

Republic Township Board

May 23, 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 with the following corrections: Move item 9E to 8J and remove 9J and 9H, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

03/28/2019 Budget Hearing – Motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Haslip, all in favor, motion carried

04/25/2019 – Regular Meeting – Motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE HASLIP**– Drove the roads again over 50+ miles and made a list of roads that needed immediate attention and detailed what attention they needed. Also, we need to discuss the Marijuana issue again.
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** –Nothing at this time
- e. **DPW** – Written Report Submitted
- f. **IOHT** – Upgrades and repairs ongoing.
- g. **FIRE** – Written Report Submitted
- h. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – Written report submitted.
- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – Written report submitted.
- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** –Complaint regarding a dog running loose in South Republic. This can be resolved under the Nuisance Abatement Ordinance. Two penalties are available. Have met with the individual who owns the dog. At the time of the instances, the homeowner was not home, but an adult daughter was, which means the dog was under her control not the homeowner. There are financial difficulties for the homeowner right now and am not certain as to how to proceed. A. Write the homeowner a citation for \$500 and/or jail time, B. Write

the citation for the adult daughter or C. do both. Or we can give them one more chance in writing in order to resolve the issue. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to send a final warning letter written by him to both the owner and adult daughter with the amount stipulated of \$100, seconded by Trustee Haslip

Roll Call Vote:

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

Majority in favor, Motion is carried.

In addition, there are now two complaints regarding a generator that is running constantly, was filed under the Noise Ordinance which is unenforceable because it requires a “police agency” to enforce it, none of which we have. It could be under the Nuisance Ordinance, but there are drawbacks there. It requires a decibel reading performed by an official db reader. We could lose in court. It was suggested that the residents be confronted to ask why this generator is running. It was decided to issue a written warning

- k. **SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR** — various meetings attended, Road inspections MCTA Banquet, bid opening. A written assessing report is provided to Board Members. Written Procedures for AMAR are being worked on. Continuing assessing work.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Old Bank Building Grant**– Bid Recommendations, Carey Construction came in lowest at about \$209,000, based on previous knowledge and experience with them and being lowest bidder, it is UPEA’s recommendation to go with them. The bottom line on the finances is that the Township would need to contribute approximately \$36,500. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to accept the bid from Carey Construction for the Bank Building, 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.

- b. **Sewer Project** – MJO is continuing working with UPPCO on the sewer project. The pumps are in, the panels are in so the requirements of the Administrative Consent Order are achieved, so the MI-Waters report needs to be filed. DPW Foreman Koski and Office Manager Lori Burton are working with UPEA staff to complete that task. Motion for pay draw Resolution by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Haslip

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. **Water System**– Matt Treado from UPEA will be coordinating with Foreman Koski on the maps. The Township does initially qualify for the poverty rates for 75% grant and 2.5% loan rates.
- d. **Ordinance Review Committee** – Have submitted a request to change the ordinance complaint form to reflect an optional signature. And there is now a new Ordinance complaint follow up form. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to approve the change to the complaint form. All in favor, motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to approve the Nuisance Ordinance as presented, 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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

Also presented is the new Solid Waste Management Ordinance, motion by Supervisor Ulrich to approve, seconded by Trustee Haslip

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.

There is now a new format for the Zoning Board of Appeals Application, motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor motion carried.

- e. **Remove PC Member** – Motion to remove Tracey Wilkerson from the Planning Commission by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Haslip, she is no longer able to attend due to work commitments, all in favor, motion carried.
- f. **Approval for minutes for Sportsman’s Club, Rec Committee & PC Minutes for public input on IOHT welcome center** – Motion by Treasurer Koski to approve the minutes package to include in the Rec Plan seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor motion carried.
- g. **Hawks Drive** – Motion to approve the changes to the bid for the work on Hawks Drive by Supervisor Ulrich, 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.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Dust control and completion of work for Walstroms Rd**– This is for the second half of Walstroms Road and for the dust control on both halves of the road. Motion to approve the remainder of work to be done and the dust control by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Stankus

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. **Low Spot on Hawks Drive** – There is a low spot on Hawks Dr that needs to be filled in that measures about 150 – 200 feet long and needs to come up about a foot, table for cost information.
- c. **Poverty Exemption Guidelines Property Taxes**– Motion to approve these guidelines for the coming year by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Haslip, all in favor motion carried.
- d. **Scrap Metal** – Motion to accept the only bid received for \$1600.00, motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Recreational Marijuana Recommendation**– There was a great deal of discussion on what the right way to handle this is, whether to opt in or out there is conflicting advice. After several minutes of discussion, Trustee Haslip amended his original motion to simply opt in to reflect the following: The township intends to opt in, create an Ordinance and accept applications as soon as the State of Michigan (LARA) releases their laws, guidelines, fee schedules and applications, until then no applications will be accepted, seconded by Treasurer Koski

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay

Trustee Haslip Aye - Nay

Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

Majority in favor, Motion is carried.

- f. **Fall Clean up** – Tabled

- g. **Beach** – A nice Trash can. Heavy duty Concrete Trash can. Motion to purchase a concrete commercial trash can for the beach, 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

Majority in favor, Motion is carried.

- h. **TIFA Boat Ramp Permit**–Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to allow TIFA to request a permit, seconded by Trustee Haslip, all in favor, motion carried.
- i. **Letter from Marquette County Treasurer** – Giving the Township the opportunity to purchase abandoned properties and cost share in the demolition. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich to decline purchasing the properties and table the cost sharing of demolition until dollar amounts are known, all in favor motion carried.
- j. **Rec/RAHS Sub-Committee** – The Rec Committee and the RAHS and other area clubs wish to form a subcommittee to be able to discuss and share ideas on various projects, motion to approve by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor motion carried.
- k. **Carlisle Sanitation Contract Renewal** – Motion by Treasurer Koski to accept the new contract at the new rates, 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.

- l. **Road Chipping** – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to table the bid for road chipping and sealing.
- m. **Budget Amendments** – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to approve the budget amendments as presented

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.

10. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus to pay the bills as presented

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich 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
Gary Johnson**

ADJOURNMENT: Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus to adjourn the meeting @ 8:55 pm, all in favor, motion carried.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date

Approved