

Republic Township Board

January 22, 2015

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:

Motion by Treasurer Koski to approve, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for December 18, 2014 Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Trustee Knapp seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for January 8, 2015 Workshop – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for January 15, 2015 Special Board Meeting/Sewer – Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan
Fred Nannestad

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – Nothing at this time
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – the monthly financial statement is on the table available to the public
- e. **ASSESSOR** – Sid's computer lost a lot of pictures, but we will get them again and were able to recover a lot of them. The data is otherwise safe and we are within about 4% of being balanced.
- f. **SUPERVISOR** – Nothing at this time.
- g. **DPW** – Because we have a membership with MIDEAL, we will go through them to purchase a pickup truck as the State of Michigan has already vetted the bidding process with this organization, and get one much less expensively.
- h. **FIRE** – Meeting with DPW & Fire on the 10th for budget purposes
- i. **AMBULANCE** – Stryker Gurney is working very nicely.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Mine Rail Line** - Spoke with Joe DeRocha, the attorney is working on the agreements and we will get them as soon as possible
- b. **Bank Trust Fund Grant Status**- Bill Sanders was present and brought us up to date on both grants. Munson Park should be able to break ground May 1st. The Bank Building only received 350 points we have ideas and welcome more ideas on how to increase that for the new application that will go in on April 1st. There was a discussion of thoughts on what could be done.
- c. **School Lake/Munson Park Grant** – Covered under “b”.
- d. **Sewer Grant** – Set public Meeting for Thursday January 15th, 2015 in the evening 7 PM. Also Duane Reid has agreed to let us do a financial study in hopes of keeping sewer rates down. The cost would be \$3500.00. Motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Heritage Trail Construction** – Remove until Spring.
- f. **Office Manager’s Report** – was read into minutes.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Road Commission Contract**– The Board had voted previously to do the street by the school and 601 and to put money towards it. Since the Road Commission cannot give us a firm price at this time (certain things should be cheaper due to reduced fuel costs), they decided on a flat fee of \$200,000.00 to do both projects and to put in another \$200,000.00 themselves over the next two years towards County Road 601. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor motion carried.
- b. **Appoint BOR**– We have received three applications from the same three people who are currently on that board, Supervisor Johnson asked for a motion to accept those applications, motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried. The three names are Carol Nicholas, Vickie Radcliffe and Tammy Kaminen.
- c. **Chlorine Pump Bids** – The bids are out with a deadline to have them back in time for the next regular monthly Board meeting and will be awarded at that time.
- d. **EMT Radios** – We have a quote from Range Telecommunications for four radios for EMS for \$1,840.00. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen to approve purchase, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Ambulance Rate Increase** – the rates will go up by approximately 10% across the board to help cover expenditures and keep our Ambulance running. Motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried.
- f. **Co Road 595 Resolution**- Supervisor Johnson read the Resolution in to the minutes, motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Treasurer Koski, **Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Johnson Aye - Nay
Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay
Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay
Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay
Trustee Knapp Aye - Nay
5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Resolution passes.

- g. UPEA Agreement/Sewer** – We have the agreement from UPEA to assist the Township in submitting the application to Rural Development for funding assistance for the Waste-Water System for a flat fee of \$15,000.00. Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen to accept the agreement, all in favor, motion carried.
- h. Budget Workshop** – The next Budget Workshop will be held February 10th @ 9:30 am.
- i. Rural Development Meeting** – Rural Development has requested a meeting with Supervisor Johnson, Treasurer Koski and Clerk Brancheau in Escanaba. The meeting time clashed with the opening day of BOR, but the BOR has graciously agreed to adjust their schedule. So all three members of the board may attend.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Jim Brennan
Carol Nicholas
Liz Hangas**

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT: None

12. ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Johnson Adjourned the meeting @ 8:02pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn, Brancheau, Clerk

Date