

**Republic Township Board**  
**July 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:**

Motion by Clerk Brancheau to approve, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for June 26, 2014 Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for July 10, 2014 Special Meeting, motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for July 15, 2014 Election Committee, motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, all in favor, motion carried.

**5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

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

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Jim Brennan

**7. REPORTS:**

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – Nothing at this time.
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- Had a great Fishing Derby. The committee did a great job putting everything together.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Great Fishing Derby, Absentee ballots are now available.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time
- e. **ASSESSOR** – Nothing at this time.
- f. **SUPERVISOR** – Bridge Burned on the IOHT, about \$10,000 in damage. Also I attended the IOHT meeting last night, talking about this bridge. Most likely there will be a minimum of \$1,000 reward posted for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the perpetrator(s). They were also in town today to put up the Kiosk. They approved last night to put out for bids the construction of the trail. They will begin Construction here on the trail on September 12<sup>th</sup>.
- g. **DPW** – Vactor Truck is being used for what it can be used for which is routing out sewer lines. But they cannot use the back of the truck because it requires a concrete pad for dumping. This particular type of truck the entire back of the

truck has to be opened so that everything inside will be dumped. This will be planned into the next sewer grant. **Recycling**- contracts have been signed; there will be two 30 yard units due to be delivered August 5<sup>th</sup>. They will be across the street in the parking lot.

**h. FIRE –**

- i. AMBULANCE –** Medical Control wants to pull our ambulance license to transport unless we can meet certain criteria. Tina and I met with members of the ambulance crew and Med Ctrl had a very good discussion. We walked out expecting to be given a window of time to try to get more members for a class starting next month, then we received a letter that we have 30 days to submit a remediation plan to state how we will provide 24/7/365 ambulance service within 1 year or Medical Control will recommend that the State of Michigan pull our ambulance license. As of now we have 1 full time EMT, 3 part time EMT's that are responding, and one that we don't know the status of. Of the 3 part time people, 2 of them work full time. Because we have been so short staffed, we had requested that Medical Control immediately dispatch the Bell Ambulance because we were never sure if we could transport or not. So even if we could transport because the Bell Ambulance was there, we allowed them to transport, it just seemed to make more sense. It turns out Medical Control was counting the number of times we were transporting, so now they think there is a problem. We have notified Central that we do not want Bell automatically dispatched any longer until such time that we know whether we need them or not. If it is heart, stroke or something similar, protocol says we have to call them no matter what, but other than that, we are going to transport. But, we need BODIES!!! I want to have a Special Meeting soon to discuss how paying for the classes will be done
- j. OM REPORT –** as of right now we have 190 people signed up for the Leader Alert System. Given the activities lately and the subject matter of the messages we have been sending out, several people came into the office to thank us in person for the notification, people are starting to lock their doors.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Water Line Grant -** Draw request for Lindberg & UPEA \$34,842.17 All work is complete. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, **Roll Call Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.** Final Change Order that adjusts all quantities to the final installed quantities. There should be no further engineering fees. \$4,438.66. **Roll Call Vote; Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.** There will be one final pay request, just waiting for final figures.
- b. School Lake/ Munson Park/ Recreation-** Christy Bayes was here last Tuesday to tour the park area again. She walked the Trail with Bill Sanders, they reviewed the grant information. She also reviewed the information for the Bank Building
- c. Transfer Station –** Retaining wall started July 24, 2014.
- d. Bank Building Trust Fund Grant Status -** When Christy Bayes was here she noticed what appeared to be a commercial enterprise in the Bank Building. She raised the question as to whether or not we are in violation of our agreement. She has asked Bill Sanders and Supervisor Johnson to put together a report on the

“Caretaker” needs of the Building. We have until the beginning of next week to get it to her. The biggest problem we have here in Republic is not the theft and vandalism; it is what accepted behavior here is. Having said that; one of the requirements of the Trust Fund is that the Bank Building must be available to the public for public use. We were told that because the building had bathrooms, we had to keep them available to the public. How do you do that when the building could end up just like the burned bridge we now have to replace? You must have someone in there to man the building in order to protect it. Since the Trust Fund does not allow us to rent a Trust Fund Building, we have someone in there with a token lease of \$1.00 and some repairs, which is allowable. Trust Fund structures can have concessions and provide for sale local items. This is what we are discussing with the DNR. This is what we have in there now. They had originally agreed to split the cost of the electrical repairs, but we handled all of that. They did redo the floors and they are beautiful. We can’t comply with keeping the building open without having caretakers in the building. We are now trying to negotiate something with these folks to be in compliance with the DNR and to keep the building open with terms that everyone can accept.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Township Hall ID Sign**– Motion to purchase new building lettering by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to purchase these letters, all in favor, motion carried. **REPUBLIC TOWN HALL**
- b. **Offer to purchase lot next to Mary Laabs.** – Offer for \$250.00. We usually sell them for \$500.00 but none have sold recently. Trustee Knapp commented that the appraised value of the lot is for about \$900.00. Send it to negotiating committee to discuss, table until next meeting.
- c. **Heritage Garden Power** – UP Power offered to put in underground power from the pole at no charge. We will have to get bids for the pedestal and service box.
- d. **Ambulance Power Line** – We need to run a new dedicated service line to the ambulance for charging purposes. It is critical and needs to be done immediately. Kukla should be called, this is a small item, but very important.
- e. **Ballpark Dugout Materials** – Motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Treasurer Koski to wait until spring.
- f. **601 West Repairs** - Carol Nicholas read a letter there was discussion following. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp to work with Road Commission to get repairs done. All in favor, motion carried.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Marilyn Helmila**

**11. BOARD MEMBERS:**

**Gary Johnson**

**Marilyn Brancheau**

12. ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Johnson Adjourned the meeting @ 8:25pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau      9-3-14  
Marilyn, Brancheau, Clerk      Date