

# Republic Township Board Meeting

January 23<sup>rd</sup> 2025 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-** John Dulek, Tina Koski, Duane Saari, Irene Dishno, Absent: Anna Griepentrog
4. **Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes 12/19/2024-** Motioned by Tina to approve the meeting minutes from 12/19/2024, seconded by Irene. Motion passed.
5. **Approval of the Agenda-** Motion made by Tina to approve the agenda, seconded by Duane. Motion passed.
6. **Guest Speaker: Andrew Keranen, Project Manager for U.P. Engineers; Water Project for Kloman Ave, Bond Resolution Water Supply System-** Andrew UPEA spoke on the history of this project from 2019, the resolution for revenue bond. 2.25% Interest rate for 40 years. He answered questions on the project. John D. made a motion to accept the resolution for revenue, seconded by Tina K. Roll call vote, 4 ayes. Motion passed.
7. **Public Comment-** None
8. **Officers Reports:**
  - A. **Treasurer Koski-** Reported that 2024 tax season is coming to an end and summer and winter taxes are due by February 28<sup>th</sup> 2025. Also, talked about the Rec. Plan and future grants.
  - B. **Clerk Griepentrog-** Absent
  - C. **Trustee Dishno-** No report
  - D. **Trustee Saari-** No report
  - E. **Supervisor Dulek-** Budget meetings to be held in Feb.
  - F. **Assessor McLaughlin-** Good report

## 9. Committee and Other Reports

- A. **Planning Commission-** Irene D. spoke about working on an ordinance for Airbnb's and looking into basic guidelines and what the state mandates for short-term rental.
- B. **Recreation Committee-** Mike S. spoke about them getting together April 27<sup>th</sup> and also about getting the Rec. Plan passed with the state.
- C. **TIFA/Mich. River Basin Auth.-** The dam project is coming to an end and final payments are wrapping up.
- D. **Zoning/Enforcement-** Larry talked about setting up meetings with the ZBA for variances that have come through.

## 10. Unfinished Business

- A. **Crimmins Spillway Property-** Motion made by John to continue to table Crimmins spill way property, seconded by Tina, Motion passed.
- B. **Iron Ore Heritage Trail Representative-** A letter of interest was received by John Dulek to be a representative for the IOHT. Motion made by Tina to accept John to be Republic's representative and seconded by Duane. Motion passed.
- C. **Sandstormer's Permit-** Application for event at the Motocross track was received. This event will take place on August 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 2025. John made a motion to wave the fee, seconded by Tina. Motion passed.

## 11. New Business

- A. **Planning Commission letter of Interest-** A letter of interest was received from Dan Stickel to join the planning commission. Motioned by John to accept Dan to be a PC member, seconded by Irene. Motion passed.
- B. **Zoning Board of Appeals letter of Interest-** Michael Serota put in a letter of interest to join the ZBA. Motion made by John to accept Mike to be a member, seconded by Tina. Motion passed.
- C. **WETESA Representative-** A letter of interest was received from Duane Saari to represent Republic twp. on the WETESA. Motioned by John to accept and seconded by Irene. Motion passed.

**12. Payment of Bills-** Motioned by John to accept the payment of bills, seconded by Irene, motion passed.

**13. Public Comment-** Faye Mattila, Dan Roberts, Mike Serota

**14. Adjournment-** Motioned by John to adjourn the meeting at 7:38p.m., seconded by Irene, motion passed.

Anna Griepentrog, Clerk

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