

Republic Township Board
June 26, 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:

Supervisor Johnson wished to add one item to the agenda; electricity at the Heritage Garden under 9K. Clerk Brancheau made the motion to approve the agenda with the addition, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for May 22, 2014 Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for June 19, 2014 Special Meeting, motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Trustee Feldhusen 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** – Electrical updates are complete, just waiting for the Power Company to do their part.
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- PC Garbage Pickup went well.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Summer Taxes start in July. Remind everyone about the senior deferment available and that partial payments will be accepted.
- e. **ASSESSOR** – A reminder that the July BOR is not a complaint session.
- f. **SUPERVISOR – DPW** – Down to 3 final leaks; across the street, Walstroms Rd and Cedar St, **Fire Dept** – Calendar sale is now going on. **Repair of Lift Station**– Gerry Allen from UPEA, suggested we wait as it can be part of the sewer grant we will be going for. Just do temporary repair for now. **Newsletter** - will be out Monday or Tuesday at the latest. **Office Manager Report** – Water Line repairs to date have cost just over \$78,000.00, and are projecting total costs to exceed \$90,000 once all repair bills are received. She also mentioned that FOIA program is up and running.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Water Line Grant** - Construction on repairs on 601, 5th Street, & Water Tower mains is now finished. Jim Koskiniemi from UPEA presented a draw request for the USDA grant for funds to pay for repairs. The remaining items to complete are the sewer restoration and paving (07/19/14). The meters are almost complete Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, **Roll Call Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.**
- b. **School Lake/ Munson Park/ Recreation-** Supervisor Johnson asked that for now we designate the School Lake area along Republic Ave as the Iron Ore Heritage Trail, Republic, this helps us to get grants. Motion by Trustee Knapp, no support, motion dies.
- c. **Transfer Station** – Bids are in, we received 5. David Allen Masonry was the low bidder of 19, 557.00. Motion to accept low bid by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried. Completed by Aug 31, 2014.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Church Sidewalk**– At the Catholic Church, the sidewalk is damaged. \$9,650.00 for total repair, we will pay half \$4,825.00 and church pays half. Motion to approve, by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Zoning Board of Appeals Appt.** – Motion to Appoint Ron Kulie and to verify Treasurer Koski's appointment by the Board in January of this year by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Zoning Amendments** –Motion by Trustee Knapp, Seconded by Trustee Feldhusen to approve the Zoning Ordinance Amendment changes. **Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays All in favor, motion carried.**
- d. **Lifequest Agreement** – Sign Contract, motion to accept by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, **Roll Call Vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.**
- e. **Water Budget Amendments** – \$16,570 per Treasurer Koski all the numbers will be corrected in Budget for last year when we do the audit to increase construction figures. Motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.
- f. **Recycling Bins** – \$70.00 per unit/Month a \$210.00 hauling, the public needs to be ware that they need to put the proper materials in the proper container, otherwise, it will cost more. Motion to try for one year by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- g. **Summer DPW Worker** – Drew Greipentrog is doing very well. Motion to keep him on for two more months, (July & August) by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- h. **Cemetery Stone Cleaning** – Motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Treasurer Koski to accept estimate from Warren Munson to clean cemetery stones for \$2,260. All in favor, motion carried
- i. **Beach Equipment** – Request from Recreation Department for funds to put new picnic tables, trash cans and grills at the beach. Up to \$6,000. Motion to approve

by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
Table Ball field until the July 2014 Meeting.

- j. **Water Billing Issue** – Regarding Billing dispute between the Township and Randy & Tammy Mattson, they want the \$50.00 refunded due to turning their water on and off for a non-payment issue. Supervisor Johnson called for a motion to discuss the issue. No motion was made, the issue is dead.
- k. **Heritage Garden** – We will get the information we need to see about putting electricity at the Garden, possible to maybe get it in School Lake Grant?

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Tammy Mattson
Carol Nicholas
Ikey Todd
Tom Stankus
Ron Kulie**

**Keith Perry
Marilyn Helmila
Fred Nannestad**

11. BOARD MEMBERS:

**Gary Johnson
Marilyn Brancheau**

12. ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Johnson Adjourned the meeting @ 8:05pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau 7-29-14
Marilyn, Brancheau, Clerk Date