date to the November 19th, 2015. Motion to approve J Reynolds/Kelly, all voted aye.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING DECEMBER 16TH 2015: Motion to approve C. Reynolds/Brandt, all voted aye.

TREASURERS REPORT: Balances are off the statements dated November 30th, 2015, Superior National Bank General Account \$67,785.19, Superior National Tax Account \$62,898.76 and River Valley Bank \$30,889.50. Motion to approve Kelly/Trudgeon, all voted aye.

CORRESPONDENCE: Received a letter from AMAR which I am going to go over in new business. *A letter from the Department of Treasury regarding data sharing agreement that we haven't used since 2003. Due to the lack usage, we won't be using it anymore, and I don't see a reason to use it.

OLD BUSINESS: *Garbage, I am currently making a map for Greg. Residents need to have their 911 number on the cans that are used in a common area.

NEW BUSINESS: Part of the AMAR letter is primarily for John Botto, they had a list of things that they needed to get from him. One thing from the board was we needed to have policy in place regarding public inspection of records. Elm River Township Board here by allows public inspection of records for a half hour after its regular monthly meeting. I (Supervisor Reynolds) am making a motion to adopt this policy seconded by Trustee Kelly. All in favor, aye.

*Also we need approval remove funds from River Valley Bank to Superior National General Account. Cheryl RVB is charging us \$10.00 a month; I did ask Brenda what to do with them. I didn't want to pull the funds and not know where to put them; she said to put in the General Fund for right now and she will look into more. John R makes a motion that we remove the funds from RVB, seconded by John K, all in favor aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Annual Christmas party was a success, everybody had plenty to eat. Just wish a few more kids would have come, all that were here had a good time. Also we have been applying every year for a 50/50 grant for the DNR for mutual aid for the fire department. This year we were finally approved, we are eligible to buy four new radios and a new portable pump,

the total cost would be \$6400, and it would be \$3200 50/50 grant. We do have until next September before we have to do anything; we did sign the letter and sent it back. The one pump is over 34 years old, and we obviously need new radios and the ones we have are about 18 years old.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Paying bills in the amount of \$5,358.41 and the electronics payments \$1,146.35 which is UPPCO and Michigan Broadband, so we are paying bills in total of \$6,504.76. Payroll is \$2,316.36. John R/Trudgeon motion to pay the bills, all in favor aye.

CITIZENS COMMENTS: What about Rukkila's? John R. it is our plan to do the payroll starting January 1st. Cheryl, I did contact BS&A to make sure our software was set up correctly, I have been updating it but just wasn't sure it was right. Sherri & I have to go through payroll as BS&A did show me some stuff. John R: with all the stuff for the end of the year that is why we stayed with Rukkila's. Cheryl: we are only paying for the payroll, we received a bill for \$2100 and we are not paying that, we pay the \$115 for the payroll so that amount is rolling over every month. They did not do what they said they would do, bank reconciliations were not done. John R: I need a copy of the last one and I will send a letter to them.

Rick: On the fire truck, I know you don't have an idea is it possible to contact USDA and get what had paid on the truck? Cheryl: I have been looking for the information and couldn't find it and I believe it was Brenda for the audit, I can call there and have them e-mail to me so we have a hard copy.

Mike S: it is a shame it was written that way when it should have been one mill or until paid off. Rick: the wording in those millages you have to make you have every t crossed and I dotted and it better say what it says. Also I want to thank you for garbage because this has been going on for a while and at least this is getting use somewhere.

BOARD COMMENTS: Richard T on that road that they are coming out on the highway, they are going to extend the guard rail from the corner by (Mike Sabo's) further in the spring.

Rick: I found something interesting about golf carts, law suits in downstate Michigan, several communities became golf cart communities and everybody was driving carts and it was illegal. One of the legislators that lives in the community, stated taking up a bill and it does give a broad leeway to supervisors in a township that can dictate roads that they would like to see golf carts can go down. I think it would have to be brought up to the board. They passed a bill that if the supervisor says they can drive on our roads, they can drive on the roads and it is not illegal. So the board can make decisions like that you can.

Rich: I don't believe that applies to state trunk lines, I think it was in the township local roads and believe you have to deal with the county on that also.

Cheryl: We are having issues with our copier, I have to be here for tax collections on the 28th and I will call and see if they can meet me here. We also can't use it as a scanner right now either; it would be nice seeing as we have to send things to Brenda for the audit. I will call Sayens and see what I can set up.

John R: I want to wish everybody a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Richard Krupp: Board of Review we had one military exemption and a couple where buildings were on the wrong property and we changed that around.

Next meeting is January 21st, 2016 at 6:30 pm, John R motion to adjourn, John K seconded.

Rich before you adjourn is that the meeting we bring the new officer and new members up?

John R: Yes, first meeting of the year we have to approve the members of the fire department.

Motion to adjourn John R/Trudgeon, all in favor aye 6:59pm.