

Republic Township Board
April 23, 2015
Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm....All Board Members were present with the exception of Clerk Brancheau who was absent/excused.

2. SALUTE TO FLAG:

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

03/26/2015 Budget Meeting, Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen
03/26/2015 Reg. Meeting, Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen
03/30/2015 Spec Meeting, Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski
04/07/2015 Spec. Meeting, Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp
04/09/2015 Election Mtg, Motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Treasurer Koski
All In Favor, all motions 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:

Tom Stankus
Carol Kellow
Faye Ann Mattila

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – Nothing at this time
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Absent/excused
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time
- e. **ASSESSOR** – The tax roll has been rolled over and we are in balance with the County and we are also preparing for the MARE inspection.
- f. **SUPERVISOR** – All reported under other headings. See DPW/Fire Ambulance & Assessor.
- g. **DPW** – Solid Waste, got a print out from Marquette County showing how the recycling program is going. We will continue to monitor for costs.
- h. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Supervisor Johnson attended a Medical Control Authority meeting. They are trying to rearrange how Ambulance services are

provided in this region. All units are opposed to this, and have asked Senator Casperson to go to the Governor to not reduce our authority.

- i. **OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT** – was read into the minutes.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Mine Rail Line** - Most of the paperwork is done; the appraiser is coming in next week to value the line. The agreement between us and Humboldt is in the hands of their attorney for finalizing.
- b. **Sewer Grant/Rate Increases** – We have had our preliminary meeting with Duane Reid and are in the process of following through with his requests, our next meeting for the residents will be here on May 21st @ 7:00pm.
- c. **School Lake/Munson Park Grant** – Tabled.
- d. **Truth in Taxation** – BOR adjourned late, so until the State approves all roles we will not hear anything until then.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Summer Help/Janitor**– 4 applications received, Supervisor Johnson moved to hire all four applicants, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Their last work day will be the 14th of August. We have 3 applications for the Janitor position. One person does not live here. The applications are labeled A, B & C. Motion by Treasurer Koski to hire “B”, seconded by Trustee Knapp. The person’s name is Rikki Travis. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Resolution to accept State Pay for Clerk on Election Day**– The State has generously offered to reimburse the Township for extra Clerk Salary and other associated costs up to \$250.00 for the coming election in May. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp **Roll Call Vote:**
 - Supervisor Johnson** **Aye** - **Nay**
 - Treasurer Koski** **Aye** - **Nay**
 - Clerk Brancheau** **Absent, excused.**
 - Trustee Feldhusen** **Aye** - **Nay**
 - Trustee Knapp** **Aye** - **Nay****5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Resolution passes.**
- c. **Sportsman’s Club/Fishing Derby** – Monday before Derby to the Monday after the Derby for free camping, Port-A-Johns, sharing the expense of the Sheriff’s Assistance. Motion by Supervisor Johnson seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Acoustic Leak Detector** – This is something we need so we don’t have to always wait on the kindness of Ishpeming or Negaunee to loan us their machine and operator to find leaks. This will help us pinpoint them ourselves and speed up the work process. Trustee Knapp has found one that is exactly the same but less expensive. Motion to purchase by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried
- e. **Budget Amendment** – This is simply to move the numbers where they should be to properly reflect the General Ledger Account Number used to purchase the new truck. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

- f. Planning Commission Appointments-** Motion to accept Stacy Vaughn's resignation from the commission and to appoint Elizabeth Hansas to replace him by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried.
- g. Snow Plow bids** – We have 3 snow plow bids for the new truck. Marquette Automotive is the low bidder @ \$5,407.00. Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carries.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Frank Haslip	Tom Stankus	Faye Mattila
Keith Perry	Marilyn Helmila	
Carol Kellow	Frank Haslip (2nd)	
Liz Hansas	Ikey Todd	

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT: None

12. ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Johnson Adjourned the meeting @ 7:44 pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn, Brancheau, Clerk

Date