

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
OCTOBER 27, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting on October 27, 2011 was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 7:00 p.m. with all officers present, Steve Koski by Skype.

2. SALUTE TO FLAG

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

Additions to the agenda – 9I. Received New Motorcross Waiver and 9J. DPW's payroll change. The Board does not approve 9J be on the agenda because we will have to contact our auditor from Anderson-Tackman for his input since he made the change to the payroll. A motion was made by Tom F. seconded by Faye M. to approve the agenda with one addition. Motion carried.

4. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:

Motion was made by Faye M. seconded by Tom F. to accept the minutes of September 22, 2011. Motion carried. A motion was made by Steve K. seconded by Faye M. to accept the minutes of the Special Meetings on September 27, 2011 and October 20, 2011 with the correction from LKK Construction to LJJ Construction. Motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion was made by Tom F. seconded by Faye M. to approve the payment of bills. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Kathy Nault asked about the letter the DPW had written the Board asking for a change in payroll. The Board will contact our auditor from Anderson-Tackman since they made the decision on the payroll change.

Treasurer, Faye M. had some questions – Post Office Lease, has it been returned? Supervisor Johnson stated that the lease has been approved with our increase in rental fee but the final copy has not been received. Zoning Violation – Has Gary J., Bill D. and Terry B. got together to decide how this should be handled? No they haven't but Supervisor Johnson asked Bill DeGenaro to remind him. Flu Clinic – Liz Hangas was inquiring if we are going to have it. Supervisor Johnson stated that he had talked to Liz and it was too late to get all the information out to the people for this year. There were only four people signed up and the Township has to pay \$15.00 per shot up to 30 people. Start earlier next year and we can try it again. Pasty.Net – Just a reminder, their contract will expire on September 30, 2011.

## 9A. SCHOOL PRESENTATION:

Before continuing with the Regular Board Meeting, Mr. Paul Currie presented a program for the Republic-Michigamme School on the Bonding Proposal which will come up for a vote on the November 8, 2011 election.

## 7. REPORTS:

- a. Trustee Steve – Nothing at this time
- b. Trustee Tom – Nothing at this time
- c. Clerk Marilyn – Busy with QVF Training and upcoming election on 11-8-11
- d. Treasurer Faye – Nothing at this time
- e. DPW – The DPW is in need of a new water tapping tool. There are two units, 1” tap and a 2” tap. When the new water lines are put in, we may need the 2” tap. The price of the 1” tap is \$1195.00 and the 2” tap is \$2195.00. Steve K. made a motion to table this decision since we are not qualified to decide until the next meeting after Gary J. has more information from Eric W., U.P. Engineering seconded by Faye M. Motion carried.

Fire Truck #1’s pump needs repair. The pump can be rebuilt by Pomasl and we do have the money in the Equipment Fund. Motion was made by Steve K. seconded by Faye M. to repair the pump on Fire Truck #1. Motion carried.

Narrow Band Licensing – The license has expired some time ago and we have to apply for a new one costing a minimum of \$1,000.00. El-Com will help with the paper work.

Sewer Machine is having engine problems and we are looking for parts until we get the Sewer Grant.

EMT’s Compensation – They receive \$15.00 on scene pay and \$30.00 transport pay currently.

- f. Assessing: Supervisor Johnson attended the BSA Training Class and learned a wealth of information about the Tribunal assessing criteria and he can now do his own appraisal.

## 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Water Line Grant
  1. When the auditor completes our audit and files a F65 with the State we will be back on qualified status and we can go out on bids.
  2. Invoices to be paid – A motion was made by Faye M. seconded by Tom F. to pay the outstanding invoices to UPEA in the amounts of \$1830.64 and \$552.84. Motion carried.
- b. Water System Operating Budget – A motion was made by Faye M. seconded by Marilyn B. to approve the new budget. Motion carried.
- c. Power to Dam – TIFA Financial Committee is supposed to meet with Roger Crimmins. Table this matter until we hear from the committee.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. School Presentation (previous page)
- B. Tank Loan Payoff – Motion was made by Tom F. seconded by Steve K. to pay the payoff for \$20,745.58. Motion carried. A motion was made by Faye M. seconded by Marilyn B. to reduce the water bills for November 2011, which are sent out in December, 2011 by \$2.50. Motion carried.
- C. Ambuehl resigned from the Planning Commission because of his job change. The Planning Commission can have 5 or 7 members so they could go back to five members for now.
- D. Zoning Commission – Terry Knapp is our new Zoning Administrator. Congratulations, Terry.
- E. A motion was made by Steve K. seconded by Faye M. to keep all the zoning commission's records altogether. Motion carried.
- F. Transfer Station – Bids are in on the repairs to the transfer station: DP Construction - \$16,620 LJJ Construction - \$23,500 Bacco - \$24,850 and Lindberg & Co. - \$34,891. A motion was made by Faye M. seconded by Tom F. to accept the bid from DP Construction for \$16,620.00. Supervisor Johnson requested a motion for an extra \$1000.00 for rock, blankets and other supplies needed for the job. A motion was made by Faye M. seconded by Marilyn B. to add the extra \$1000.00. Motion carried.
- G. Land Bank – These properties are ready to be disposed of or put up for sale. A motion to reject our claim on these two properties, 52-12-450-024-00 & 450-036-00, was made by Faye M. seconded by Gary J. Motion carried.
- H. Quickbooks Pro – Gary J. made a motion seconded by Steve K. to authorize payment for the Treasurer & Deputy and the Clerk & Deputy to attend these classes. Motion carried.
- I. Motorcross Waiver – Our old waiver is outdated. A new one will be drawn up and need Board approval.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Aileen Todd informed us that Rob Wolfe from the DEQ notified the Sportsmans Club that a work permit was never purchased for Moose Rapids. This matter is being looked into.

Kathy Nault asked again about the payroll change. Supervisor Johnson said he will discuss the matter with our auditor and get back with the DPW.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

The meeting adjourned at 9:01 p.m.

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk