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Sewer Saga continues.

At the last public hearing, it seems that all the questions that could be answered, were, except for the building which was projected to be an equipment storage facility plus a multi-agency service center. Us, the Road Commission and the School. (if each wanted to participate).

- No, the price is not \$225,000 for the customers, this is a 75/25 grant. The price is projected at \$54,000 depending on Rural Development’s assignment of values. And, yes, all parties in the building will pay their share. RD will require it.
- The school has expressed interest, but preliminary numbers have to be computed to show how much the school would pay for participating,. The Road Commission is doing their calculations.
- If the total amount projected to be generated doesn’t cover the cost of the mechanic, materials, and contribute somewhat to the cost of the structure, the building will be downsized.
- At minimum, the structure has to be big enough to hold the vac truck, the sewer sucker trailer, the loader and one backhoe, with enough room to service a piece of equipment for ourselves. (sewer equipment cannot work if it’s frozen and we need a heated space, properly set up for servicing, with grease and oil storage.)
- After the new building is up, the Township Board will take under consideration selling the old fire hall in South Republic, and putting the money received against the cost of the new building. Two trailer generators and some materials are currently stored there.
- The Township Board is bidding out a timber sale on the Lagoon property. That has been suggested by several Board Members to go toward the new building
- As was stated at the meeting, *the final cost is still in flux*. Once the grant is submitted, we can always lower the approved amount we need, if the building size changes. However the amount we can get is capped. We can’t go up.

Doing due diligence, the Board will be inspecting the Jay Mattila pole barn on Highway M-95. We know it’s a very well built structure, slightly small, and not suitable for a servicing center. We are checking to see if the grant will allow us to purchase an already constructed building.

The question has been raised, why wasn’t this already calculated? The engineer that was working on it was hired to be the Houghton City Manager. The Engineer taking over the project didn’t know about the need for an equipment building , nor was he aware of the Evergreen St. project. We’ve been upgrading and adjusting since the changeover. It’s now all down to the building size. Those numbers should be in within 30 days, (we hope) and things will be much more clear. The projected monthly rate is \$42.50 a month. Several of the points above should help lower that.

TREASURER'S CORNER

Wishing everyone a wonderful summer!

An ongoing painting project has been underway here in Republic. Anyone interested in helping out please contact Stacey Davis or myself. We will be doing a project at the beach and on the town hall. Stacey has also been working on the Summer Place mural. Everyone is welcome to help.

The weekend of July 17th, 18th, & 19th is the 25th Annual Fishing Derby. Please contact me if you are interested in becoming or renewing your Sportsman's Club membership. There are also 2 raffle tickets for sale. One is \$5 with the top prize being a 4-wheeler, and a \$1 ticket for a beautiful gun cabinet on display at the Pine Grove.

Summer tax bills will be coming out on July 1st. Anyone eligible for the summer deferment may come in the office and fill out the proper form by September 15th. Remember I also accept payments on your taxes.

Most recently a recall petition has been filed against me. Anyone with questions regarding such matter I encourage to ask me directly about the facts.

Thank you,

Kristina Koski



Just a quick note of the wonderful job everyone did with the Memorial Day observance held at the school and the address by Jim Janofski, The address led the listeners down memory lane. Real people, basketball players, community members, fathers, brothers, families, who gave all. Jim even gave historical background on "Iron City." Great job, both by himself, and to those current members who honored those that went before.

As was said, 'don't thank us, thank those that gave, so we can be here.'

—25TH ANNIVERSARY—

Fishing Derby

ON THE MICHIGAN RIVER IN REPUBLIC, MICHIGAN

—JULY 18 & 19, 2015—

Fishing begins Saturday at 6:00 am until 9:00 pm | 7:00 am to 3:00 pm Sunday

Pre-registration at The Beauty Nook on Friday, 10:00am until 6:00pm – at the Pine Grove from 7:00pm until 10:00pm



On **Friday** at 7:00pm there will be an 80's parade down the main street of Republic. The Beer tent will be open from 7:00pm until 11:00pm.

On **Saturday** the Beer Tent will be open along with **Live Music** and at dark, a fantastic **Fireworks Show!**

On **Sunday** there will be more **Live Music** and at the end of the derby the **Trophies** and **Cash Prizes** will be handed out.

Camping and Food Available

For Information call 906-376-2456 or 906-376-8860 or 906-257-8621

Republic Fire Department will be holding a duck race in the river on Sunday following the Derby.



Walleye
1st place ... \$2,500
2nd place \$400

Northern Pike
1st place.....\$500
2nd place \$250

Perch
1st place.....\$100
2nd place \$75

Bluegill
1st place.....\$100
2nd place \$75

Bass
1st place.....\$100
2nd place \$75

Crappie
1st place.....\$100
2nd place \$75

Rock Bass
1st place.....\$100
2nd place \$75

Trout.....\$100

THERE WILL BE SEPARATE CASH PRIZES FOR THE KIDS CATEGORY

ENTRY FEE: \$15.00 (17 & older) / \$5.00 (12 to 16 years) / Free (11 years and under)

Check the Michigan DNR website for fishing license fees. The boat requirements are that you follow state rules. And don't forget the flotation devices for each person!

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Summer Worship hours

Sundays - 9:30 am Worship

10:30 am Coffee/Fellowship

Mondays - 7:00 pm Worship

Vacation Bible School begins June 22, 2015 at 9:00 am to Noon. Children ages 3-12 years are welcome, if you wish to help please call Alison at 376-2267 or the church office.

Join us for a week of unforgettable Bible learning fun at EVEREST Conquering Challenges with God's Mighty Power!!



The Republic Area Historical Society invites you to take a tour of our Pascoe House Museum at 183 Cedar St. in South Republic. Our 2015 exhibit on the first floor is Our Republic School and features dressed manikins, many photos of classes, students, teachers, etc. Also graduation announcements, including our first graduating class of two.

We are open Saturdays and Sundays from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. and also by appointment. Members names and phone numbers are posted on the museum door. Entry is free but we appreciate donations.

ALL SCHOOL REUNION 2015

Just a reminder

Pre-registrations for the all school reunion need to be sent in.

The Committee needs to have an accurate count to let the caterer know, and for the Committee to have enough Alumni books ordered. The deadline is July 1st

Event is Saturday July 18th, 6:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.

For questions or information, please contact:

Peggy Latela, 376-2632

Kathy Johnson, 376-2612

Brenda Mattson, 376-2388

Anita Keto, 376-2022

Faye Mattila, 376-8879

Marilyn Helmila, 376-8830.



Lions Club Pie Social

Republic Lions Club Pie Social is held the 1st Wednesday of each month in the Township Hall, 10:00 AM-2:00PM

To donate a pie contact Ann Carne at 376-2580



Republic Non-profit Housing Corporation will meet on Monday, June 15 at 1:00pm in the recreation area. The annual meeting will be September 14th. Riverview Heights elects its directors by the Membership (as opposed to Non-profit boards who appoint their own directors). General membership applications are available at the office. Membership dues are \$5 annually which includes the opportunity to nominate and elect the board of directors on September 14. Rural development encourages residents in the Housing service area to participate as general members. General members have One meeting per year.

2014 Water Quality Report for REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP

This report covers the drinking water quality for Republic Township, for the calendar year 2014. Included are details about where your water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) and state standards.

Your water comes from wells located near the Michigamme River. The water is treated for iron removal.

The State performed an assessment of our source water in 2003 to determine the susceptibility or the relative potential of contamination. Our source susceptibility is rated moderately high for well #1, #3A, #4 & #5 and moderate for #2 and #8.

For more information about the report, contact Kim Nault at 376-2303 or *Pat Bruchert* at 376-8827.

- **Contaminants and their presence in water:** Drinking Water, including bottled water, may reasonably be expected to contain at least small amounts of some contaminants. The presence of contaminants does not necessarily indicate that water poses a health risk. More information about contaminants and potential health effects can be obtained by calling the EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- **Vulnerability of sub-populations:** Some people may be more vulnerable to contaminants in drinking water than the general population. Immuno-compromised persons such as persons with cancer undergoing chemotherapy, persons who have undergone organ transplants, people with HIV/AIDS or other immune systems disorders, some elderly, and infants can be particularly at risk from infections. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. EPA/CDC guidelines on appropriate means to lessen the risk of infection by *Cryptosporidium* and other microbial contaminants are available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline (800-426-4791).
- **Sources of drinking water:** The sources of drinking water (both tap water and bottled water) include rivers, lakes, streams, ponds, reservoirs, springs, and wells. Our water comes from wells. As water travels over the surface of the land or through the ground, it dissolves naturally-occurring minerals and, in some cases, radioactive material, and can pick up substances resulting from the presence of animals or from human activity.

- Contaminants that may be present in source water include:
 - T Microbial contaminants, such as viruses and bacteria, which may come from sewage treatment plants, septic systems, agricultural livestock operations and wildlife.
 - T Inorganic contaminants, such as salts and metals, which can be naturally-occurring or result from urban stormwater runoff, industrial or domestic wastewater discharges, oil and gas production, mining or farming.
 - T Pesticides and herbicides, which may come from a variety of sources such as agriculture and residential uses.
 - T Radioactive contaminants, which are naturally occurring or be the result of oil and gas production and mining activities.
 - T Organic chemical contaminants, including synthetic and volatile organic chemicals, which are by-products of industrial processes and petroleum production, and can also come from gas stations, urban stormwater runoff, and septic systems.

STATEMENT ABOUT LEAD: If present, elevated levels of lead can cause serious health problems, especially for pregnant women and young children. Lead in drinking water is primarily from materials and components associated with service lines and home plumbing. Republic Township is responsible for providing high quality drinking water, but cannot control the variety of materials used in plumbing components. When your water has been sitting for several hours, you can minimize the potential for lead exposure by flushing your tap for 30 seconds to 2 minutes before using water for drinking or cooking. If you are concerned about lead in your water, you may wish to have your water tested. Information on lead in drinking water, testing methods, and steps you can take to minimize exposure is available from the Safe Drinking Water Hotline or at <http://www.epa.gov/safewater/lead>.

In order to ensure that tap water is safe to drink, EPA prescribes regulations that limit the amount of certain contaminants in water provided by public water systems. Food and Drug Administration regulations establish limits for contaminants in bottled water which provide the same protection for public health.

Water Quality Data

The table below lists all the drinking water contaminants that we detected during the 2014 calendar year. The presence of these contaminants in the water does not necessarily indicate that the water poses a health risk. Unless otherwise noted, the data presented in this table is from testing done January 1 – December 31, 2014. The State allows us to monitor for certain contaminants less than once per year because the concentrations of these contaminants are not expected to vary significantly from year to year. All of the data is representative of the water quality, but some are more than one year old.

Terms and abbreviations used below:

- **Maximum Contaminant Level Goal (MCLG):** The level of a contaminant in drinking water below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MCLGs allow for a margin of safety.
- **Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL):** The highest level of a contaminant that is allowed in drinking water. MCLs are set as close to the MCLGs as feasible using the best available treatment technology.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level (MRDL):** means the highest level of a disinfectant allowed in drinking water. There is convincing evidence that addition of a disinfectant is necessary for control of microbial contaminants.
- **Maximum Residual Disinfectant Level Goal (MRDLG):** means the level of a drinking water disinfectant below which there is no known or expected risk to health. MRDLGs do not reflect the benefits of the use of disinfectants to control microbial contaminants.
- **N/A:** Not applicable. **ND:** not detectable at testing limit. **ppb:** parts per billion or micrograms per liter. **ppm:** parts per million or milligrams per liter. **pCi/L:** picocuries per liter (a measure of radioactivity).
- **Action Level:** The concentration of a contaminant which, if exceeded, triggers treatment or other requirements that a water system must follow.

| Regulated Contaminant | MCL | MCLG | Level Detected | Sample Date | Violation Yes / No | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|---|--------------|------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------|--|
| Fluoride (ppm) | 4 | 4 | 0.1 | 9/14 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Arsenic (ppb) | 10 | 0 | ND | 8/11 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Chlorine | MRDL 4 | MRDLG 4 | 0 0 | Distribution sampling | No | Water additive used to control microbes. |
| Barium (ppb) | 2000 | 2000 | 10 | 9/08 | No | Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Radioactive Contaminant | MCL | MCLG | Level Detected | Sample Date | | |
| Alpha emitters (pCi/L) | 15 | 0 | 0 | 2012 | No | Erosion of natural deposits |
| Combined 226/228 (pCi/L) | 5 | | 1.5 derived | 2012 | No | Erosion of natural deposits. |
| Special Monitoring and Unregulated Contaminant ¹ | | | Level Detected | Sample Date | Typical Source of Contaminant | |
| Sodium (ppm) | | | 9 | 9/14 | Erosion of natural deposits. | |
| Sulfate (ppm) | | | 43 | 9/14 | Erosion of natural deposits. | |
| Contaminant Subject to an Action Level | Action Level | | 90% of Samples ≤ This Level | Sample Date | Number of Samples Above AL | Typical Source of Contaminant |
| Copper (ppb) | 1300 | | | | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems. |
| Lead (ppb) | 15 | | | | 0 | Corrosion of household plumbing systems |

¹Unregulated contaminants are those for which EPA has not established drinking water standards. Monitoring helps EPA to determine where certain contaminants occur and whether it needs to regulate those contaminants.

| Special Sampling | MCL | MCLG | Level Detected | Sample Date | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|-----------------------------|-----|------|----------------|-------------|---|
| Halocetic Acids (ppb) | 60 | n/a | 10 | 9/14 | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection. |
| Total Trihalomethanes (ppb) | 80 | n/a | 17 | 9/14 | Byproduct of drinking water disinfection. |

| Microbial Contaminants | MCL | MCLG | Number Detected | Violation Yes / No | Typical Source of Contaminant |
|-------------------------|--|------|-----------------|--------------------|---------------------------------------|
| Total Coliform Bacteria | 1 positive monthly sample (5% of monthly samples positive) | | 1** | No** | Naturally present in the environment. |

** Coliform are bacteria that are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially harmful, bacteria may be present. In August, we had 1 positive sample and increased our level of disinfectant we continuously add to the drinking water. Subsequent sampling has shown the system to be free of coliform bacteria.

- The duties and responsibilities delegated by statute to a particular officer cannot be taken away from that officer without that officer's written consent.
- Each officer has independent functions and duties.
- **The Township Board cannot dictate hours that an elected official must work.** They can do their job from home if they want to. That is why the pay resolution was changed, eliminating any reference to "office hours". There is NO requirement for office hours.

Authorities and Responsibilities of Michigan Township Officials, Boards & Commissions

Treasurer Statutory Duties, which are salaried.

- Collects real and personal property taxes
- Keeps an account of township receipts (revenues) and expenditures
- Disburses township checks
- Deposits township revenues in approved depositories
- Invests township funds in approved investment vehicles
- Collects delinquent personal property tax
- Responsible for jeopardy assessments in collecting delinquent personal property tax
- Collects mobile home specific tax
- Must appoint a deputy
- Must post a surety bond
- Member of township elections commission (general law township only, not in a charter township)

Authorities and Responsibilities of Michigan Township Officials, Boards & Commissions

Clerk's Statutory Duties which are salaried.

- Maintains custody of all township records
- Maintains general ledger
- Prepares warrants for township checks
- Records and maintains township meeting minutes
- Keeps the township book of oaths
- Responsible for regular and special meeting notices
- Publishes board meeting minutes (if taxable value is \$80 million in 2013, annually indexed, or a charter township)
- Keeps voter registration file and conducts elections
- Chair of township elections commission
- Keeps township ordinance book
- Prepares financial statements
- Delivers tax certificates to supervisor and county clerk by September 30
- Must appoint a deputy

Michigan law allows township boards to assign additional, non-statutory duties to township board members and to authorize payment for those services, as the township board deems reasonable. (MCL 41.96) (Article XI, Sec. 3, Michigan Constitution)

Members of the township board may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses actually incurred on behalf of the township. (MCL 41.95(2))

NON STATUTORY DUTIES IN OUR TOWNSHIP THAT ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BOARD APPROVED PAY.

Sewer, water, garbage, Fire, ambulance, recreation, and any other activity than the Statutory duties above.

FOR A RECALL TO BE SUCCESSFUL, THERE MUST BE CONTROVERSY.

IT MATTERS NOT HOW THE CONTROVERSY CAME TO BE.

REPUBLIC FIRE DEPARTMENT

Community Birthday Calendar

PLEASE PRINT

2016 Calendar: Sign Up

Name _____ Home Phone _____

Mailing Address _____

City / State _____ Zip _____

(please fill out above info)

_____ Yes, I would like to an order for next year's calendar. Listed below are the number of calendars I am interested in ordering and/or the people's names and dates of birthdays and anniversaries etc. to be printed on the calendar. Use a separate form for each household.

Number of calendars _____ @ \$ 8.00 each. Amount enclosed \$ _____. Make checks out to the "Republic Fire Department".

Listings for (Birthday=B, Anniversaries=A, Event=E, Military Service=S) for your household only, will be printed on the date they occur. The cost is included in the calendar price. Feel free to make copies of this order form for your friends and neighbors.

PLEASE PRINT

Please check: _____ Changes _____ Same as last year

Listings

Name _____ Date _____ code letter (____)

Name _____ Date _____ (____)

Name _____ Date _____ (____)

Name _____ Date _____ (____)

Name _____ Date _____ (____)

Name _____ Date _____ (____)

Name _____ Date _____ (____)

(use 2nd sheet if needed)

If you have any questions concerning the reordering of your calendar, please contact the person listed below. Orders should be mailed to the address by **July 20, 2015**.

Shawn Radcliffe
9412 State Highway M95
Republic, MI 49879
906.376.8808

e-mail: raddy50@sbcglobal.net

Thank you

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How do you prevent a Summer cold?
Catch it in the Winter!

How does a pig go to hospital?
In a hambulance.

What can you hold without ever touching it?
A conversation.

What clothes does a house wear?
Address.

What did one magnet say to the other?
I find you very attractive.

What do you call the best butter on the farm?
A goat.

What is the best thing to do if you find a gorilla in your bed?
Sleep somewhere else.

Brenda and Terry are going out for the evening.
The last thing they do is put their cat out.

The taxi arrives, and as the couple walk out of the house, the cat scoots back in.

Terry returns inside to chase it out. Brenda, not wanting it known that the house would be empty, explains to the taxi driver, 'My husband is just going upstairs to say goodbye to my mother.'

Several minutes later, an exhausted Terry arrives and climbs back into the taxi saying, 'Sorry I took so long, the stupid idiot was hiding under the bed and I had to poke her with a coat hanger several times before I could get her to come out!'

