

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES  
SEPTEMBER 22, 2011

1. CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting on September 22, 2011 was called to order by Supervisor Johnson with all officers present, Steve Koski by Skype.

2. SALUTE TO FLAG:

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:

There are two additions under Unfinished Business – C. Community Services Christmas Donation and D. Post Office Lease. There are four additions under New Business - I. Plat Book J. Pay extra principal payment on EMS Building K. Laabs Garage L. Computer. Motion made by Faye M. seconded by Marilyn B. to add the additions. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES:

One correction to the Minutes – Add a paragraph on our discussion about the passing of Supervisor John Olson from Michigamme. Motion made by Gary J. seconded by Tom F to accept the minutes with the correction. Motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion was made by Tom F. seconded by Faye M. to accept payment of the bills. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. REPORTS:

- a. Trustee Steve K. - Nothing
- b. Trustee Tom F. – The Planning Commission Meeting on September 19, 2011 was very productive. The Chief Lake group reached an amicable agreement. Tom F. was asked to serve on a committee for the School involving their Heating Matters.
- c. Clerk – Nothing
- d. Treasurer – Nothing

- e. Scott Hansen represented the Fire/Ambulance Dept.- The ambulance is fixed except one window is leaking. It needs a new seal. Also new radios are needed.

#### 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. Water Line Grant – Project Engineer, Eric Waara was here to discuss the application with the Board and give us an update.
- b. Sewer Line Grant – Project Engineer, Eric Waara was her to discuss the application with the Board and give us an update.
- c. A motion was made by Faye M. seconded by Tom F. to give Community Services \$500.00 towards Christmas Baskets for 80 and older residents. Motion carried.
- d. Post Office Lease – We haven't heard anything from them regarding the renewal on their Lease. Supervisor Johnson will send a second letter.
- e. Hose Dryer – This has not been put out on bids yet. Suggestions were to try Craig's List, Facebook or Yooper Rummage Sale.
- f. The Board approved giving the Historical Society \$30.00 for their calendar ad.

#### 9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Educational Conference – Attending will be Gary J., Marilyn B., Faye M. and Steve K. Tom F. let the Board know later.
- b. Transportation to the Conference – Each member must provide their own transportation. If you choose to fly, the Township will reimburse you \$150, the balance is your responsibility.
- c. Pasty.Net – Motion was made by Steve K. seconded by Faye M. to authorize Pasty.Net to use the land behind the Witch Lake Fire Hall for their Tower. Motion carried.
- d. Tree Removal – A motion was made by Tom F. seconded by Faye M. to accept the bid for \$385.00 from Hoover's Tree Service. Motion carried.
- e. UPSET Membership – Gary J. made a motion seconded by Steve K. to pay our UPSET Membership again this year. Motion carried.
- f. Payroll – A motion was made by Faye M. seconded by Tom F. to begin a five stage step request by the auditor for DPW payroll. Motion carried.
- g. Planning Commission – Al Pierce recommends we do not approve changes for zoning ordinance at this time. Tabled for now.
- h. Carol Nicholas requested the use of the Oasis free of charge for students to use as a place to do their homework with supervision. A motion was made by Faye M. seconded by Tom F. to authorize them to use the Oasis for that purpose. Motion carried.
- i. Plat Book – A motion was made by Gary J. seconded by Faye M. NOT to take and ad in the Plat Book this year. Motion carried.

- j. EMS Building – The Treasurer asked for authorization to make a principal payment on the EMS Building instead of the monies sitting idle. A motion was made by Marilyn B. seconded by Gary J. to use all monies for the EMS Building toward payments for that building leaving a balance of \$500.00. Motion carried.
- k. Laabs Garage – The one year delay the family requested is approaching and they have asked for another delay. A motion was made by Tom F. seconded by Faye M. to have our attorney deny delay. Motion carried.
- l. Computer – Supervisor Johnson requested permission from the Board to purchase a used computer for \$800.00 for his office and pass his computer on to the EMS who in turn will pass theirs on to the DPW. A motion was made by Faye M. seconded by Marilyn B. giving permission to purchase the used computer for \$800.00 for Supervisor Johnson. Motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

There will be a meeting on Wednesday, September 28, 2011 at 2:00 p.m. with Bill Sanders, UPEA, Township Clerk and members of the Republic Sportsman's Club to discuss the School Lake property.

A question was asked if the Laabs garage matter will hold up the Heritage Trail in any way. Supervisor Johnson answered: No.

11. ADJOURNMENT:

Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.