

Republic Township Board

August 23, 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 Supervisor Ulrich seconded by Treasurer Koski, to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

07/26/2018 Regular Meeting – Motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried

08/08/2018 Special Meeting – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to approve, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– Stated that he would be retiring and the September 2018 Board Meeting would be his last.
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Thank you Trustee Feldhusen for all your years of faithful service.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Thank you Trustee Feldhusen for 9 years of Service, best wishes to you and Patricia.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Had a very good audit with a record low fee of only \$6300.00. Also, Thank you Trustee Feldhusen for all your service.
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – They are looking for anyone who might have photos of anyone on the trail. Also, a pedestrian on the trail was hit by a young man on a red ATV. He has a black helmet and they would appreciate any information
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – Nothing at this time
- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – written report submitted. Trustee Stankus questioned why the last few months of the Zoning Administrator’s vouchers being much higher than normal. Mr. Johnson explained that he has been receiving numerous phone calls regarding the Medical Marijuana ordinance and some of those calls were very long and detailed. He stated that several phone calls had

been over an hour in duration of his time, which is not a problem, but he would not work for free. Also, Mr. Johnson stated that in the month of June alone there had been 14 new applications for permits which is unusual as they usually come in over several months starting in March, but not this time; they all came in at once. Mr. Johnson stated that he had been preparing spread sheets each month which provides detail of how much time and effort has to go into issuing each permit. The average is about 3 hours depending on different factors. But this should give the Board a clearer understanding of the costs associated with issuing these permits so if rates need to change the Board has the information. This last month Mr. Johnson was asked by the Planning Commission to rewrite article 10 of the Zoning Ordinance which deals with non-metallic mining. If the Board desires to pay an attorney \$180 - \$200 an hour to do that instead, Mr. Johnson will step aside, but again, he will not work for free. Another coming up is the dangerous buildings ordinance. He stated that he has the training to do this which is why the Planning Commission asked him to do this. Treasurer Koski stated that many of the current ordinances need to be reviewed and rewritten, to which Mr. Johnson stated he would be happy to do, but if the Board wishes to hire an attorney to do this, he would step aside. Mr. Stankus then asked again if the average application takes three hours for which we only charge \$40.00 and you take \$20.00 per hour, that's \$60.00 the rest the taxpayer is picking up. Mr. Johnson responded that that was why he was preparing these detailed spread sheets so the Board can discuss a possible increase in fees and have the documentation to back up their decision. Trustee Stankus asked for more detail on these three- hour phone calls. Mr. Johnson stated he would do that but limit it to non-confidential information.

- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Report is on file.
- k. **SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR** — Would like to express my gratitude to Mr. Feldhusen for his years of faithful service. I would also like to express my gratitude to Treasurer Koski for her work over the years. She has been doing an outstanding job in keeping the records. Attended the Lake Michigan Property owner's meeting, WHPP committee, training in Harris, Central Dispatch meeting and the Historical Society 25th anniversary celebration. As Assessor, I have visited 22 parcels, of those 4 are related to Tax Tribunal cases which require a great deal of work.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Old Bank Building Grant**– Still waiting for DNR to approve our submittals, they should be reviewing ours next week and hopefully go out for bids in September, hopefully get outside work done by October, inside over the winter and touch up work in the spring.
- b. **Sewer Project** – Another pay draw is needed. They have presented a schedule for the lift station construction over the next few months, the valve has been replaced in the Lagoons. Motion for pay draw Resolution by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski (Resolution attached)

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich X 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. TIFA – Again requesting a \$20,000 note from the Township to be paid back as per the contract agreement. Resolution and Agreement attached. This will enable the TIFA to pay off the mortgage on the dam and then borrow money to pay for the new gates. This will also enable them to apply for grants for a future spillway. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to approve the Resolution

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.

Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to approve the Contract

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.

- d. Roofing Bids – three bids received:

TLC Contracting: \$18,868.84

Superior Roofing: \$23,500.00

Northern Awning: \$20,200.00

Motion to accept bid from TLC Contracting by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski with ½ down, ¼ when first roof done, ¼ when second roof done

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. Hall Lobby Tile – The tile in the township hall lobby is in poor condition and should be replaced sometime soon, but also, electrical work needs to be done in the township office to upgrade the current electrical. Table discussion for now

b. **UPSET** – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to provide funds for UPSET, no support, motion dies.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich X Aye - Nay
Treasurer Koski X Aye - Nay
Clerk Brancheau X Aye - Nay
Trustee Feldhusen X Aye - Nay
Trustee Stankus X Aye - Nay
5 Ayes, 0 Nay, Motion is carried.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich X Aye - Nay
Treasurer Koski X Aye - Nay
Clerk Brancheau X Aye - Nay
Trustee Feldhusen X Aye - Nay
Trustee Stankus X Aye - Nay
All in favor, Motion is carried.

11. **PUBLIC COMMENT: None**

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 8:05 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date