

Republic Township Board

July 26, 2018

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 Treasurer Koski with the addition of 9I Budget Amendments, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

06/28/2018 Regular Meeting – Motion to approve by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried

07/19/2018 Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski to approve, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan

Olga Williams Add Historical Society on to agenda, Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to re-add them onto the agenda at 9J, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– Another great Fishing Derby, everyone did a wonderful job. Fireworks were fantastic.
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Total AV Ballots sent out is 117, so far 70 have been returned and 3 spoiled. Please remember to get them in.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Had a very good audit with a record low number of adjusting journal entries needed of only 26.
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – They still have the \$22,000 waiting for us
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – Chairman Oakley thanked the board for the opportunity to serve, need to go back to the lawyer on the Marijuana Zoning, but Supervisor Ulrich stated that was already done. Rec plan is ready for 30- day notice and the PC is working on the 5- year plan among other things.
- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – written report submitted. Trustee Stankus stated that the salary for ZA had more than doubled in the last two months, perhaps it is time to raise rates for permits.

- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Report is on file. Ongoing situation that the Zoning Administrator wrote letters about is under control and the resident is complying with our demands, water and sewer hook ups are being dealt with. We will keep an eye out and monitor it. The language regarding water and sewer hook ups needs to be amended to put in time limits and currently there is no language in the Blight ordinance regarding grass cutting requirements, so we need to revisit that.
- k. **SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR** -- Safety Meetings with DPW every month, and had July BOR. Have inspected 20 parcels since last month. Have spoken with the RM School board regarding lawn mowing, will discuss later. Lindholms have been continued until November. Have received two call backs on the timber harvesting and they have stated that it is not worth it unless we allow them to take some hardwoods. And one harvester stated he would not be able to do it until next year, so this will be ongoing for a bit. Also spoke with Mrs. Hiber about the one greenhouse building on their property that is encroaching on our property about moving it.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Old Bank Building Grant**– Still waiting for DNR to approve our submittals, may not be able to get contractors until late summer or early fall.
- b. **Sewer Project** – Another pay draw is needed. They should hopefully begin construction by the end of September Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to accept the Resolution as presented to pay the bills as outlined in the Resolution, seconded by Treasurer Koski

Roll Call Vote:

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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- c. **Lindholm Property** – already discussed in Supervisor’s Report
- d. **Medical Marihuana Resolution** – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski

Roll Call Vote:

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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- e. **Marihuana Zoning** – Letter from county and a legal opinion for Fahey, Schultz. Motion to accept the Attorney opinion that things can stay as they are by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay
Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay
Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay
Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

All in favor, Motion is carried

- f. **Zoning Change North Bank Lane** – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to re-approve the changes on North Bank Lane, to rezone those parcels as outlined in the resolution and to correct the Zoning Map seconded by Treasurer Koski,

Roll Call Vote:

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

All in favor, Motion is carried

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Smart 911** – Presented by Gary Johnson from the Central Dispatch, this is a service to register your cell number with 911 that will give the central dispatchers important information about you to help them find you more easily and also so they have pertinent health information about you. This service is free and is web based for easy access. This is a nationwide program and completely voluntary.

- b. **Cemetery work from Mr. Munson** – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau \$2,130.00 approval

Roll Call Vote:

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nay, Motion is carried.

- c. **Roofing Bids** – We have only received one so far and need more time, Motion to table until more bids received by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor, motion carried.

- d. **Logging Bids**– We need to revise the bid request and will re-issue an RFP.

- e. **School Grass Cutting Agreement** - \$300.00 per occurrence \$24.00 hour, the contract outlines the costs and frequency of cuttings per month, motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor motion carried.

- f. **Transfer Station Scale Repair**– received quotes for the best lumber we can get at this time from William Wixtrom for approximately \$688.00

- g. **Zoning Administrator Fill In** – No need for a fill in.

- h. **Old Xerox Machine Purchase** – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to purchase the outgoing Xerox Machine for \$997.00

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay
Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay
Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay
Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

5 Ayes, 0 Nay, Motion is carried.

- i. **Budget Amendments** – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to make the amendments as presented

Roll Call Vote:

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nay, Motion is carried.

- j. **Republic Historical Society Request for exemption from Utility bills on 191 Cedar Street House** – Lengthy discussion regarding what has already been permitted, the condition of the home, Ordinance requirements etc. Treasurer Koski is firmly against any further exemptions being permitted. The Board has agreed to go and look at the house, nothing further will be decided at this time.

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

Roll Call Vote:

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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Keith Perry – made threats to bring a lawsuit against the Township if they touch the Coffee Property

Larry Wuokko

Carol Nicholas

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 8:35 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date