

# Republic Township Board

## January 24, 2019

### Regular Meeting Minutes

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Ulrich called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm.... All Board Members were present.

#### 2. SALUTE TO FLAG:

#### 3. WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus, to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

12/20/2018 Regular Meeting – Motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried

01/17/2019 Budget Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor, motion carried.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

#### 7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE HASLIP**– MCRC, start a road board, they wish for the Townships to submit a list of roads that need attention (in order of greatest need first) to them before the start of deer season in order to be able to get more cost-effective bids. Also, they State of Michigan has changed the law regarding gravel pits, removing most if not all restrictions on them, so our Ordinances need to be amended to reflect that.
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** –Tennis Ball Golf Tournament is February 9<sup>th</sup> and the Kid’s Ice Fishing Derby is February 16th
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – 3 projects for the summer; trail lighting, acquiring property, and a Kiln.
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – Rec Committee, new price submitted to Board on playground equipment for the beach.
- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – written report submitted/Ordinance work ongoing.

- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Spoke about the agreement pending on the Lindholm case, after a final 8- hour mediation meeting, just waiting for final sign off
- k. **SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR** – various meetings attended, and still doing data entry for assessing.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Old Bank Building Grant**– still waiting to hear back on some issues, should know more by February.
- b. **Sewer Project** – referring to last month’s meeting’s questions on Lift Station 5, the temporary installation was done by UPPCO and they are solely responsible for that installation. At this time, it is not an issue in regard to safety. At this time, we are not even certain that this has anything to do with our project. MJO, our contractor had nothing to do with it. Matt took photos and spoke with his electrical engineer making him aware of the issue so that when the times comes for final inspections, it does not get overlooked and we can be sure UPPCO will finish their end of the work. Also, right now RD is shut down due to the Government shutdown. Motion for pay draw Resolution by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, (Resolution attached)

**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

**All in favor, Motion is carried.**

- c. **Rec Plan/Planning Commission** – Asking Board to approve the Rec Plan for 2019 – 2023, motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, Resolution attached.

**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

**All in favor, Motion is carried.**

- d. **Coffee Property** – Trying to get some ideas on what could be done with that property in the future. Supervisor Ulrich found an organization in Marquette to discuss this. Motion by Trustee Haslip to have the company representative come out here to us to discuss his ideas, seconded by ~~Trustee Haslip~~ Supervisor Ulrich, there was some discussion. Mr. Johnson asked from the audience who the firm was that Supervisor Ulrich had been talking to, he answered he did not have that information with him but would provide it after the meeting. Voting was 4 ayes, 1 nay, motion passes.

- e. **Ordinance Review Committee** – The first Ordinance is the Noxious Weeds Ordinance, this will empower the Township to remedy the issue of people not keeping up their properties, mowing etc. Township Board needs to create a schedule of fees for non-compliance. But for now, it needs to be sent to Attorney Burkhart. Supervisor Ulrich stated that he wanted the sentence dealing with the special assessment roll/fee schedule and penalties for non-compliance struck from the Ordinance. Mr. Johnson then asked him what he intended to do if they chose not to pay a bill they were issued. Treasurer Koski then stated that it needed to go to the Attorney first for his recommendations before we even discuss this at all. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor, motion carried.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Campground Plaque for CCI and Eagle**– Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to approve

**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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- b. **TIFA Budget Approval**– This will be discussed in the next budget meeting as well as officer term limits.
- c. **Township Road Board** – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to appoint Trustee Haslip and Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor motion carried.
- d. **Land Division** – Mr. J. Brooks Fetters and Mr. Mark Fleis have both expressed interest in purchasing 125’ X 75’ lots from a larger parcel owned by the Township, located behind their homes. It would require the Township to get the survey and create the parcels. There was discussion on cost and what to charge etc. Motion by Trustee Haslip, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich to charge \$1,000.00 per parcel,

**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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- e. **Letter of thanks from Pastor Kevin Kaiser regarding the use of the Township Hall for his school.**
- f. **Signs for Campground** – These are inexpensive directional signs to help folks find the campground once they turn off of M-95. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski

**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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- g. **Fire Pagers** – Information has been provided to the Board for a new brand of pagers that other nearby townships have used very successfully. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to purchase 10 of these pagers after April 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

**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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- h. **TIFA Board Member** – Mr. Casey Honeyeager has expressed a desire to join the board. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor, motion carried.

- i. **Budget Amendments** – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Ulrich          Aye -        Nay   X   Abstain  
Treasurer Koski       X   Aye -        Nay  
Clerk Brancheau       X   Aye -        Nay  
Trustee Haslip         X   Aye -        Nay  
Trustee Stankus       X   Aye -        Nay

Majority in favor, Motion is carried.

10. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to pay bills as presented

**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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

#### 11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Gary Johnson

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus to adjourn the meeting @ 8:13 pm, all in favor, motion carried.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

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Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date

Approved