

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP BOARD MINUTES
JANUARY 17, 2013

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m. Present were: Supervisor Johnson, Clerk Brancheau, Treasurer Koski, Trustee Kellow and Trustee Feldhusen.

2. SALUTE TO FLAG

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion made by Kristina K. support by Tom F. to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion by Carol K. support by Kristina K. to approve the minutes on December 20, 2012. Motion carried.

Motion by Marilyn B. support by Kristina K. to approve the special board meeting minutes on December 27, 2012. Motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Motion by Carol K. support by Tom F. to accept the payment of bills. Motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT: None

7. SEWER GRANT:

Eric Waara was present for UPEA, to discuss the grant application and contract upgrade. Fixing of two large & 5 small lift stations along with the eliminating water infiltration will be approximately two million dollars.

8. REPORTS:

- A. Trustee Kellow- Attended a Marquette County Township Association meeting
- B. Trustee Feldhusen- Reported on Republic Community Services
- C. Clerk Brancheau-Nothing at this time

- D. Treasurer Koski-Taxes will be going to Marquette County Treasurers Office on February 28, 2013. The Recreation Plan is complete. The committee did a great job.
- E. DPW- Has their own gas & diesel fuel system.
FIRE- Nothing at this time
AMB- EMS class sometime between March/September. A residency waiver for Pat Cheverette because she lives in Dickinson county and runs on our system. A remote card swipe access is installed on the building.
- F. Asses/Suprv. – Bill D. and Terry K. have a court hearing on January 31, 2013 with Brian Anderson. A road repair grant for the Fence River road is being pursued by Greg Wixtrom from the forest highway fund. Supervisor Johnson is working with the ham operators to acquire a tower for Witch Lake that can be used for broad band and internet interval radio relays for the EMS & Fire Dept.

9. UNFINISHED BUSINESS

- A. Water Line Grant – A motion by Kristina K. support by Tom F. to approve the payment of the following invoices and expenses which are to be paid for by drawdown funds from Rural Development through the Republic Water Construction Account totaling \$795.03. Motion carried.
Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes - 0 Nays
- B. School Lake Grant – Much discussion was held, Eric Waara, UPE, Republic Sportsman Club members and board members. with the additional cost of changing the dock from wood to aluminum. A motion by Kristina K. support by Tom F. for the township to purchase the dock for the approximate price of \$16,000 and to forego the grant. Motion carried.
- C. Oasis Sale – Motion made by Carol K. support by Kristina K. to list the Oasis building with realtor Todd Rankinen for a 10% commission. Motion carried.
- D. Munson Park – Motion by Tom F. support by Marilyn B. to approve the five year recreation plan. Motion carried.

10. NEW BUSINESS:

- A. Planning Commission – Motion by Tom F. support by Marilyn B. to appoint Dan Mitchell to the planning commission. Motion carried.
- B. Office Assistant – A motion by Kristina K. support by Marilyn B. to approve the appointment of Lori Burton to office assistant. Motion carried.
- C. Right of Way Easement – Motion by Carol K. support by Kristina K. to grant easement for Peninsula Fiber Network to place buried fiber optic cable on township property. Motion carried.

11. CLOSED SESSION:

Motion by Kristina K. support by Tom F. to go into closed session
As requested by our attorneys.

ROLL CALL VOTE - 5 AYES - 0 NAYS

Motion by Tom F. support by Carol K. to come out of closed
Session. Motion carried. No actions or decisions were made.

12. PUBLIC COMMENT

Arvo Lyyski
Liz Hangas

13. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.


Marilyn Brancheau
Clerk