

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP BOARD
AUGUST 20, 2013
DRAFT MINUTES

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 by Treasurer Koski support by Trustee Feldhusen to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion by Trustee Kellow support by Treasurer Koski to approve the minutes of the July 23, 2013 minutes. Motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

A motion by Treasurer Koski support by Trustee Feldhusen to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tammy Mattson
Tina Anthony

7. REPORTS:

- A. Trustee Kellow – Everyone enjoyed the National Night Out
- B. Trustee Feldhusen – The National Night Out is an event the community looks forward to. The volunteers whom put the event together year after year are much appreciated.
- C. Clerk Brancheau – Read a letter from State of Michigan, Dept. of Community Health praising out ambulance service on their inspection. In addition they wanted to acknowledge our agency as one of the cleanest, best kept ambulances the department has seen in some time.

- D. Treasurer Koski – Our office manager, Lori Burton has been “digging” into the AT&T and AT&T Mobility bills to see why they are so high. There are phone lines we do not use anymore which she canceled and better rates apply today while our contract was under the old rates. The savings will be very substantial. Lori also gathered information on surrounding townships work schedules, office personnel and benefits which will come in handy when doing our policy. The treasurer will be in the office all day September 16, 2013 to collect taxes.
- E. DPW/FIRE/AMB. – Supervisor received a letter from Humboldt Township offering \$25,000.00 for combined services from our fire and ambulance. He contacted both department heads and will look into the matter further.
- F. Assessing/Supervisor – The assistant assessor, Syd Bray can now electronically communicate and update his data. There has been recent crime in our township. The ordinance enforcer has suggested we look into a Neighborhood Crime Watch program to help prevent future attempts.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- A. Water Line – Eric Waara, UPEA attended the meeting. He held a question and answer session with the board and the public.
A motion by Trustee Feldhusen support by Trustee Kellow to approve the payment of invoices and expenses which are to be paid for by drawdown of funds from Rural Development through the Republic Water Construction Account in the amount of \$139,176.61. Motion carried.
- B. School Lake/Munson Park – The pavilion looks great! We are going to getting new beach sand from Bob Bengtson and Charlie Niemi. We have a quote on the price of the cameras at the ballpark of \$2300.00.
- C. Oasis Sale – No change
- D. Flaska Parcel – No change
- E. Heating & Water Tank Work – No change
- F. Fluoridation – Motion by Trustee Feldhusen support by Trustee Kellow to put the item on the table for discussion. Motion carried. After discussion A motion by Treasurer Koski support by Clerk Brancheau to file the grant for the Fluoridation and contingent of receiving the grant put the fluoridation process in place. Motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Holiday Pay – Motion by Supervisor Johnson support by Treasurer Koski to present this subject for discussion. Motion carried. After much discussion, a motion by Trustee Feldhusen support by Trustee Kellow to table this for further study. Motion carried.
- B. Records Retention Policy – The township does not to have a Records Retention Policy as long as we follow the State Record Retention Policy.

- A motion by Treasurer Koski support by Trustee Feldhusen for Republic Township to follow the States Record Retention Policy. Motion carried.
- C. Rescind Motion – A motion by Treasurer Koski support by Trustee Kellow to rescind the 2006 motion of the township giving gifts for the National Night Out event. Motion carried.
- D. Equipment for EMS – The Ambulance needs a pediatric compatible A.E.D., Lifepac 1000. The medical control office and the State of Michigan have made this a mandatory piece on our ambulance. A motion by Trustee Kellow support by Treasurer Koski to purchase this equipment for \$1500.00. Motion carried. Also the EMS is in need of a new computer. A motion by Supervisor Johnson support by Trustee Kellow to purchase a laptop for \$599.95 with the Norton Antivirus installed for \$49.95. Motion carried.
- E. Upset Membership – Motion by Supervisor Johnson support by Trustee Kellow to support UPSET again this year. Motion carried.
- F. Clerk's & Treasurer's Salary Resolution – Motion by Trustee Kellow to bring this up for discussion. NO SUPPORT. Item died!
- G. Copier Lease/Purchase – Quotes are in from four vendors. They will be on Treasurer's desk. All board members look them over before our next meeting.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tammy Mattson
Carol Kellow
Tina Anthony

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting was adjourned at 9:15 p.m.


Marilyn Brancheau
Clerk