

REPUBLIC TOWNSHIP BUDGET WORKSHOP  
FEBRUARY 12, 2013  
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Johnson at 5:00 p.m. All board members were present, Supervisor Johnson, Clerk Brancheau, Treasurer Koski, Trustee Kellow and Trustee Feldhusen. Public present: Fred Nannestad

SOLID WASTE FUND:

Supervisor Johnson recommended we continue the rates as they are now. We have to put money aside to replace two retaining walls at the transfer station which will cost around \$35 to \$36,000.00. A motion was made by Tom Feldhusen support by Carol Kellow to leave the solid waste rates as they are now. Motion carried.

WATER FUND:

Because of lack of communication between the Clerk and Treasurer during the years of 2010 and 2011 the incorrect transfers of funds were made from the water fund (\$20,500.00) and the sewer fund (\$10,500.00) to the general fund. These funds will now be "cleaned up" and the money will be paid back. There are 63 water meters left to put in. The people have to be convinced to allow the meters to be put in and understand they have to pay a base rate regardless of their like or dislike of water meters.

Motion by Carol Kellow support by Kristina K. to approve the amended budget numbers provided by Anderson/Tackman for water construction and grant until the water meters go into effect. Motion carried.

Jane Danielson's water froze today. The main pipe froze and Lindberg's have to come thaw it. We need to look into getting a "keep run" hydrant put in at this location.

The new water tank is ready for them to insulate in warmer weather and then it's ready to go into operation.

The old fire hall in south Republic is used to store equipment. After the sewer building is up and we can move the equipment to that building we can sell the old fire hall building.

EMS cards are ready to go.

SEWER FUND:

Motion was made by Tom Feldhusen support by Gary Johnson to maintain sewer rates as they are at present. Motion carried.

GENERAL FUND:

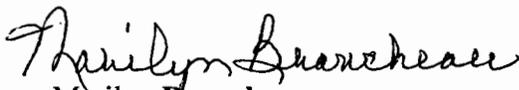
Supervisor Johnson recommended we use the same figures as last year since we have so many unknown expenses such as FOIA, attorney fees and various expenses related to these. A motion was made by Tom Feldhusen support by Carol Kellow to use the same figures as last years budget with cost of living increase in income and use year ending figures in Water, Sewer and Solid Waste. Motion carried.

Motion by Kristina K. support by Carol K. to give a cost of living raise (1.7%) to all hourly employees effective April 1, 2013. Motion carried.

EMTs get paid \$15.00 for on scene and \$30.00 for transporting. The Board will address this issue once again when we have completed the EMS class and we begin transporting again.

The Board of Review organizational meeting will be held on March 5, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. The Board of Review will be in session on March 11, 2013 from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. and on March 12, 2013 from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Tom Fitzpatrick is out of town and will not return prior to the board of review meeting. Supervisor Johnson requested the board appoint Beth Heliste as primary alternate and Tammy Kaminen as second alternate in Tom's place. A motion by Kristina K. support by Marilyn B. to appoint Beth Heliste and Tammy Kaminen as primary and second alternates to the Board of Review for March, 2013. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

  
Marilyn Brancheau  
Clerk