

**Republic Township Board**  
**April 24, 2014**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm....All Board Members were present.

**2. SALUTE TO FLAG:**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Treasurer Koski made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for March 27, 2014 Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for March 27, 2014 Budget Meeting, motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried, and minutes for April 1, 2014 Special meeting, motion by Treasurer Koski and seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

**5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Treasurer Koski made the motion to pay the bills, Trustee Knapp seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Jim Brennan**  
**Tammy Mattson**

**7. REPORTS:**

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – Planning Commission approved the language for their next published public hearing which will coincide with their regular meeting.
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time
- e. **DPW/ Fire & Ambulance** – Nothing at this time.
- f. **ASSESSOR** – The new Tax Toll has been approved by Marquette County, and the BSA software has been updated. This is a free update.
- g. **SUPERVISOR** – So far we have 75 people signed up for the Leader Alert System. When it is time to stop the water let runs we will notify everyone through this system. With the weather the way it is, I hope folks are not yet turning their let runs off. They still have a good chance of freezing yet. We had a water main break last night up to the tank. The tank ran dry and washed out a good chunk of gravel under the road. We are hoping that we can fit those repairs in under the grant, it is a brand new main, but that is the joy of having frost 9 feet

deep when everything is buried to seven feet. We need to recognize the Recreation Committee officers:

**President: Hillary Venn**

**Vice President: Kim Isaacson**

**Secretary: Wulf McNeil**

#### **8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Water Line Grant** - I received a call today from Jim Koskiniemi that an agreement has been reached between Lindberg & UPEA for repairs to 601 and to 5<sup>th</sup> Street as part of our grant. There is currently \$125,000 left in our contingency fund with the two jobs together to cost somewhere around \$80,000. We are waiting for final approval from Rural Development, when we get that we will need permissions from the Road Commission to get started.
- b. **School Lake/ Munson Park/ Recreation- Heritage Trail** meeting last night. Because of this trailhead, we were put in a good light to get these two additional grants, the one for the campground and the one for the building as the Southern Terminus of the trail. They strongly recommended that we declare the entire area under the grant as the Iron Ore Heritage Trail Recreation Area or Heritage Trail Recreation Area for short and put the name "Republic" after it. They also recommend we do the same for the campground because linking everything you can to the Heritage Trail helps your likelihood of receiving grant money. We will need specific signs put up also. Dan Mitchell has put in for a grant to cover the Township's portion of the campground "match money" that will require signs too.
- c. **Bank Building Grant Application** – we have a resolution to pass sitting in front of us. TF 13-119 which is the campground. Motion by Treasurer Koski, Support by Clerk Brancheau. **Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.**  
**Resolution copy attached to minutes.**
- d. **Bank Building Wiring** – Request for Bids has gone out. The 14<sup>th</sup> of May we will have a walk through for the Contractors, then we will open the bids and on Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> we will have a Special Meeting to vote on which bid to accept.
- e. **Transfer Station** – Is on hold for the weather, when we can get in there to take measurements for the new wall we will complete that.

#### **9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **General Appropriations Act**– We now have tentative numbers from the county based on current information we have from the State. Until June 23<sup>rd</sup> when the State makes its final approval, we can only use tentative numbers. The maximum allowable millages by law is as follows:
  1. **Operating – 1.1097 mills**
  2. **Operating - 4.8567 mills**
  3. **EMS – 1.083 mills**
  4. **Roads – 0.9668 mills**
- b. **ZBA Membership:** Stacy Davis has been elected Vice-Chair on the Planning Commission & the ZBA

- c. **Budget Amendments – Water Fund Budget.** Decrease 995 by \$170.00 and increase 998 by \$3,192.00. Motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion passed.
- d. **Water Rate Variance Requests – Northern Specialty,** has asked to have water maintenance fee and sewer maintenance fees removed for a given period. Their request is denied. John Ulrich has requested almost the same, but wants to be considered a part time resident and wants his water/sewer/garbage put on a seasonal billing cycle. He also asked about Senior Citizen Rates if applicable. Motion to Table John Ulrich’s request until a budget work session can be held in near future by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Oasis – Lease proposal** by Stacy Davis for purchasing the Oasis to a Gallery/Café. Would like to lease for one year, paying for all improvements to the building and all utilities, then purchase after one year. Supervisor Johnson suggested that we allow him to rent the building for \$1.00 for three months, Stacy to pay all costs and utilities and at the end of three months, renegotiate from there. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, supported by Treasurer Koski to approve Supervisor Johnson’s proposal; all in favor, motion carried.
- f. **Fire Department Laptop –** They have not had a new computer in over 8 years, and we have never bought one for them. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau; all in favor, motion carried.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Tammy Mattson  
Liz Hangas**

**11. ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting Adjourned by Supervisor Johnson @ 7:40pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau 5-22-14  
Marilyn, Brancheau) Clerk                      Date