

MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 21, 2016

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

AGENDA: Approval of the agenda with the addition of the CCISD Letter by J Reynolds/C Reynolds, all vote aye

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE October 20, 2016 REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve D Saari/R Trudgeon, all vote aye.

TREASURERS REPORT: C Reynolds: All balances are as of November 1<sup>st</sup> to November 30<sup>th</sup>, 2016, General Fund \$126,060.01, Road Fund \$40,938.50, Fire Fund \$31,286.57, Fire Truck Fund \$12,532.23, Liquor Law Fund \$4,583.52 and Current Tax Fund \$99,290.29. Motion to approve: S Brandt/J Reynolds all voted aye.

ASSESSOR REPORT: John Botto-we got our tax maps and as far as I can see we are clear with AMAR, I gave them everything they wanted. This just came (letter) and they are going to come again to look in 2017. Like to put the maps on the wall, we also have them by section. I got all the building permits unless somebody throws up a garage at the last minute.

CORRESPONDENCE: J Reynolds-\*We received from the Houghton County Clerk, our Certificate of Election.

\*We got our ok from Dept of Treasury for our response we sent for our AMAR review.

\*WUPHD we received Site Evaluation and Permit Status Report for Fiscal Year 2016, October 1, 2015 to September 30, 2016 for our records.

\*CCISD Letter-Summer property tax levy to keep up what we are doing.

OLD BUSINESS: Treasurer will be attending MTA Workshop on November 28<sup>th</sup> in Marquette

NEW BUSINESS: The lights on the outside by both doors have gone out, we need to purchase two and put them up. Thinking motion light will be better, cost effective any way, not sure how the sensor will work under the dormer. J Reynolds makes a motion to purchase two new lights for outside the building, seconded by S Brandt, all in favor aye. \* J Reynolds our phone here is slowly dying, you can't read the display any more. J Reynolds makes a motion to purchase a new phone for the township office, seconded by D Saari, all in favor aye.

\*C Reynolds looking at changing the December meeting as it is the same night as the Christmas program at the school which is December 15<sup>th</sup>. How about we just go to the next week December 22<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30 p.m. J Reynolds makes a motion to switch the regular monthly meeting, seconded by D Saari, all in favor aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: Mike Sabo, we did have one call last month, someone took down a pole which put the power for a few hours. I also have the roster for next year; we have three new members that weren't on the roster last year, Chris Bigger, Steve Bigger, and Al Huhta. As of last fire dept meeting the Fire Dept recommended that John Reynolds be appointed Fire Chief once again. The Christmas party is December 10<sup>th</sup>, games for the kids at 4:30 pm, dinner served at 5:30pm, and Santa arrives at 6:30 pm with gifts for the township kids up to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. \*C Reynolds please bring a dish to pass. \*M Sabo if anybody wants to bring your grandkids you are more than welcome just bring a gift. \*R Trudgeon makes a motion to approve the appointed roster for the Fire Dept, seconded by D Saari. J Reynolds abstains, all in favor aye.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: \*C Reynolds the total bills is \$5,366.16 and payroll is \$2,495 the total amount paying out is \$7,861.16. Motion to pay the bills J Reynolds/S Brandt, all in favor aye.

CITIZENS COMMENT: \*Mike Sabo who are we having plow the building this year? J Reynolds I did talk to Donny Cline he will do it for the same price as he has because of the fuel price being down right now. He has always been the lowest bidder so figured we would keep him and he does the dry hydrant in Donken also.

\* Mary Kieranen-What is the update on the noise pollution from the mill? \*J Reynolds I know Carl was doing some research on it but not sure what the results are, being that isn't the townships problems, we can't enforce anything. I know that Almor was working on it and was willing to do something if he could.

\*Rich Pirhonen-Did the township have any complaints about the ORV dust? \*J Reynolds I have received none. \*Rich we are thinking of doing the same thing by the Parkview.

BOARD COMMENTS: \*J Reynolds I did talk to our garbage guy he did miss the intersection in back of Lake Roland, he apologized was the new guys first time by himself. I will be talking to him; he is working on a proposal for next year and he will possibly be at the next meeting to go over things or answer any questions.

\*ALK repaired the gas line and the venting has been relocate to the front of the fire hall and we have not received a bill on that yet.

\*\*Next meeting is December 22, 2016 at 6:30 pm, motion to adjourn J Reynolds/R Trudgeon at 6:46 pm all in favor aye.