

Republic Township Board
May 22, 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:

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for April 24, 2014 Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for May 1, 2014 Special Meeting, motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried, and minutes for May 7, 2014 Special meeting, motion by Treasurer Koski and seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for May 19, 2014 Special Meeting, motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan
Jodi Ferguson

Presentation by Emily Harmon of Republic Michigamme Schools on Homeless Services available to school age children

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – None
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- Awards Program @ school. Community Services on Hiatus until next fall.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Leader Alert.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Art Council this weekend, Memorial Day Parade
- e. **DPW/ Fire & Ambulance** – Ambulance repairs on May 27. Working on Radios, waiting for Range Communications for another bid.
- f. **ASSESSOR** – The new Tax Toll has been approved by Marquette County, and the BSA software has been updated. This is a free update.

- g. **SUPERVISOR – Complaint** – DEQ for permits for water line work, DEQ states that we are in compliance. – **Recycling** - \$7,000 per container to purchase, but to lease one is \$70.00 per month each (\$140.00 per month for two), then they would take them and empty them and bring them back for a fee of \$210.00 each per trip. Table until next meeting. **Mapping Water System** – Leak detector listen to all lines to be sure we didn't miss anything. **Bids on repairs** – The State of Michigan has authorized us to go out on bids when they realized it would take too long for them to do it themselves. We have put together a list for the bid request; we are just waiting for them to come in. We will get them to Teresa Schwalbach who will get them to the State for approval. We hope that the State will help with funds and save us \$30,000 - \$40,000. **Office Manager Report** – Leader Alert is going well, have used it for several reasons, more people are signing up every day. Sheriff's Dept will link in with us to use it as an "Amber Alert" and to notify us of issues that we need to know about.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Water Line Grant** - Construction on repairs on 601, 5th Street, & Water Tower mains is scheduled to begin June 2nd. Marquette County Road Commission is providing an Emergency Permit, road restrictions will be waived for them. **Water meters** – The installs for those that remain will begin on May 29th. You have until June 28th to get your meter in or you will have to pay for it yourself. It could be as much as \$750.00. Also, issues with appointments last summer, so please contact Tina or Lori to inform them of any problems. This will be inspected by a licensed inspector, this will help document any problems.
- b. **School Lake/ Munson Park/ Recreation**- On hold.
- c. **Bank Building Grant Application** – Tabled until we hear from the DNR.
- d. **Bank Building Wiring** – Mandel will start work on Tuesday, May 27th.
- e. **Transfer Station** – Is going out for bids, so we can look at those either at next board meeting or call a special meeting if we need to.
- f. **Fluoride Issue** – The letters that were returned to us came out to 14 YES and 37 NO votes. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to drop the Fluoride discussion, all in favor, motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Road Issue**– Bluebird Lane estimate from Road Commission is very reasonable, but, it may not be a good idea to re-do that road to take it off the seasonal road list. Also would like to get bids for Hawks Drive to re-do in pieces. Table until next meeting.
- b. **Electronic FOIA** – Letter from Office Manager read describing the system and its' benefits. Motion by Treasurer Koski to adopt this process as Township Policy, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried
- c. **Legal Letter** –The Board wishes to add Fahey, Schultz, Burzych & Rhodes, PC to the Township's list of attorneys. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

- d. **Rail Line** – Joe DeRocha spoke about some of the details of what it took to get the rail line reactivated in Humboldt Township to give us an idea of what it might take for us to get our reactivated also. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski to pursue this matter. All in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Letter of Support for rail line** – Table for now.
- f. **Summer Hiring** – Motion to hire Sarah Vadnais & Andrew Jarvi for summer help and Drew Greipentrog for at least 4 weeks by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- g. **Telephone Wiring** - Received bid from Kukala Electric for \$3300.00 to rewire and install new phone system. Troy Brancheau says he can do it for \$950.00 - \$1,000.00. Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Supervisor Johnson to accept Troy Brancheau's bid provided he provides the Board with that in writing. All in favor, motion carried.
- h. **EMS Pay for Run Report** – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen to pay the EMT \$10.00 per hour that completes the run report. All in favor, motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Johnny Ferguson
Carol Nicholas
Keith Perry
Jim Brennan**

11. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned by Supervisor Johnson @ 8:30pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

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