

Republic Township Board
February 7, 2019
Budget Workshop/Meeting Minutes

1. The Board came together @ 10:00 am to discuss the budget. The meeting/workshop was called to order, all Board Members were present.
2. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Jim Brennan regarding playground, if we go for a grant it will take another year at least and increase the cost due to price increases and having to hire an engineering firm.
3. **MDARD** – Just an FYI from Supervisor Ulrich that he and Matt Treado had a phone conference with them last week and the increased funds we were requesting for the old bank building looks very promising. We should hear from them soon.
4. **ELECTRICAL**– Electrical upgrades needed for the townhall. We received three bids, Frailings, J&N and Kukla. There was discussion. Motion to select Frailings by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Stankus,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich	<u> X </u>	Aye	-	<u> </u>	Nay
Treasurer Koski	<u> X </u>	Aye	-	<u> </u>	Nay
Clerk Brancheau	<u> X </u>	Aye	-	<u> </u>	Nay
Trustee Haslip	<u> </u>	Aye	-	<u> </u>	Nay
Trustee Stankus	<u> X </u>	Aye	-	<u> </u>	Nay

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Passes

5. **TIFA BUDGET** – There was discussion about what numbers should go where in the General Ledger to reflect the actual expenditures of the TIFA. But their budget does not get approved until the entire Township Budget is approved in the Truth in Taxation hearing
6. **UPPCO BILLS** – Now that all of the street lights are LED's Supervisor Ulrich wanted to see a budget adjustment on that line item. Treasurer Koski explained again that come the end of March when more or less final numbers are available for the current year's expenses, it will get adjusted then for the new budget year.
7. **CHRISTMAS LIGHTS** – The current Christmas lights that we put on the poles every year are quite old and in very bad shape, not to mention that new ones would be LED's and less expensive to run. The office manager has been speaking to a company called Display Sales which has sent information on a current sale they have going on. So, Diane and Lori will look through see how many we need and make suggestions for the ones to order.
8. **RECYCLING** – The solid waste account is still operating in the black, but we aren't making anything on the recycling. But it is helping extend the life of the land fill by

many years, so we are helping. Motion to continue recycling until it becomes too cost prohibitive by Trustee Stankus, second by Treasurer Koski, all in favor motion carried.

9. **AMBULANCE** – Change the insurance to just “Storage Insurance”. If we are able to pay off the USDA early, we can then sell it.
10. **ZONING FEES** – Treasurer Koski suggested that she is thinking about a “tiered” fee scale. Depending on the time it takes to process the permit it would cost more and the Zoning Administrator would inform the permittee of the additional charges. There was a huge discussion regarding phone calls and how long they took and what was being said in general. Supervisor Ulrich made motion to replace the existing recording equipment with a new one so that voice recording could take place in every room. There was discussion regarding what good that could possibly do and the problems it could create, not to mention the expense. The motion died for lack of support. There was discussion regarding the Zoning Administrator being responsible for telling people who call that there is a consultation fee and set up a meeting and charge accordingly on the permit. The discussion ended with no decisions being made.
11. **EMPLOYEE WAGES** – Supervisor Ulrich asked if the higher employee wages would be reflected in the new budget. Treasurer Koski stated that she would probably make some changes, but because wages are being paid from so many different departments that generally that is handled throughout the year in budget amendments.
12. **PLAYGROUND AT BEACH** – Because of the added expenses and the long wait time for a grant it would be more cost effective to just pay for it and get it done. There don’t appear to be any large expenditures this coming year from the General Fund, so it does appear feasible. Motion by Clerk Brancheau to reflect the funds in the budget for the playground, seconded by Trustee Stankus,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich X Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski X Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau X Aye - Nay

Trustee Haslip X Aye - Nay

Trustee Stankus X Aye - Nay

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Passes

13. **SCHEDULE MARCH MEETING** – March 14, 2019 @ 10:00 am.
14. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, meeting adjourned @ 11:40 am

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk Date