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Republic Township EMS

Donald Tapio, EMT-B; Coordinator

Nancy Currie, MFR; Co-coordinator

Ann Tapio, EMT-B; Secretary/Treasurer

Scott Hansen; EMT-B, Pat Cheverette; EMT-B, Myrtle Milner; EMT-B, Neil Paavola; EMT-B

To the Citizens of Republic Township,

As many of you are aware, there is a strong need for new EMTs on our Ambulance Service. This letter is to inform you that we are assembling a class that will be held right here at our Emergency Services Building.

The class will be handled through MGH School of EMT and has plenty of seats left. The challenge we face is the short amount of time in which to get it all together. We currently have 7 trained EMT's on the ambulance service and the more help we can get, the more hours of coverage we can offer to Republic Township.

The class will be from the middle of May, 2013 to the middle of September, 2013. Time is, obviously, short. This class will cost nothing for the students, as the costs are paid for by the Township, including classes, cost of all testing, any future training and certification renewals, and equipment in order to do the job.

We are urging all of you that are interested to contact us as soon as possible. You can contact:

Donald or Ann Tapio @ 376-8055

Nancy Currie @ (906)-458-0967

Republic Township Hall @ 376-8827



We are looking forward to hearing from you!

The Republic Township Board cordially invites the community of Republic to the dedication of the ball field in South Republic to Clarence "Bum" Isaacson on June 22nd, 2013 beginning at 1:00 p.m. Any community member interested in making a monetary or food/beverage donation to the celebration is asked to contact Jim Brennan (376-2009) or Kristina Koski (376-8827). Items needed: Ball Field Equipment, a new roof, a hot water heater, a dedication plaque made of granite by Republic Memorials for \$350, and a "Bums Field" large sign handmade/designed by Jon Mykkanen for \$800.

Thank you,
Republic Recreation Committee

The Township has budgeted \$1,200 toward the field expenses.

Editor.

When we believe in our abilities, we can accomplish great things.....

And we WILL rebuild this community.

2013 TRASHFER STATION DATES

- May 11th, if the tubs are empty (weather related)
- May 18
- June 15
- July 13
- Aug. 17
- Sept. 21
- Oct 12th & 19th.

REPUBLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Any RM student wanting **financial help** from Republic Community Services **for a summer camp** (basketball, church, horse, etc...) must attend a meeting or have a letter in writing by the May 16th meeting. No exceptions will be made after May 16th. Thank you.

Community Services Board.

COMPOSTING 

The Township has a composting site at the transfer station. For those community members who wish to compost, the site is available from 7:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. Monday thru Friday. Compostable materials only, please.

MUSIC IN THE PARK

Heads up to reserve the third Thursday in June, July and August, evenings. More details will be published in the June Newsletter.

Alison.

REPUBLIC NON-PROFIT HOUSING BOARD

Meets on Monday, April 22nd, at 3:00 p.m. The annual audit will be reviewed. Public is welcome.

Karen

BROADBAND SURVEY

The internet survey has been mailed out. The internet company did a modeling map for the two areas, Witch Lake, and the northwest corner of Squaw Lake, to show those properties most likely able to receive service. The survey was mailed to those property owners.

Others in the area could possibly receive service after a neighbor on a higher point gets good reception, with that neighbor having their antenna as a hub host. Each hub can handle 4 to 5 additional pass-through users.

The survey results will be sent to the company May 20th. If sufficient customers are lined up, the towers will be put up this summer.

An added safety bonus for those customers in the new area will be the ability to make cell phone calls through a router connected to their new internet system, with a special program the phone companies have.

The Township Board is pursuing grants to purchase radio repeaters to put on the Witch Lake Tower, to allow radio coverage with our own fire and ambulance radio system, for the north end of Dickinson County and the Fence River Road area, out into Iron County. When our emergency personnel go out into those areas, they have no internal radio coverage. They have to use the 800 megahertz

system, which is shared by State Police, and others. Vectoring in additional help, or fire fighting orders, would be cleaner and easier—and safer— if done on our own system.

PASTY NET Customers:

Pasty.net is trying to work out a deal with Peninsula Fiber to hook their signals into fiber cable at each of the reception towers in Michigamme and Republic. This would cause an automatic increase in speed, and reliability.

Right now, all of the Michigamme customers on Pasty's system are transmitted to the Republic tower, and then repeated to their Little Lake Tower, which also collects signals from the Wells Township area. The signals are then transmitted from Little Lake to Marquette Mountain, where they enter the standard fiber optic system. Only so much water can flow through a hose. Having "drops" to fiber optic right at each "head" would let the signals flow more freely.

This will also help with one service interruption that has plagued the company, wind twisting the transmitting antenna on top of the Township's 321' tower. When the wind blows that transmitting antenna out of alignment with Little Lake, someone has to climb that tower, and realign the antenna—in the wind.

Editor article



REPUBLIC COMMUNITY SERVICES

Would like to sponsor a Republic **World War II veteran** on an honor flight. You may contact Tom Feldhusen at 7797

Kingfisher Road, or at the Republic Town Hall.... The deadline for nominations is May 15th. You may also call 371-0484 for more information.

SUMMER PLACE:

NEW HOURS

Sat—Tues: 7 am –2 p.m. & Wed-Fri. 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

We are now serving Breakfast ALL DAY.

Additional Recycling Guidelines

Place rigids (plastic, metal, and glass) in a tote or garbage cans that the hauler can dump into the trailer.

Do not put items in garbage or plastic bags.

Place fiber (paper and cardboard) items in a tote, garbage can, paper bag, or other fiber container that the hauler can dump into the trailer.

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Rigids need to be rinsed out

Rigids can keep caps, lids, and labels on.

GARBAGE BAGS OR PLASTIC BAGS MUST GO INTO THE REGULAR TRASH. YOUR RECYCLING EFFORTS ARE WASTED IF THIS IS DONE WRONG.

DRAFT MINUTES FOR THE MICHIGAMME RIVER BASIN AUTHORITY (TIFA) FOR 03-19-13
Meeting called to order by the Chairman, Chuck H. at 6:00 P.M.

The record will show that Board Members present were: Chairman Chuck H., Vice Chair Norine M., acting secretary Gary J., Trustee Kim I. and Treasurer Tina K.

The Chairman asked for a review of the agenda. Norine M. made the motion, Kim I. second, to accept the agenda as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

The Chairman delayed the election of new officers until the April meeting, to allow the input of new members who will appointed by the Township Board on March 28th.

The Minutes of the September 20, 2012 meeting were reviewed. Motion by Kim I., supported by Norine M., to accept the minutes as presented, with the note that the secretary's report is a personal opinion, and not part of the minutes. Carried.

The new TIFA treasurer, Tina Koski, (Republic Township Treasurer) gave a brief financial report, showing that the first year financial deposit resulted in a \$4,517 deposit, with \$1,119 balance in the account with all current obligations paid.

Motion by Chuck H., supported by Norine M., to accept the lease agreement negotiated by the finance committee with Republic Mountain Lake, LLC, for the Michigamme River dam for a fee of \$3,500 (renewable annually). With this agreement, the TIFA accepts responsibility for operating the dam, including providing the power (eg: generator). Motion unanimously carried

Motion by Gary J., supported by Norine M., and contingent on the signing of the agreement, to contract with Republic Township at a suggested cost of \$1.00 per year, to control the water level in the basin by operating the dam control mechanism. Carried.

Motion by Chuck H., supported by Kim I, to contract with the Republic EDC at a contract price of \$1.00 per year, with Todd Rankinen, resident agent for the EDC as the Board contact, to provide any economic development needs they can provide with their 501 (c) (3) status.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan asked for clarification on several points raised.

The Chairman declared the meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.
Respectfully submitted



Gary Johnson, interim secretary.



Additional community activities are listed on the township web site.
www.republicmichigan.com

Thanks Republic!

The Republic Lions send a hearty Thank You to all the community for your support in baking and buying the pies at our monthly Pie Social. You folks help us to serve others. We welcome any pie donations you wish to give.

Don't forget: **The first Wednesday of every month, 10-2.**

Karen



DREAMS DO COME TRUE.

A long time dream for several of the Sportsman's Club members is about to come true. The hand-capped-access dock has been delivered, and will be put in place on School Lake as soon as possible.

After discussion with Superior Extrusion by the Sportsman's Club, and assistance by employees of that company, the \$26,000 dock was able to be purchased for \$14,000 because of a very gracious donation by the Feighner Dock company. Installation will be overseen by their Fri Chevrolet representative in the area.

Ikey Todd and George Madison from the DNR spent years netting pan fish from Perch Lake, to stock School Lake, and that work is the foundation for the fish stock available. All part of the School Lake/Munson Park development, the Sportsmans Club can now continue with their further plans for development.

BETHANY LUTHERAN CHURCH
SOUTH REPUBLIC
906-376-8826

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IS JUNE 24- 28TH
BEGINNING AT 9:00 AM, Registration forms will be available at RM School, and the church. Come and enjoy a week of music, bible study, games and snacks.

5TH ANNUAL

COMMUNITY RUMMAGE SALE

SATURDAY JUNE 15TH, 9 TO 4

We are getting the information out early so people have time to get ready. There is a \$2.00 fee to pay for advertising and flyers to be placed in neighboring towns. To get your name on our map you have to respond by Friday, June 7th.

For more information call Marilyn Helmila at 906-376-8830

St. Vincent de Paul

We are grateful and thank all those who participate, came to, or worked at our Earth Day Festival. It was a great success.

Keep in mind, we are always looking for volunteers

and last, but not least, thank you to all who have volunteered and donated to St. Vincent de Paul. It is because of you that we are successful.

Liz, Kathy and Virgie



When donating items to the **St. Vincent DePaul** store, please check that they are in working order. Please make sure that clothes are clean, with no holes, tears, buttons missing, or whatever.

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*(formerly Robin's Nest)

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NON-ACCEPTABLE ITEMS:

Plastic bags (Wal-Mart, Super One, Econo etc.) baggies, any wrapper with foil. Anything that may have come into contact with food such as chip bags (Doritos, Lays, Old Dutch etc), bread, hamburger or hot dog bun bags, Styrofoam, plastic wrap, or regular garbage bags.

IF ANY OF THESE ARE PUT IN ONE OF THE TRAILERS, THE ENTIRE LOAD HAS TO BE DUMPED AS REGULAR GARBAGE, AND EVERYONE'S EFFORTS ARE WASTED.