

MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING

MARCH 21, 2011

The regular township monthly meeting was called to order at approximately 7:00 p.m. following the budget meeting which commenced at the 6:30 p.m.. Board members present were Jim Saur, Lynn Huotari, Margaret Lindeman, Deb Maki, and Deputy Clerk Mike Sabo. Absent Robert Sibilsky.

MINUTES OF MEETING: The minutes of the February 16, 2011 meeting were read and approved. Motion to approve: Huotari/Lindeman, all voted aye.

TREASURER'S REPORT: The treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Huotari and accepted as given. The fund balances are as follows: Citizen's Bank \$7,565.15, SNB General Acc't. \$60,111.07, MBIA Fire Fund \$25,435.16, MBIA General Fund \$58,799.49, MBIA Tax Fund \$2,033.02, SNB Tax Acc't., \$74,438.11.

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Township Hall/USDA... No action or change since last month

NEW BUSINESS:

AMEND SALARY RATE POLICY: A revised schedule (copy attached) dated March 21, 2011 with correction of Deputy Supervisor to \$10.00 was approved. Motion Saur/Maki, all voted aye.

AMEND EXPENSE POLICY: Mileage reimbursement for township related travel is to be reimbursed at \$.50 per mile. Meals are to provide for one-way travel over 90 miles. Receipts are required. \$25.00 max. Meal allowance for MTA conference is also \$25.00 per day. Motion to approve: Houtari/Saur, all voted aye.

2011-2012 MEETING SCHEDULE: The printed schedule presented and to be posted was approved. Motion Saur/Huotari, all voted aye

RESOLUTION FOR BOARD MEMBER SALARIES: All Board member salaries were unchanged from 2010-2011. Individual resolution documents were approved. Motion to approve: Supervisor/Assessor (\$500.00/\$625.00) Motion Saur/Lindeman, Clerk (\$440.00) Motion: Saur/Houtari, Treasurer (\$475.00) Motion Lindeman/Saur, Trustee (\$100.00 per mo.). Motion Houtari/Saur All motions were approved by voice vote individually. All voted aye.

APPROVE DEPOSITORY INSTITUTIONS FORTOWNSHIP: Superior Bank, MBIA, and Citizen's Bank are the approved depositories. Motion to approve: Lindeman/Saur, all voted aye

APPOINT TOWNSHIP ATTORNEY: It was recommended that William Fahey be hired for the current year . Motion to approve: Maki/Lindeman, all voted aye.

TOWNSHIP MAILBOX: There was concern about sorting of the mail and misdirection of mail. A secure box was being used in the Misery Bay area that was to be investigated by the Supervisor for action at a later meeting.

PLANNING COMMISSION: No update available.

CITIZEN'S COMMENTS:

Esther Kieranen expressed concern about dust from the mill. No funding has been identified through grant applications.

PAYMENT OF BILLS: Motion to pay bills Lindeman/Maki

Amount \$11,396.07. Approved, all voted aye

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NEXT MEETING: May 18, 2011

ADJOURNMENT: Motion Houtari/Maki, all voted aye.

Robert L. Sibilsky, Clerk

Deb Maki, Supervisor

Notes /Mike Sabo,Deputy