

Republic Township Board
July 23, 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 Clerk Brancheau to approve, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, with the addition of 9L for ordinance enforcement, all in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

06/25/15 CDBG Grant – Motion by Trustee Knapp, Seconded by Trustee Feldhusen

06/25/15 Board/PC Workshop – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau

06/25/15 RBM – Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski

06/30/15 Workshop – Motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Treasurer Koski

07/08/15 Spec Brd Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp

07/14/15 Election Commission – 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, Clerk Brancheau seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan

7. REPORTS:

a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – Nothing at this time

b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- Class Reunion & Derby went well. All the work that the folks did for the reunion and the derby is very much appreciated.

c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – 25th Derby went really well, lots of people, big turn-out.

d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time

e. **ASSESSOR** – Nothing at this time.

f. **SUPERVISOR** – Discussion on the Heritage Trail and the contributions made by Republic Township. The Trail is almost finished. Merrie from the DNR is satisfied that everything is as it should be so we should be moving forward soon.

g. **DPW** – Nothing at this time

h. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – EMT Classes to begin

- i. **OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT** – Read into minutes.
8. **UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- a. **Mine Rail Line** - Tabled until everything is done
 - b. **Sewer Grant**– Tabled
 - c. **School Lake/Munson Park Grant** – Waiting on MNRTF.
 - d. **Truth in Taxation** – After all is done, we gained another \$66,989 in tax revenue.
9. **NEW BUSINESS:**
- a. **Campground Revenue**– The Treasurer has asked that all camping revenue now be directed to the Park Fund which is where the funds for the new campground sit. The other board members expressed support for this change.
 - b. **Old Card Shop**– There is someone who will take the Old Card Shop and turn it into something if the Township will agree to clean out the building of all the refuse. This will put it back on the tax rolls and put another business in the Township. Trustee Knapp wants the gentleman to come back to the Board with his plans so we can be sure all will go well. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
 - c. **Bank Bldg Inspection** – Motion to have Eric Bjorne to do a structural inspection of the Bank Building by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, all in favor, motion carried.
 - d. **Bank Building Grant App.** – Motion to go out for qualifications for a new grant application with the understanding that there will be no payment until the application is successfully approved, by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried.
 - e. **Road Repair** – for the road portion directly in front of and adjacent to the School for the amount of \$32,575.40 we had already approved this, but wanted it put into the minutes.
 - f. **Welcome Center** – The current Zoning Ordinance does not allow for the signage that we want to place on the Bank Building; however we have the right to exempt the Township from that rule. Supervisor Johnson recommended to the Board to do so formally. Motion was made by Trustee Knapp with the stipulation that the signs should match in form and format, supported by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
 - g. **First Sign Approval for Bank Building** – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
 - h. **New Surveillance Camera** – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Johnson 4 ayes, 1 nays, motion carried Cost is \$150.00 plus installation.
 - i. **800 Radio** – Trade the radios back in that we purchased that don't work for a radio that will and pay the difference, motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor motion carried.
 - j. **Summer Students** – We have had to hire an additional student to replace the three we lost and the fishing derby is over, one of the three took a vacation. Motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Treasurer Koski to stay with the ones

we have now and not take any back to finish the season, all in favor, motion carried

- k. Budget Amendment** – This is just one final budget amendment that needed to be done to make sure that the costs for the new chlorinator and filter work was reflected in the proper accounts. Motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- l. Ordinance Enforcement** – Bill DeGenero does have clients in his business that requires that he be out of town, sometimes for extended periods of time, so we have discussed having someone fill in for what he is not able to attend to. Dan Mitchell has volunteered to do that on a per diem basis until we are able to further address the issue. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Kellow

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT: None

12. ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Johnson Adjourned the meeting @ 8:00 pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date