

**Republic Township Board  
October 23, 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 Treasurer Koski to approve, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Minutes for September 25, 2014 Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for September 25, 2014 Public Hearing – motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for October 9, 2014 Workshop/Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for October 16, 2014 election Committee Meeting – Motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion 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:**

Hailie Dyer  
Jim Brennan

**7. REPORTS:**

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – The Zoning Ordinance changes are at the county waiting for approval.
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- Appreciate everyone checking on me and caring about me after my surgery, it was nice to hear from everyone
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Please don't forget about the AV ballots, time is getting short, if you need them, please come get them.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Remind everyone that delinquent utilities (water, sewer, solid waste), including transfer station bills and unpaid sewer special assessments will go on Tax Liens on November 1<sup>st</sup> if not paid.
- e. **ASSESSOR** – Went to the MTA meeting last night and received some interesting information regarding “Big Box Stores” (read into minutes). If you would like a copy, please ask the office. This shows how the tax breaks they receive really hurt the community.

- f. **SUPERVISOR** – UPPCO rate increase, we are very much opposed (read a resolution into the minutes). **Roll call vote, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, all in favor, resolution passes.**
- g. **DPW** – The chlorine pump at the water treatment plant has broken down we feel for the final time, we will be discussing in the very near future a replacement. We should have the funds on hand soon.
- h. **FIRE** – Nothing at this time
- i. **AMBULANCE** – Covered under 9A
- j. **OFFICE MANAGER’S REPORT** – Supervisor Johnson read into minutes.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Mine Rail Line** - Joe DeRocha was here to discuss the particulars on the rail line purchase. The appraisal was presented with Humboldt Township on 75% and Republic Township on 25%. Motion to accept the appraisal by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. **School Lake/ Munson Park/ Recreation**- Tabled.
- c. **CDBG and Section 19 Grants** – Covered under office manager’s report
- d. **Bank Trust Fund Grant Status** – Tabled
- e. **Planning Commission Issues** – Tabled
- f. **Dangerous Buildings** – Dan Mitchell sent the Quit Claim Deed to Land Bank on the old card shop, awaiting response

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **New Ambulance Gurney**– We have an offer for us to purchase a brand new electric gurney for the price of a floor model on a payment plan with zero interest. This will help our ambulance service tremendously and reduce the risk of injury. Motion to purchase by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Budget Amendments** – There are some line item budget adjustments necessary, copy attached, this effectively moves around some of the sewer charges to put more money into revenue and less into Bond Debt to help bring the sewer revenue up without any rate increases for now. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Trustee Knapp, **Resolution, 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, all in favor, motion carried.**
- c. **Truck Tire Bids** – We received three bids for replacing the tires on the 2013 Chevrolet service vehicle, Pumps was the lowest for the same tire, motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. **UPPCO Rate Increase** – Covered in Supervisor’s Report

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Jim Brennan**      **Veteran’s Spokesperson**  
**Joe DeRocha**

**11. Board Member Comment: None**

12. ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Johnson Adjourned the meeting @ 8:23pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau      11-24-14  
Marilyn, Brancheau, Clerk      Date

## OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT

### OCTOBER 23, 2014

1. As of October 9, 2014 the grant paperwork was finalized with the Michigan CDBG and we are awaiting final word on the exact amount to be approved. We should know something definitive by the end of the month. At this time the amount stands at \$34,323.00
2. As of October 14, 2014 the final paperwork for the Governor's Section 19 funding was given to Penny Berger of EMHSD (Emergency Management and Homeland Security Division of the Michigan State Police). Our request was for \$58,373.00, these are the expenses not covered under the CDBG. Again, we should know something by the end of the month \*\* This leaves the Township with only about \$5,000.00 in uncovered expenses which leaves us much better off than most surrounding communities. Both of these grants required extensive paperwork and follow up, but should be well worth the effort.
3. We have requested another emptying of the recycling bins. This is the second round for the cardboard bin and the first for the glass, plastic and cans. Considering the size of the bins, this means we are experiencing excellent participation. So far, everyone seems to be following the rules. THANK YOU ALL!
4. I am looking into another small grant that is available through the MTA Par Plan. These are funds to be used to reduce the Township's liability exposure and I am looking into possibly using it for the playground at the beach for next spring.
5. Another review of paperwork requirements at the EMS Hall for our Ambulance is underway to be certain all is up to date. There have been some recent updates for the manuals that will be addressed as well as a little organization.
6. It was suggested by our Risk Analyst at the MTA Par Plan that we should participate in the State's program for free Motor Vehicle Records for our employees who drive Township Vehicles. The application has been

completed and forwarded to the State of Michigan Department of State for approval.

7. Our Xerox Copy machine has been in place now for one year. With all of the services provided by this machine we have had to purchase much less paper and are able to complete tasks faster due to having the ability to transmit large amounts of documents electronically rather than having to make copies to mail or scan documents one at a time. We hope that everyone is enjoying their full color newsletters instead of the old grainy black and white.

Stay tuned for more information in the coming months.