

Final Minutes for April 26, 2011 of the Republic Township Board Budget Worksop.

Minutes are subject to review and approval by the Township Board.

Board Members present: Gary, Faye, Steve, Tom and Paula

Special Guest was Eric Waara of UPEA

1. Supervisor called to order at 1:30 p.m.
2. Eric Waara informed the Board that the septic portion (LO/Evergreen St.) of the water line grant could not be included in the water grant. He estimated it would cost \$35,000 to \$40,000.00 to repair this line.
3. Eric Waara stated that our basic water rates should be around \$35.00 per month the township rates are currently \$25.50 for operating & maintenance, \$9.50 for water improvement and \$2.50 for tower debt per month. This is USDA's recommended water rates for our area and median household income for our area.
4. A meeting date was set for May 26, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. with Eric. He will address what our sewer priorities are, future projected needs and then we can address the financial planning aspect of the priorities.

**BUDGET ITEMS:**

1. The computer swapping between Faye and Paula and the authorization to complete the repairs on Faye's computer were motioned by Steve and supported by Gary.
2. Chief Lake Wilderness Camp is being charged for garbage and there is no garbage to collect. Faye suggested that the Camp should be credited \$120.00 and to resume assessing garbage fees when there is activity. Motioned by Steve, supported by Paula.
3. LSP Partnership bill of \$750.00 is tabled for the regular board meeting 4/28/11.
4. Emergency Services Fund received more funds than anticipated, Faye suggested that the extra funds received should be applied towards the principal of the loan. Paula will review the loan agreement to make sure there isn't a prepayment penalty assessed. Motioned by Gary, supported by Paula.
5. Faye suggested that Tower Debt Funds that are currently deposited into the water checking account should be paid deposited into the savings and paid on the principal of the loan 4 times a year. Motioned by Faye, seconded by Steve.
6. It was suggested by Gary that the School Lake Fishing Site would receive UPEA's limited professional services. Motioned by Steve, supported by Paula.
7. A meeting date was set for Saturday, June 18, 2011 9:00 a.m. to have Kim Nault escort the Republic Township Board to all service locations to assess priorities of the Township.
8. Attached is the final budget for Republic Township 2011 – 2012 fiscal year.
9. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 4:05 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Paula Stone  
Republic Township Clerk