

Republic Township Board

July 28th, 2022

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. Call to order:

James Brennan called meeting to order at 7:00p.m.

2. Pledge of allegiance

3. Roll call for all Board members- all present

4. Approve Agenda- Approval of agenda with additions, 8F and 9 G and H. Motion to approve by Jim B. seconded by Frank H. Motion passed.

5. Minutes- Motioned by Jim B. and seconded by John I. to approve the meeting minutes from June 23rd 2022. Motion passed.

6. Public Comment- None

7. Reports:

A. IOHT- Jim attended a meeting on July 27th working on a grant for Lakenenland. Working on parking lot and vaulted toilets there.

B. Zoning Administrator- John Dulek has had 3 new applications and 20 to date.

C. Ordinance Enforcement- Jim talked with a few people and made arrangements to give them to October to clean up. Talk with new owner for the old shell station in South Republic and he will be cleaning it up.

D. Assessor- Good report, spoke with the treasury dept. and they have given one year to straighten up the problem. Mainly land values.

8. Old Business:

A. Red Road Name Change- Motion by Jim B. and seconded by Frank H. to change road name from Red Rd off of Cardinal Red Td to Silver Rd and Gold Rd to Silver Rd. Motion passed.

- B. Sewer Line addition (Poplar St.)-** Matt T. worked up an estimate of \$66,843.75. In packet he has everything that is required. Jim B. made a motion to go out on bids for engineering drawing to go for a permit, if the bids are too high then we can go for a grant. Seconded by Tina K. Motion passed.
- C. Fire Protection Proposition Ballot language-** Jim made a motion that the language goes on the ballot for November election. Seconded by Frank H. Motion passed. Language attached.
- D. Scale up-date (travel reimbursement)-** Jim gave board members a quote from GR Metrology to pick it up refurbish it and ship it up here, fit it into our pit and adding a steel deck. The quote is \$57,013.00 down payment of 30% of the project for them to start. Which would be \$17,013.90. Talking with insurance company and we should be covered for all of this. Jim B. made a motion that we send a check for the 30% seconded by Frank H. Roll call vote 5-0. Motion passed. Reimbursement for Frank H. going to look at scale, he was given the town credit card for gas. Jim spoke with insurance company for them to pay reimbursement for travel. Frank is asking for \$412.20 for reimbursement. Jim B. made a motion to pay Frank, seconded by John Ison. Roll call vote. 3-2 Motion passed.
- E. Application for use Driving Range-** There is an application for an event at the golf range, information was given to board. 7 vendors and paid non-refundable \$4,000.00. He has an insurance liability for 1 million dollars with is required. Motioned by Jim B. and seconded by Tina K. Motion passed.
- F. USDA grant-** A letter given from Matt T. Jim B. made a motion getting out of the DWRF led line grant. Going to go for a grant for 2024 for the funds because we want it to go with the application grant so everything is done at once. Seconded by Tina K. Motion passed.
- G. Retro Days-** August 19th thru the 21st. Spoke of what events will be taking place.

9. New Business:

- A. Resolution on Road Millage-** Resolution to go on the ballot, language came from the lawyer Mr. Koski. Go for a 3-year millage for 10 years and the 2 mills collected for next year will not be collected but it will start in 2023. That will give us around 2 million dollars so we can get some road work done. Motioned by Jim B. and seconded by Frank H. Roll call vote 5-0 Motion passed. Language attached.
- B. Republic Dam Millage Ballot language-** TIFA millage is up this year 2022, asking the board to go for another millage for 5 years. Which would generate \$66,322.00. Right now, the millage would be extended for 5 years. It is not 1 mil it is 0.1987.

Slowing decreased each year. Asking to be put on ballot for November. Motioned by Jim B. seconded by Frank H. Motion passed. Language attached.

- C. Letter of Support Highline's Grant Application-** This is from a company that wants to put in WIFI and get more grant money. Gave to Planning Commission, Jim B. would like to make a motion to support this. Seconded by John I. Motion passed.
- D. EMS Class Contract-** Kohl Strong would like to take EMS class starting in October and we will pay for schooling. If he backs out of the course then he pays himself. Motioned by Jim B. and seconded by Tina K. Motion passed.
- E. Verizon antenna-** Verizon would like to put an antenna on our water tower, Jim spoke with Matt T. today about getting the water specs height. Verizon offered \$1,300 a month for rental. Bringing back to the next meeting with more details.
- F. Wetland Preserve entrance road-** We need to have the road graded and fixed. It is in Humbolt township. Jim will speak with them.
- G. Fence River-** Signage on road for no jake breaking from semi-trucks. The signs have to be taken down unless we make a no jake breaking ordinance. Jim will bring to the board next month.
- H. Range Communications-** We have 2 cameras that are not working we would like to get them fixed and also get sound for camera in office. Motioned by Jim B. and seconded by John I. Motion passed.
- 10. Payment of Bills-** John I. made motion to approve the signing of bills, seconded by Frank H. Motion passed.
- 11. Public Comment-** None
- 12. Board Comments-** Frank H.
- 13. Adjourn-** Motioned by Jim to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. seconded by Frank H. Motion passed.

Sworn and subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date