

MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
DECEMBER 22, 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 ISO by S Brandt/D Saari, all vote aye

APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE November 21, 2016 REGULAR MEETING: Motion to approve J Reynolds/R Trudgeon, all vote aye.

TREASURERS REPORT: C Reynolds: All balances are as of this month, General Fund \$132,731.24, Road Fund \$44,029.79, Fire Fund \$33,208.88, Fire Truck Fund \$14,386.85, Liquor Law Fund \$4,517.45 and Current Tax Fund \$111,895.45. Motion to approve: J Reynolds/D Saari all voted aye.

ASSESSOR REPORT: John Botto-Absent

CORRESPONDENCE: J Reynolds-*We received from Dept of Licensing transfer ownership of 2016 Class C and SDM License for the Parkview.

*Letter from U.P.S.E.T. covers all 15 counties looking for financial assistant.

*Letter ISO Public Protection Classification from 8B/10 to 6/6X.

*MTA New Board Members Training January 11th, 2017 at MTU.

OLD BUSINESS: *F65's are updated for 2014, 2015, and 2016.

*New Lights outside of the building, motion lights so not on all the time also purchased new phones for the township office.

NEW BUSINESS: *MTA Workshop-S Brandt I would be interested in going if in the budget. C Reynolds and J Reynolds also interested in going not sure on the new books at this time. First part in the morning is everybody together and split off in the afternoon for individual training for Supervisor, Treasurer, and Clerk. Motion by J Reynolds to attend MTA Training at MTU, seconded by D Saari, all in favor aye.

FIRE DEPARTMENT: *J Reynolds from what I understand good turnout for Christmas party. *J Reynolds today I received about \$10,000 in equipment from the Houghton Fire Dept. 4 MSA Air Packs, 11 SBA Air Bottles the majority I picked for 10 years the rest were 5 years. I also got 5 masks included with the masks he gave new batteries, new straps, and glass holders for your

glasses and frames so if you have problems seeing you can have your prescription put in those glasses.

*Mike Sabo we did have two calls, a truck turned over and a pickup truck fire on Lake Gerald road. We are ready for the snow with the rescue sled.

CONTINUED NEW BUSINESS: *BOR members we have Richard Krupp he is the chair on the BOR, Jack Reiss, and Ray Saatio we need to approve the members at this meeting. I do know they have a concern about having an alternate, do we have any takers? *Audience what is involved with the board of review? *J Reynolds it a board where people can come and complain about their taxes, to be alternate you would fill in if someone can't make it. J Reynolds makes a motion to appoint Richard Krupp, Jack Reiss, Ray Saatio as the BOR and Terry Lajeunesse as an alternate, second by R Trudgeon, all in favor aye.

*Garbage-We have a new plan from Greg he is proposing to not go by the stops he is proposing to go by the tonnage; we are going to save more money that way. Talking to him he felt bad that he made too much money in his one year trial, we were happy to have saved money. When he comes every two weeks at the \$6.00 a stop, he is actually picking up \$12.00 worth of garbage and he is losing. He would like to do it weekly all year because it is easier for him, so when he goes to the transfer station we will get a slip on our invoice. He would like to another one year trial and he doesn't want a contract. If we approve his proposal I am pretty sure he will start next Monday. J Reynolds I will make a motion to accept Greg's proposal for 2017, seconded by D Saari, all in favor aye.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: *C Reynolds the total bills is \$5,403.03 and payroll is \$2,675 the total amount paying out is \$8,078.03. Motion to pay the bills J Reynolds/R Trudgeon, all in favor aye.

CITIZENS COMMENT: *Terry Lajeunesse- I need to put up a sign by the snowmobile trail with an arrow to the restaurant to let them know where we are. I need to know the rules and regulation of where I can put it and how big can it be? *Mike Sabo you can put one sign doesn't matter if double sided, but you can't go and put one five miles down the trail.

*Another thing; who do I talk to about the logging trucks where the pavement ends there is just a cloud of dust. Is there a dust control? *J Reynolds we do have and there is a formula for what you would pay for the portion to be done. Do the unknown of the money we were not able to do it last year. It will be in the budget for next year so they will be around.

**Mike Sabo question on if anybody questioned the lake assessment? I spoke many times with Mr. Pekkala there are many mistakes. If you call they will make a correction.

**Rich Pirhonen-What do you save if you shut off street lights? *J Reynolds like \$65 or is that the cost of each, maybe like \$12.00. *Rich in the winter time you can shut them off in the park and boat launch. *Ski Trail is groomed and snowshoe from boat launch to the campground.

BOARD COMMENTS: *J Reynolds the dates for March BOR Organization March 7th at 6pm, March 14 3pm to 9pm, and March 17th 9am to 3pm.

**Next meeting is January 19th, 2017 at 6:30 pm, motion to adjourn J Reynolds/R Trudgeon at 6:59 pm all in favor aye.