

Republic Township Board
March 27, 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:

Clerk Brancheau made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for February 27, 2014 – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for March 10, 2014 special meeting, motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried, and minutes for March 12, 2014 Special meeting, motion by Treasurer Koski and seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Trustee Knapp made the motion to pay the bills, Supervisor Johnson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Stankus

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – Champion Twp has just finished their master plan, they sent over a copy for us as a courtesy since we are a neighboring Twp.
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Explanation of how bills are paid.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Tax collections are finished for 2013 for real property, check with Marquette County for future payments on 2013. I'm only collecting personal property now. Also a summer deferment program will be put in place this year. Explanation of how program works. We are checking into the possibility of having the ability to accept credit/debit cards in the future. More info to come.
- e. **DPW/ Fire & Ambulance** – For DPW, the recycling has been discontinued for now we are trying to get bigger trailers, but they want us to get our own roll off trailers. For now we are getting rid of the trailers and will not replace them until something better can be worked out.
- f. **ASSESSOR** – Nothing at this time

- g. **SUPERVISOR** – Leader Alert System is now in place. Things we can use it for would be for example, MDOT is making GAD starting on Monday March 31, 2014 start their garbage pickup at 3:00am and be off the roads by 10:00am. With this system we could notify all participants in a matter of seconds.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Water Line Grant** - Next meeting to finalize the grant. Jim Koskiniemi is working with Duane Reid right now to try to get them to approve sending us back the \$55,000 still there to pay for some repairs for work done incorrectly.
- b. **School Lake/ Munson Park/ Recreation**- Grant is going forward.
- c. **Bank Building Grant Application** – we have a resolution to pass sitting in front of us. A public hearing was held. The two grants will work hand in hand to assist each other. Resolution was read aloud. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski. **Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Resolution carried.**

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **General Appropriations Act**– Millage levy cannot be put in just yet as there is a delay in receiving the numbers from the county due to how late the BOR ran. We are still waiting for the numbers from the Headley Act. Motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Supervisor Johnson. **Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.**
- b. **Planning Commission Members:** We have two names under consideration to add one member to the Planning Commission. Tom Sandblom and Stacy Davis. Motion to appoint Stacy Davis made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Trustee Knapp, motion carried.
- c. **Millage Renewal Resolution** – for Roads and Operating for the August 2014 ballot. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen. **Roll call vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, resolution passed.**
- d. **Fluoride** – We would like to actually put the question of the fluoride situation to the voters, especially those on the water system. Open to suggestions on how to get opinions. It was suggested to include it in the newsletter for people to have a sheet with a YES or NO and they can turn it into the Township.
- e. **Resignations** - Don & Ann Tapio will be resigning from the EMS. Hailey Dyer and Nancy Currie will be filling in for the interim.
- f. **Bank Bldg Grant Application** – already taken care of under 8C.
- g. **Transfer Station Wall Replacement** – Trustee Knapp has already found the plans for the original wall, we just need to make corrections for larger quantities. Need to get approval from the Board to go out for bids, and to pay Trustee Knapp to analyze the bids and oversee the work as it is being done at a \$10.00 per hour per diem. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau. All in favor, motion carried.
- h. **Bank Building wiring bids** - Need motion to put out to bid for electrical upgrades. Trustee Knapp has agreed to design the bid specifications free of charge. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, all in favor, motion carried.

- i. **FOIA Appeals from Mr. Nannestad** – One for an e-mail that should have been attached to the December PC minutes and one for additional information for the WHPP. Motion to approve appeal for e-mail by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried. For the WHPP appeal, we do not have the documents as they have passed their required retention period and have been destroyed pursuant to Michigan Law. Motion to deny appeal by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.
- j. **Water Issues – Mike Todd** has asked for the one year deferment from water billing for the house on Koeber Ave as it has been completely stripped of any and all plumbing. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried. **Jane Danielson** has been without water for over 2 months, motion to give her credit on her bill for two months for now for all water related charges, motion by Trustee Knapp to approve, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tammy Mattson
Fred Nannestad

Marilyn Helmila

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned by Supervisor Johnson @ 7:50pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau 3-31-14
Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk Date

RESOLUTION OF SUPPORT
FOR

The Republic Township's Application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources for funding under the Natural Resources Trust Fund Grant Program

Whereas, Republic Township is seeking grant funding in the amount of \$196,300.00 (70% of the total cost of \$280,500.00) for the development of and improvements to the "Republic Trailhead – Iron Ore Heritage Trail"; and

Whereas, Republic Township is committed improving barrier free access and providing trailhead amenities including toilets, access to heritage displays and site improvements; and

Whereas, the proposed application is supported by the Community's Five Year Approved Parks and Recreation Plan; and,

Whereas, Republic Township supports the financial commitment of at least 30% of the total project cost (\$84,200.00 = 30% of \$280,500.00), plus any necessary administrative support. This 30% contribution is comprised of funding from the Township's general fund, Township Force Account Labor, as well as Cash Donation and Donated Materials, both from the Iron Ore Heritage Recreation Authority.

Now, therefore, be it resolved that Republic Township hereby authorizes submission of a Michigan Natural Resources Trust Fund Application for \$196,300.00, and further resolves to make the available a local match through financial commitment and donations of \$84,200.00 (30%) of a total \$280,500.00 project cost, during the 2015 – 2016 fiscal year.

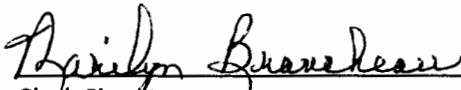
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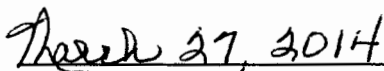
NAYES: 0

ABSENT: 0

MOTION APPROVED:

I HEREBY CERTIFY, that the foregoing Resolution duly made and passed by the Township Board of Republic Township at their regular meeting held on March 27, 2014, at 7:00 p.m. in the Township Hall, Republic, Michigan, with a quorum present.


Clerk Signature:


Dated: