

MINUTES OF THE ELM RIVER TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING  
December 17, 2024

Supervisor Reynolds called the regular Elm River Township monthly meeting to order at 6:00 pm. Members present: Supervisor Reynolds, Treasurer Reynolds, Trustee Saari, Trustee Romano, and Clerk Brandt.

Pledge

**AGENDA:** Approval of the agenda with the addition of New Letter to New Business the motion by J Romano/D Saari all vote aye

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES OF THE August 22, 2024 REGULAR MEETING** Motion to approve J Reynolds/D Saari all vote aye.

**TREASURERS REPORT:** C Reynolds: General Fund \$426,836.78, Road Fund \$128,148.60, Fire Fund \$20,722.86, Liquor Law Fund \$1,676.76, and Current Tax Fund \$82,925.22. Motion to Approve: J Romano/S Brandt, all voted aye.

**ASSESSOR REPORT:**

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

- \*\*CCISD Summer Tax Levy 2025
- \*\*UP and Running, update tax exempt (will be sent)
- \*\*Katie Carlson-Lynch-Assessor Letter

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

- \*\*Board of Review Members for 2025, Chair Krupp, Mattila, Lajeunesse, Saari, Voght. Motion by J Reynolds/J Romano all voted aye
- \*\*Board of Review dates 2025
- \*\*2025 Meeting Schedules-3rd Thursday of the month, except December the 2nd Thursday of the month. This being for those to attend Elm River School Program, motion by J Reynolds/J Romano all voted aye
- \*\*Fire Truck-Could be ready this week, C Reynolds we need two day notice to allowed to get a check ready.
- \*\*Plowing-takes 1 1/2 to 2 hours to plow, which John has been doing, we used to pay \$5,000-\$6,000 a year to DMC. Asking \$1,000 for his time. Motion by J Romano/D Saari abstaining J Reynolds-C Reynolds, Sbrandt voted aye
- \*\*Road Repair-Ray Saario-leg work and estimates. Suggestion made for the Road Committee to meet, Ray Saatio, Mike Sabo, Rich Pirhonen, John Reynolds. Meet Sunday 9:00am at the Building.

\*\*Fire Chief Position-Al Huhta filled the position for the time of the election. John Reynolds is now appointed to the position of Fire Chief, Motion by J Romano/D Saari, abstained C Reynolds, aye voted by S Brandt.

\*\*Street Lights-New forms need to be filled out for UPPCO, trying to contact to clarify what needs forms need to be done.

\*\*John Childs Letters-Idea to revitalizing old trails. Ravine loop which is on private property per Rich.

#### **FIRE DEPARTMENT: (Mike Sabo)**

\*\*Waiting on the new truck.

\*\*All equipment is ready for the winter season

\*\*Had one call

\*\*Christmas Party was successful

**PAYMENT OF BILLS:** \*C Reynolds the bills by month: Bills \$3,573.06 and payroll \$2,590.00, for a total \$6,163.06, Motion to pay the bills J Romano/D Saari all in favor aye.

#### **CITIZENS COMMENT:**

\*\*Ray Saatio-Need sign Crescent Beach Road also Autumn Blaze Road to let people know which road is where. Also signs need to be replaced, can contact Houghton County Road Commission to get them order but will need to purchase them. Need Signage the states Dead End or No Outlet.

\*\*Chris Sabo-Snowmobilers on the Highway from Airbnb.

\*\*Mike Sabo-Bridge is closed, signs and barricades up.

\*\*Chuck Vitton-Thank you for the Christmas Party, we enjoyed it.

#### **BOARD COMMENTS:**

\*\*John Reynolds-New Year's Eve party, snack type, starting 7:00pm

Also roof has little ice build up after the insulation was added. Next year the fire department portion. Still waiting on the new ceiling tiles.

\*\*Cheryl Reynolds-Audit done and the F65 has been filed

\*\*Next meeting is January 16, 2025 6:00 pm, motion to adjourn J Romano/D Saari at 6:46 pm all in favor aye.