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Draft Minutes for June 23, 2011 of the Republic Township Board Regular Meeting.

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

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

1. Called to Order by the Supervisor at 7:00
2. SALUTE TO THE FLAG WAS GIVEN.
3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Additions to the agenda were: 7G Ordinance Enforcement, 9G Bank Building, 9H Newsletter, 9I Nannestad Website Lawsuit, 9J Water Quality Reports, 9K Parking Lots. Motioned by Faye supported by Paula.
4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 26, 2011 Special Sewer Meeting Workshop were motioned for approval by Faye, supported by Steve. May 26, 2011 Regular Township Board Minutes, Faye asked that under Approval of Minutes the word changes is changed to additions, under New Business 9C Spring Cleanup is changed to 1 week. Faye motioned for approval supported by Tom. June 3, 2011 Special Board Meeting minutes were motioned for approval by Steve and supported by Tom.
5. PAYMENT OF BILLS: All bills were motioned by Faye for approval supported by Paula.
6. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Brennan expressed concerns of the Dam Lease Proposal.
7. REPORTS:
 - A. TRUSTEE STEVE gave no report.
 - B. TRUSTEE TOM said that the Planning Commission has finished the district map and will present it to the Board for approval.
 - C. CLERK gave no report.
 - D. TREASURER gave no report.
 - E. DPW/Fire/Ambulance: The Supervisor reported that in the class he attended the Emergency Services should have a separate corporation formed to allow for any monies that are not designated to the general fund.
 - F. ASSESSING/SUPERVISOR: The Supervisor reported that he attended a class through NMPSA regarding accounting procedures and that it was very informative. He also reported that the Deputies of the Clerk and Treasurer be

versed in all aspects of the duties of Clerk and Treasurer. The Supervisor reported that he would help set the raft with his boat on Monday morning.

- G. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT.** The Clerk asked if the Ordinance Enforcement Officer would inform the Board of actions taken by the Officer so that the Clerk, Treasurer and Deputies could be prepared in the event a citizen came to the township.
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- A. **WATER LINE GRANT:** No report given.
 - B. **SEWER UPGRADE GRANT:** No report given.
 - C. **WEBSITE MINUTES:** The Supervisor requested that draft minutes be posted to the website with a draft watermark. The Clerk stated that, at the last board meeting, the Clerk was responsible for posting minutes to the website and that planning commission minutes approved on 6/13 ~~were already posted to the website, not by her.~~ *that* The Clerk made a motion ^{to} the Clerk is responsible for posting draft and final minutes to the website exclusively, the Supervisor made an inclusion to state that the draft have a watermark to differentiate them. Supported by Gary. All five are in favor.
 - D. **TOWNSHIP INSPECTION:** 9:00 a.m. Saturday June 25, 2011 the public is welcome to attend no special attire is required. The Township does not need additional insurance, reported by Don Hannula of Hannula Insurance, the Clerk stated.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- A. **FIRE/ORDINANCE CHARGES:** An ordinance was submitted by the Clerk obtained from Champion. The Supervisor noted changes to be made including specifying billing only residents outside of Republic.
 - B. **SPORTSMEN'S CLUB NEEDS:** Faye motioned that the Munson Park Camping facilities are used free of charge during the fishing derby Monday through Sunday, supported by Paula. Steve made a motion to approve the fireworks display by the Sportsmen's Club, supported by Faye. The Clerk reported that the insurance company gave their approval to the Sportsmen's Club and the Township. The Supervisor needed to contact the Sheriff's department for the correct dates in the contract. Motioned by Faye to contract with the Sheriff's department, supported by Tom.
 - C. **DAM LEASE:** The Supervisor presented a lease proposal prepared by Republic Mountain Lake Properties LLC. The Supervisor stated he was recusing himself from the issue. The Supervisor appointed the Clerk and the Treasurer as the two negotiators. The Treasurer stated that Gary can't recuse himself. The Supervisor stated we would not be a part of the negotiations. The Supervisor wanted it stated in the minutes that the Clerk was the lead negotiator for the Dam Lease, Faye as witness. The Clerk wanted to express that the commence date stated in the lease is July 1, 2011.
 - D. **CREDIT UNION LEASE:** The Clerk proposed that the rent be increased to \$800.00 a 23% increase due to rising utility costs since 2008. An explanation would be included in the lease proposal. Motion made by Steve supported by Faye to have the Clerk prepare the new lease proposal.

- E. JULY BUDGET WORKSHOP: A tentative date was set for July 11, 2011, 1:00p.m. July 14, 2011 was an alternate date.
 - F. BUDGET AMENDMENTS: Motion by Faye supported by Steve to accept the budget amendments as presented for fiscal year 2010 – 2011.
 - G. BANK BUILDING: Tabled until November 2011 agenda.
 - H. NEWSLETTER: The Clerk stated an accounting correction to the newsletter and suggested that a draft be sent to Board Members before going to print.
 - I. NANNESTAD WEBSITE LAWSUIT: The Clerk requested from the Supervisor that all Board Members have a copy of the lawsuit that they are named in. Steve commented on the lawsuit. Jim Brennan commented on the lawsuit and legal costs incurred by the township.
 - J. WATER QUALITY REPORTS: The Clerk asked who edited the water quality report before going into the newsletter. The Supervisor said he had nothing to do with the misprint under Arsenic in the Water Quality Report printed in the newsletter. The report submitted to the DEQ from DPW was different. The Supervisor stated he put my name in place of the prior Clerks. The Clerk asked that her name be taken off of the report.
 - K. PARKING LOTS: The Clerk asked if she could obtain quotes from 3 local contractors to grade 2 township parking lots.
10. PUBLIC COMMENT: Jim Brennan spoke on the dam levels and DNR or State involvement.
11. ADJOURNMENT: The meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Paula Stone
Republic Township Clerk