

Republic Township Board Meeting

August 22nd 2024 at 7:00p.m.

1. **Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Salute to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call of Board Members-** James Brennan, Anna Griepentrog, Frank Haslip, John Ison, Tina Koski.
4. **Approval of the Agenda-** Motioned by Jim to approve the agenda, seconded by Anna, motion passed.
5. **Approval of the Minutes-** Motioned by Jim to approve the meeting minutes for July 25th 2024, seconded by Anna, motion passed.
6. **Public Comment-** Terry Burkhardt
7. **Closed session-** Motion made by Anna to move into closed session to speak with the lawyer, seconded by Frank, roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nay, motion passed. Motion made by Anna to come out of closed session, seconded by Jim, roll call vote, 5 ayes, 0 nay, motion passed.
8. **Reports:**
 - A. **TIFA-** The water levels in the river are beginning to rise. EGLE came out and inspected things, they had no concerns about the water being dirty due to the construction. Project should be wrapped up by November.
 - B. **WETESA-** At their last meeting, the authority made the motion to give half pay to any of the people that get called off of a run.
 - C. **Zoning Administrator-** 4 new applications, 40 year to date
 - D. **Ordinance Enforcement-** 2 grass violations given out. Waiting on opinion from lawyer about a blight complaint.
 - E. **Assessor-** Good report
9. **Old Business:**

- A. Lease Agreements for Republic Tower-** Motioned by Jim to allow the lawyer's opinion on the lease agreements for the Republic Tower be available through FOIA, seconded by Frank Motion passed. Motion by Jim to accept all three agreements for the Republic Tower, seconded by Frank, Motion passed.
- B. USDA Water project update-** The town is working with the USDA in hopes they will cover up to 75% of this project.
- C. DWSRF update-** we received a grant and bond towards this project.
- D. Fence River Rd., 601 Hawks Drive update-** Fence River Rd project has been completed. 601 Hawks Dr. is nearing completion.
- E. River Road damage awarded-** money was awarded for the flood damage on River Rd. Motion made by Jim to have county engineer in conjunction with EGLE put together the standard concept for the road plan at 3% of the total cost. Seconded by Frank, motion passed.
- F. Summers End Smoke out event (deposit)-** Jim made a motion to return \$3,750.00 to the event for security deposit, seconded by Frank, motion passed.

10. New Business-

- A. Zoning Board of Appeals-** Motion made by Jim to accept Lenard Beard as a ZBA member, seconded by Anna, motion passed.
- B. PC member request-** Motion made by Jim to accept Dawn Schuhknecht as a PC member, seconded by Tina, Motion passed.
- C. MRBA property-** In the future Roger Crimmins would like to do a land contract for the property next to the dam that we own.
- D. EGLE licensing for porta-johns-** Licensing for porta-johns is being situated with the state and the health department.

11. Payment of Bills- Motioned by Frank to accept the payment of bills, seconded by John, Motion passed.

12. Public Comment- Dawn Schuhknecht

13. Board Comments- John Ison, Jim Brennan

14. Adjournment- John made the motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:04p.m., seconded by Jim, Motion passed.

Anna Griepentrog, Clerk

Approved