

# Republic Township Board

## March 28, 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 Trustee Haslip, seconded by Trustee Stankus, to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

#### 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

02/28/2019 Regular Meeting – Motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried

03/21/2019 Budget Meeting – Motion by Clerk Brancheau to approve, seconded by Treasurer Koski all in favor, motion carried.

#### 6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

#### 7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE HASLIP**– MCRC meeting. There is a deficit in the State budget which means the counties all have to pay back a certain amount of funds to the State, it remains to be seen exactly how much that will be. They will know for sure after April 1<sup>st</sup> as to whether or not there will be any road work at all that can be done this year.
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** –Nothing at this time
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – Currently working on rebuilding the Kilns.
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – Written report submitted, a public hearing is planned for their next meeting on ordinances
- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – written report submitted/Ordinance work ongoing.
- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – nothing at this time
- k. **SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR** – various meetings attended, BOR, Assessment role was turned in to the county again this week.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Old Bank Building Grant**– have received approval to go out for bids, Matt Treado will facilitate walkthroughs that will be done in the near future.
- b. **Sewer Project** – MJO is working to get UPPCO out here to work on some electrical. Motion for pay draw Resolution by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, (Resolution attached)

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

There are two change orders for the scope of the project and associated costs (the costs went down slightly), motion by Supervisor Ulrich to accept both change orders, seconded by Treasurer Koski to approve the change orders,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

Also, there may some excess grant money left at the end of the project, when more information is known about that there can be discussion on what it can be used for.

- c. **Water System**– Matt Treado from UPEA has found that the cost of adding to the water filtration plant would be about \$500,000.00. There are three avenues for funding with Rural Development being the best option. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to continue looking into this option to provide more information

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

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

- d. **Ordinance Review Committee** – Have submitted several completed new Ordinances. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to send to the Township Attorney for review, all in favor, motion carried.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Revised Master Plan**– Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich to authorize Gary Johnson to submit the Master plan draft to Marquette county for review,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- b. **Board Meeting Dates**– Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to approve the dates as presented, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. **MTA Resolution** – This is a resolution that would allow officials to be on the ballot without declaring a party affiliation. Motion by Trustee Stankus to oppose the resolution, seconded by Trustee Haslip,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- d. **Kleiman Wells** – is offering a special on well inspections for \$250.00 per well, it has been requested by DPW Foreman Koski to allow this inspection. Motion by Treasurer Koski to approve, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich,

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- e. **Appointed Twp Personnel Expense Breakdown** – Motion by Trustee Stankus that if these personnel wish to be paid for their phone time, computer time, or any verbal discussion time to attach a list to their vouchers of these events of time spent, person spoken to or emailed and the subject matter, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, Supervisor Ulrich asked if this would impinge on confidentiality, Clerk Brancheau stated that she thought it would and if one person has to, then everyone has to. Trustee Stankus felt that if we are going to charge extra on items such as zoning permits, how would we know what to charge if it isn't tracked in some way. Clerk Brancheau stated that she felt this was only an issue because of Gary Johnson's vouchers, Trustee Stankus disagreed. Trustee Stankus said he didn't think confidentiality was an issue. Mr. Honeyeager stated that the marijuana discussions have to be kept confidential because it involves the health of patrons and is protected by HIPAA, he went on to state that Mr. Johnson had been asked

to sign a Non-Disclosure agreement. Supervisor Ulrich asked Mr. Johnson if he had any other people he had been speaking to that needed confidentiality. Mr. Johnson stated that he currently had a bank, a realtor and two private individuals who fit that need that he had ongoing discussions with. Mr. Johnson then told Trustee Stankus that he needed to ask himself why he felt the need to attack him constantly. He went on to state that Trustee Stankus did not ask anyone else to do this, he has never questioned anyone else about their time. Mr. Johnson went on to state that Trustee Stankus has a personal vendetta against him, that he only ran for the board with another person because the group of people he associated with wanted to get rid of Mr. Johnson and several others on the Board. But since he had been the only one who made it on the Board, and since then you have not stopped. Mr. Johnson said that he has tried to be professional, he has tried to be gracious, to no avail. Trustee Stankus said that since Terry Knapp left the office of Zoning Administrator that the cost of that office has skyrocketed and most of it is phone calls, that Mr. Johnson spends a lot of time on the phone. He also stated that if Mr. Johnson wanted to threaten legal action he can go ahead and do it. Treasurer Koski stated, "call the question, there is a motion on the floor." Supervisor Ulrich stated that the motion had been seconded but only for the sake of discussion. Supervisor Ulrich then asked for a roll call vote.

**Roll Call Vote:**

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

**Majority NOT in favor, Motion dies.**

- f. **Budget Amendment** – Final Budget Amendments for 2018/2019 Fiscal year. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich,

**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.**

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:  
Frank Haslip**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus to adjourn the meeting @ 8:11 pm, all in favor, motion carried.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

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Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

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Date

Approved