

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP BOARD MEETING
APRIL 25, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present.

2. SALUTE TO FLAG

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

A motion was made by Kristina K. support by Marilyn B. to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Tom F. support by Kristina K. to approve the minutes of the budget hearing held on March 28, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Carol K. support by Marilyn B. to approve the minutes of the board meeting held on March 28, 2013. Motion carried.

Motion by Tom F. support by Kristina K. to approve the minutes of the special board meeting held on April 15, 2013. Motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Trustee Tom questioned the heating bill for the Witch Lake fire hall. The bill is high and Supervisor Gary stated he will have the DPW check on the building. Tom F. also inquired about the DPW employees retirement checks. The funds are paid to them annually and they are responsible for depositing in an account for their retirement.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Faye Mattila – Move her to 8-F on the agenda
Sandy Travis

7. REPORTS:

- A. Trustee Carol – Earth Day was held on April 20th at RMS. Lots of volunteers, booths and excellent community support.
- B. Trustee Tom – World War II Veteran nomination from Republic Township

- C. Trustee Marilyn – Nothing at this time
- D. Trustee Tina – Ball field dedication on June 22, 2013. Jim Brennan stated we need to purchase two signs, pay for some of the sand, bases, etc. Motion by Tom F. support by Carol K. to purchase the two new signs, new bases and the sand regardless if it's donated or we have to pay a balance for it. Motion carried. Jim B. was instructed by Gary to get prices on the additional required material or equipment.
- E. DPW/Fire/Amb. – We need two new tires for the Fire Dept. tanker truck at approximately \$110 each. We are planning to remove the old hot water tank in the township hall and put a water recovery unit on our furnace.
- F. Assess./Sup. – I am asking the office staff to pick out the colors for the outside and inside the township hall. We would like to hire extra summer students this summer to accomplish this much needed project.
Internet – 906 Technologies has increased their rates. Nathan Lyle is back on his own with lower rates. When our contract is up with 906 we will decide which service we will use.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Water Line Grant – Supervisor received word from U.P. Engineering that they are waiting to hear from A. Lindberg Co. to receive a start-up date. The Treasurer has drafted a letter to the residents that haven't been available to have their water meter installed as of yet. They are to contact her for a convenient time and she will work with Swailes to complete the job. Motion by Gary J. support by Tom F. authorizing Treasurer Koski to mail the letters. Motion carried.
- B. School Lake/Munson Park – The grant has been sent out and received by the State.
- C. Oasis – No sale of property as of today.
- D. Flaska Parcel – On Hold
- E. Auditorium Heating System – On Hold
- F. Faye Mattila – She had the following questions and concerns:

Water and Sewer Transfers – No where in the 2010-2011 Audit does it say that there should be these amounts transferred from these funds back to the general fund. Gary J. – These errors are just being corrected now.

Letter requesting donations – Community Services received a letter for donations for the ball park. Why do we need donations when the Youth fund had \$3895.69 in their account which the board approved using it for the ball park and also the money from the silent auction for the sale of inventory from the Oasis building? Treasurer Koski explained that no one has to give a donation but many have been interested in doing so. The recreation committee has numerous expenses for the ball park alone plus all the other projects they would like to accomplish.

Eldrige House – Our ordinance states that on vacant houses the bond portion of the bill must still be paid for water and sewer.

Water Meters – Faye stated that she was never contacted by Swailes to hook-up their meter.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Summer Students – We received four applicants, two returning from last summer and two new ones. A motion by Clerk Brancheau support by Treasurer Koski to hire Andrew Jarvi and Sarah Vadnais for summer employment. Motion carried. A motion by Trustee Kellow support by Treasurer Koski to hire Travis Starkey and Dylan Mattson for 4 to 6 weeks for summer employment. Motion carried.
- B. Temp. Alarm at EMS – Table until budget is “cleaned up”.
- C. Job Title Change – The auditor has requested we change Lori Burton’s job title from Office Assistant to Office Manager which allows her to work in every department in the office. Motion by Kristina K. support by Tom F. to change the title to Officer Manager. Motion carried.
- D. Resolution of Support – Motion by Tom F. support by Carol K. to approve the Resolution Of Support For Creation Of A Next Michigan Development District for Delta and Marquette County Central Upper Peninsula. Motion carried. ROLL CALL VOTE: 5 - AYES 0 - NAYS
- E. Sportsman’s Club – Motion by Tom F. support by Carol K. to approve the fireworks scheduled for July 20, 2013. Motion carried.
Motion by Kristina K. support by Marilyn B. to approve free camping from Monday, July 15th thru Sunday, July 21st. Motion carried.
Motion by Kristina K. support by Marilyn B. to approve a refreshment tent, live music and the contract with the Sheriff’s Dept. with the hours set by the Sportsman’s Club. Motion carried.
Bob Bengtson will get back to us regarding the maintenance agreement at Moose Rapids.
- F. Garage Billing Issues – Treasurer Koski has drafted a garbage collection policy which specifies payment for residential, seasonal and residents who leave for the winter months. A motion by Carol K. support by Marilyn B. to install the garbage collection policy. Motion carried.
- G. LSCPMembership – Motion by Carol K. support by Kristina K. not to renew our membership to Lake Superior Community Partnership this year. Motion carried.
- H. TIFA Resignations/Appointments – A motion by Carol K. support by Kristina Koski to accept with regret the resignations from the TIFA board from Aileen Todd and Kim Isaacson. A letter of appreciation will be sent to them from the township board. Motion carried.
A motion by Gary J. support by Tom F. to appoint Tina Anthony and Todd Rankinen to the TIFA Board. Motion carried.
- I. Hot Water Tank – Tabled – The board will include the quick recovery hot water tank with the auditorium heating bid.
- J. Employee Meeting – Monday, May 6th at 10:00 a.m. has been tentatively set for the meeting. A township inspection tour is planned this month

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Sandy Travis
Jim Brennan
Faye Mattila
Tina Anthony

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


Marilyn Brancheau
Clerk