

Republic Township Board
September 25, 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:

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for August 28, 2014 Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for September 8, 2014 Workshop – motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Stankus

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – Nothing at this time.
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- R-M School is doing well; we now have a track team that should be able to compete in the upper levels. There are two 8th graders ranked in the top 20 in the UP, so things are very exciting right now.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – AV Ballots are now here, so please get them as soon as you can.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – The audit is complete and Anderson Tackman stated that this was the first “normal” audit in many years where no additional consulting fees were required and everything proceeded smoothly.
- e. **ASSESSOR** – Went to the Assessors Conference this month for continuing training, all assessors were warned that they would face an audit sometime in the next three years answering to the State Tax Commission, we will probably need help and some training classes to learn the GIS system and to help the county integrate with the BS&A system we use now.
- f. **SUPERVISOR** –
- g. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- h. **FIRE** – Sing up sheets for chimney cleaning for the 27th of this month

- i. **AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Mine Rail Line** - We have a work session scheduled with our Health Insurance Man, so we could meet with Joe DeRocha on the same day to discuss the rail line for the re-opening of the mine
- b. **School Lake/ Munson Park/ Recreation**- Nothing at this time.
- c. **CDBG and Section 19 Grants** – There are two resolutions, one for each grant. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to approve the CDBG Resolution, **Roll Call Vote, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Resolution Approved.** The second Resolution is for Section 19 State Disaster Relief Funding which we already know we qualify for, motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, **Roll Call Vote; 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, resolution passes.**
- d. **Bank Trust Fund Grant Status** – The initial Score has come in, we will try to get more points, Bill Sanders is working with us on that.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Planning Commission Issues**– regarding issues discussed at the last Board Meeting in reference to actions taken by the Planning Commission Chairperson. Attorney Glenn Smith was requested to look into the matter. His recommendation letter was read in to the minutes. Mr. Brennan has submitted to the Board a letter resigning his position with the offer to remain until his term is up in December and/or until a replacement can be found. Motion to remove Mr. Brennan by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Supervisor Johnson, **Roll Call Vote; 3 Ayes, 1 Nay, 1 Abstain.** In addition, several requests for resignations from the Planning Commission. Terry Knapp and Tom Fitzpatrick have both submitted resignation letters, motion by Clerk Brancheau to accept the resignations, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to appoint Tom Feldhusen to the Planning Commission, made by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Stacy Davis also submitted his resignation, but after speaking to him, it might be wise to hold his resignation in abeyance for a time. Supervisor Johnson asked Dan Mitchell, ZA to follow up on all Planning commission activities to be sure everything was looked after.
- b. **Dangerous Building.** – There is a building at 390 Pine Street that has been vacant for about 7 years. The party that owns it has resided it, put in new windows and dug a large trench next to the foundation making it very unstable. They have never returned to complete the repairs. The owner has been sent a certified letter, there has been no response and the deadline was yesterday. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp to begin the proceedings outlined in the Dangerous Building Ordinance, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Dam Gates** – Motion to authorize the opening of the Dam gates by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried. An ad has already been placed in the paper giving the date for October 10th.

- d. **Budget Amendments** – to reflect the final construction revenue and expenditure numbers from the water line grant. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to approve the amendments, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Metal Pile** – No bids received as of yet
- f. **Blacktop** – No bids received as of yet
- g. **MTA Conference** – Motion to authorize transportation and expenses for the MTA conference coming up in January 2015, motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan	Jesse Onkalo
Ron Kulie	Tammy Mattson
Keith Perry	Marilyn Helmila
Loni Valenzio	

11. ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Johnson Adjourned the meeting @ 8:07pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau 10-29-14
Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk Date

**STATE DISASTER CONTINGENCY FUND
GRANT RESOLUTION**

BE IT RESOLVED BY: The Republic Township Board of the Township of Republic, County of Marquette, State of Michigan,

WHEREAS the Township of Republic, County of Marquette, State of Michigan, is a political subdivision within the State of Michigan with an official Emergency Operations Plan in compliance with Section 19 of the Emergency Management Act, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended,

WHEREAS the Township of Republic's water system sustained severe losses of major proportions brought on by the Deep Freeze of Winter 2013-2014 resulting in the following conditions: No less than 8 broken mains, 65 lateral lines frozen, 5 frozen mains, households with no water service for up to 4 months and nearly \$100,000 dollars in additional unbudgeted costs in order to keep water running everywhere possible.

WHEREAS the Republic Township Board certifies that the County Emergency Operations Plan was implemented at the onset of the disaster at 8:00am on January 13th, 2014 and all applicable disaster relief forces indentified therein were exhausted.

WHEREAS as a direct result of the disaster, public damage and expenditures were extraordinary and place an unreasonably great financial burden on the Township of Republic, County of Marquette, State of Michigan totaling \$98,800.00.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Republic Township Board requests the Governor to authorize a grant to the Township of Republic, County of Marquette, State of Michigan from the State Disaster Contingency Fund pursuant to Section 19, Act 390, Public Acts of 1976 as amended.

FURTHERMORE, Township Supervisor Gary Johnson is authorized to execute for an in behalf of The Township of Republic, County of Marquette, State of Michigan the application for financial assistance and to provide the State any information required for that purpose.

Action taken and incorporated into the minutes of a meeting of The Republic Township Board on September 25, 2014

Attest:  Marilyn Brancheau, Republic Township Clerk

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP
Authorizing Resolution

WHEREAS, Republic Township conducted a SPECIAL Public Hearing on September 25, 2014 at 6:30 p.m. at the township hall, for the purpose of discussing an application to the Community Development Block Grant program for a grant in the amount of \$35,000 to reimburse the township for repairs it made to broken water lines in the township;

WHEREAS, Republic Township will match the CDBG Grant with its own funds in an amount of \$63,000;

WHEREAS, the repair of pipes is consistent with Republic Township's Community Development Plan as described in the Part 2 Application;

WHEREAS, Republic Township declares that the broken water mains were a serious threat to the health and/or safety of citizens and existed as described in the application and was considered to be an emergency situation, and immediate action was necessary and any delay would have intensified the situation, and the threat can be supported by an appropriate authority other than Republic Township, and the need for the repair of the water main was not brought on by poor maintenance or neglect, but was a result of the "Deep Freeze" that occurred during the months of January, February, and March 2014;

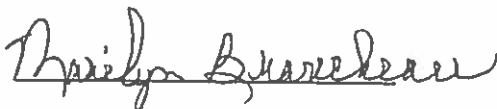
WHEREAS, there are no other federal, state or local resources available to alleviate the threat to Republic Township;

WHEREAS, the Township agrees that any of the CDBG funding will be returned to the Michigan Economic Development Corporation, acting on behalf of the Michigan Strategic Fund, if project funds are reimbursed by insurance, or state or federal grant award or assistance;

WHEREAS, the Township authorizes Supervisor Gary Johnson to sign the Part 2 Application and all attachments, and to sign the Grant Agreement and all amendments, and to sign Grant Payment Requests.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that Republic Township hereby authorizes the submittal of a grant application to the Community Development Block Grant program in the amount described above;

This resolution was considered and adopted by Republic Township Board of Trustees at a meeting held on September 25, 2014.



Marilyn Branchean, Clerk

Roll Call Vote: 5 AYES 0 NAYS