

**Republic Township Board**  
**August 27, 2015**  
**Regular Meeting Minutes**

**1. CALL TO ORDER:**

Supervisor Johnson called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm....Clerk Brancheau was absent and excused for medical reasons.

**2. SALUTE TO FLAG:**

**3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

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

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

07/23/15 Regular Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, Seconded by Trustee Feldhusen  
08/12/15 Special Board meeting – Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski  
All in favor, all motions carried.

**5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Treasurer Koski made the motion to pay the bills, Supervisor Johnson seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Liz Hangas

**7. REPORTS:**

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – All electrical projects are completed, especially the Heritage Garden
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- The paving by the school is finished and looks great, the Farmers Market did really well at the Heritage Garden. It brought people to the garden that had never been there, so they are contemplating having it there all the time.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – absent
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time
- e. **ASSESSOR** – AMAR Inspection. Our maps passed but Jackie's failed, the inspector was happy with what we had done, I have a check list of things she would like to see done, but she understands that we are in the middle of a change over.
- f. **SUPERVISOR** – Nothing at this time.
- g. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- h. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – EMT class was cancelled, almost everyone dropped out so we didn't have enough people. Duke Life Point is making things very difficult for us. We will try again.

**i. OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT** – None at this time

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Mine Rail Line** - We have a draft from Joe DeRocha. The Board needs to review this, and both Attorneys as well, then the Railroad Attorney. After all of that, we will go from there.
- b. Sewer Grant**– Draft Audit completed, when it is complete it will go to the USDA.
- c. School Lake/Munson Park Grant** – We have requested an update from Bill Sanders, the Grant has received final approval. We expect construction to be completed early summer 2016.
- d. Card Shop** – The roof has been removed. The front portion is in good shape and has been left there to stabilize the front façade. The potential buyer will be looking at it again on the 5<sup>th</sup> of September and will go from there. A cap has been put on the tops of the walls to prevent water going in and causing damage. His intention is to have an office in the front half for his business and the back half an office for lease.
- e. Bank Building RFQ's** – We have had several engineering firms look at it. The Request for Qualifications have to be back in mid September, and the understanding is that there will be no money paid unless the grant is successfully awarded.
- f. Heritage Trail** – On September 26<sup>th</sup> @ 11:00 am there will be a ribbon cutting ceremony for this section of the trail, there will be refreshments and all are welcome.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. Campground Name**– We wanted something neutral. We have asked the Historical Society for information on all the people and structures that used to populate this area so that we can find a way to honor them in the construction of this campground. Even though Munson Park is in the wrong place, it will remain there with the Munson name intact. There were various names suggested. Supervisor Johnson made the motion for Northern Lights Campground, seconded by Treasurer Koski, it was mentioned that Clerk Brancheau also liked the name because that is what you do when you go camping. All in favor, motion carried.
- b. Austin Hanninen**– Austin has been working for us this summer. He needs 36 hours community service for school and has offered to work for us for free on Mondays for those hours. Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. Jordan Burton** - Supervisor Johnson also asked to retain Jordan Burton until September 30th for completion of some projects, motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor motion carried.
- d. Bank Bldg Inspection** – Inspection is complete and has given us a list of what the building needs, which is quite a bit. This will be the basis for the grant application for renovation.

- e. **Rescind Ordinance 2013-13 Building Permits** – This Ordinance is obsolete, we no longer issue building permits and have not for some time. Motion to rescind by resolution Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Johnson  Aye -  Nay  
Treasurer Koski  Aye -  Nay  
Clerk Brancheau Absent  
Trustee Feldhusen  Aye -  Nay  
Trustee Knapp  Aye -  Nay  
4 Ayes, 0 Nays, Resolution passes.

- f. **Contract for Oasis Listing** – We will be terminating the existing agreement before the end of the month. We have a contract for exclusivity for sale with Todd Rankinen. We need an asking price, after discussion, \$28,500.00 was suggested, motion to accept this number for the contract by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Carol Nicholas

**11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT: None**

**12. ADJOURNMENT:** Supervisor Johnson Adjourned the meeting @ 7:44 pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

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Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date