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~~Draft Minutes~~ for January 20, 2011 of the Republic Township Board regular meeting. Minutes are subject to review and approval by the Township Board.

1. Called to Order by the Supervisor at 7:00 P.M.
2. Salute to the Flag was given
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: The agenda was approved after a motion by Faye seconded by Tom with the additions of 9H Treasurers computer. Motion carried.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: December 20, 2010 Regular Board Meeting, 10 A. New Business; Openings on Boards and Commissions; Board of Review term shall be changed to December 31, 2012, 10 J. Training is not misspelled in original minutes. Faye made the motion to accept the minutes, supported by Tom. January 4, 2011 Budget Meeting minutes, Faye made the motion to accept, seconded by Gary. January 11, 2011 Budget Meeting minutes, Gary made the motion to accept, supported by Faye. Motion carried.
5. PAYMENT OF BILLS: 2 additions; The appraisal of the Republic Dam to be reimbursed by TIFA at a later date. Faye made the motion to pay and supported by Tom, motion carried. Heritage Iron Ore Trail building design \$2925.00, Faye motioned and supported by Gary. Motion carried. Other bills as presented to be paid were motioned by Tom and supported by Faye. Motion carried.
6. PUBLIC COMMENT: No Public Comment
7. COMMITTEE REPORTS:
 - A. Trustee Steve Koski went to the State of Michigan State of Address with Steve Lindberg. Revenue Sharing may be consolidated and the budgets for the State are on a rush. The bridge to Canada will create jobs and Canada's funds will be considered matching funds for bridge construction.
 - B. Trustee Tom & Planning Commission: Letter from Bill Payne, Zoning Administrator, written to the Planning Commission was discussed including the working relationship with the Commission by all board members. A motion was made to explore other options for finding a Zoning Administrator that will work with our Planning Commission. Motioned by Paula supported by Faye. 4 ayes, Tom said nay. Motion carried.
 - C. Faye; Animal Control Officer: Issue to be addressed and on the Agenda for April 28, 2011.

D. DPW/FIRE/AMBULANCE: Gary gave EMS a copy of the suction unit. Faye made a motion to purchase and Paula supported. Motion carried. LifeQuest agreement is in the process of being complete. Ambulance received two new batteries. Scott Hansen noted 4 EMT trainees.

E. WEB SITE REPORT: Fred Nannestad presented a report on the recent activity for the Republic Web site. Keys words were noted.

F. ASSESSING/SUPERVISORS REPORT: Jim Brennan gave Gary a proposed solar and wind generation addition to the current zoning ordinance, Gary forwarded it to the Planning Commission for review. Gary has tax roll deadlines that are due earlier.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

A. WATER LINE GRANT: Deeds are approved by OGC, soon to be recorded, forwarded to Roger, then to Engineers for bidding.

B. LO/EVERGREEN ST. SEWER LINE: Waiting for approval, then bidding process and construction commencing.

C. ABANDONMENT OF ALLEY: no progress has been made, may come off of agenda.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

A. OPENINGS ON BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS: Terry Knapp will be appointed to Planning Commission for a 1 year term. Gary made the motion, supported by Steve. Motion carried. Ordinance subcommittee members appointed were Faye and Paula. The township has 10 free hours to use with CUPAD and Gary released the hours to be used for Ordinance organization so they can be forwarded to Marquette County. Paula was appointed FOIA officer. Motioned by Faye, supported by Tom. Motion carried. Gary requested that protocol be followed at the request of Terry Burkhart that all FOIA requests be forwarded to him.

B. POLICE COVERAGE: Sheriff's Dept. is subcontracting with other units of government.

C. FEMA FIRE GRANT: Dan Mitchell wrote a Fire Grant in the amount of \$135,000. Matching funds in the amount of 5% from the Township. Motioned by Steve, supported by Faye. Motion carried.

D. JANITOR WAGES: Faye made the motion, supported by Tom to pay the Janitor \$10.00 per hour supported by Faye. Motion carried.

E. SCHOOL TAX COLLECTION: Motioned by Steve, support from Paula for Faye to collect the school portion of the taxes. Motion carried.

F. UPCAP GARBAGE BILL: Faye requested that she write off the UPCAP bill from the housing. Gary motioned, Paula opposed for further collection activity.

G. TRUTH IN TAXATION/BUDGET DATE: March 24, 2011 at 6:00 p.m. for the truth in taxation meeting. March 31, 2011 is the final budget reconciliation meeting.

H. TREASURES COMPUTER: Faye's computer is not capable of upgrading. Therefore a new laptop has been purchased. This computer will also be capable of skype. Paula motioned and supported by Gary. Motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT: Fred Nannestad , Faye Mattila, Gary Johnson,

11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Stone
Republic Township Clerk