

Elmer Township Meeting

February 20, 2017

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 7:00 pm

Members Present: Marty Galbraith, Supervisor; Jeanie Smith, Clerk; Jenni Layman, Treasurer; Sue Stenson, Trustee; Richard Ellis, Trustee Number of non-members present: 5

January 16, 2016 minutes approved as read.

OLD BUSINESS:

A letter was received regarding the Assessor review that was done a couple of months ago. The letter stated that all changes had been accepted and nothing further would be needed.

Alpena Fire Equipment serviced the fire extinguisher at the hall. The one at the transfer site was not done but should be soon.

Regarding the interest earned on the general fund: The question was presented to Jim Anderson (via email) as to whether the small amount of interest should be divided between the funds or the full amount deposited into the general account. Jim's reply was that since the monies did not come in from a specific millage the little bit of interest earned did not have to be divided. It was the consensus of the board to deposit future interest as a lump sum into the general fund.

The property (Parcel #: 68-004-015-007-00) that was deeded back to the township last September remains unsold at this time. Rondo's had some interest in it but aren't sure now and will let the board know.

NEW BUSINESS:

Cemetery: It was decided that Sexton, Joseph Byler, would no longer be required to cover graves with topsoil and seed them after a burial. Raquel will take care of doing that from now on.

Recording all cemetery information into a computer program continues to be a work in progress. Since this is very time-consuming, the board had previously discussed paying someone to help enter information.

Shane Smith offered to help and has made good progress.

Jenni asked about an allocation check received from the landfill. It will go back into the general fund to help cover recycling costs.

Dust Control: The County Road Commission is offering their contract for Dust Control to Elmer Twp at the same price as last year. Motion to accept the contract made by Jeanie, second by Richard. All in favor.

Fire Dept: The question was brought up of whether or not the fire dept should be notified and a truck sent out for every accident that occurs in the township. No definite decision was made at this point, although the general feeling is that having a fire truck present is often not needed.

Marty will also be talking with Fred Lindsey regarding the contract.

Budget & Wages: Added to the budget is \$2,000 for the purchase of new election equipment – tabulator and handicap tabulator. All townships are required to replace old equipment.

The election board, BOR and Deputies wages will remain the same, along with rental and cemetery rates. Hall, Transfer Site and cemetery labor will receive raises at the 3rd & 4th year levels: 3 yrs: \$11.00 hr. 4 yrs: 12.50 hr. Motion to accept the change to the election budget and wages was made by Sue, second by Richard. All were in favor. Carried.

Motion to accept bills as presented: Sue/Jeanie. All were in favor. Checks # 1332 through # 1354

Meeting adjourned, 8:05 pm

Submitted by,
Jeanie Smith, Clerk