

**Republic Township Board  
October 22, 2015  
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 Clerk Brancheau to approve, seconded by Treasurer Koski with the addition of 9J and date corrections, all in favor, motion carried.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

09/24/15 Regular Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp  
10/13/15 Special Board meeting – Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen  
All in favor, all motions carried.

**5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:**

Trustee Feldhusen made the motion to pay the bills, Treasurer Koski seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

**6. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Carol Kellow

**7. REPORTS:**

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – Nothing at this time.
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time
- e. **ASSESSOR** – AMAR Inspection. The Township passed with a score of 94%.
- f. **SUPERVISOR** – Nothing at this time
- g. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- h. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – 800 radio finally shipped.
- i. **OFFICE MANAGER’S REPORT** – Was read into the minutes, copy attached.

**8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. **Mine Rail Line** - There will be a meeting on Friday October 23, 2015 with Gary, Joe DeRocha, Tom Prophet and Roger Crimmins. We have also received a letter from the railroad company that does the hauling for the Humboldt mine asking to become a partner.

- b. **Sewer Grant**– There was a meeting today between the Engineering firm and Mr. Reid which should clear up the last of Mr. Reid’s concerns.
- c. **School Lake/Munson Park Grant** – Waiting for Bill Sanders
- d. **Card Shop** – There needed to be some changes done in the agreement, that was completed today, and the new owner KCD Construction will have their copy by tomorrow.
- e. **Employee Return** – Kim Isaacson is well enough to come back to work, motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried. We will send a Thank you to Rikki Travis for her assistance in keeping things clean.

**9. NEW BUSINESS:**

- a. **Openings for new Members TIFA, BOR & PC**– There are openings for these committees; we will post a notice on the front door. Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Budget Amendments**– Treasurer Koski discussed various budget amendments that are necessary. Motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Clerk Brancheau,

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Johnson   X   Aye -      Nay  
 Treasurer Koski   X   Aye -      Nay  
 Clerk Brancheau   X   Aye -      Nay  
 Trustee Feldhusen   X   Aye -      Nay  
 Trustee Knapp   X   Aye -      Nay

**5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Resolution Passes.**

- c. **Authorization for MTA Conf. Attendance** – Motion to authorize interested Board Members to attend the annual MTA Conference, this January in Detroit. The Dates are January 19 – 22, 2016 by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Authorization for Expenses for Conference** - Expenses for room/board/travel. Motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. **Blacktop Repairs** – There are several places that blacktop needs to be repaired due to many water line repairs that have had to be done since the winter deep freeze. Total price \$18,770.00 from Paisano Paving. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen,

**Roll Call Vote:**

Supervisor Johnson   X   Aye -      Nay  
 Treasurer Koski   X   Aye -      Nay  
 Clerk Brancheau   X   Aye -      Nay  
 Trustee Feldhusen   X   Aye -      Nay  
 Trustee Knapp   X   Aye -      Nay

**5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Resolution Passes.**

- f. **Vehicle (4 seater side x side)** – Discussion about the possibility of purchasing such a vehicle with a snow plow and snow blower to help clear the sidewalks in

winter and use for summer in cemetery. Motion to put it on the floor for discussion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Treasurer Koski. It was suggested to go to the City of Ishpeming and take a look at the one they have for an idea of what might be what we would need. It was also suggested to look into military surplus. Consensus of Board to table this until the next meeting when we would have more information.

- g. **Solid Waste Authority** – There are legal issues with the Transfer Station and the Solid Waste Authority, until they are resolved the Township should rescind the resolution we made approving the Amendments that were made to the Ordinances and by-laws of the Solid Waste Authority, motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Supervisor Johnson**  **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Treasurer Koski**  **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Clerk Brancheau**  **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Trustee Feldhusen**  **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Trustee Knapp**  **Aye** -  **Nay**

**5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Resolution Passes.**

- h. **Employee Reviews** – Motion to authorize the board to conduct annual employee reviews by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried.
- i. **Change Meeting Date** – Usually the annual MTA conference is held the last week of January, which is why the meeting date was set for the third week of January. This year, they are holding it the third week of January, so we need to change our meeting date back to the 28<sup>th</sup>. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- j. **Land Bank** – several properties did not sell at the tax auction, the Township has to formerly reject them or they revert to us automatically. The Board rejects parcel ID #'s 52-12-500-012-00, 52-12-510-018-00 and 52-12-510-072-00. The Board accepts the vacant lot behind St. Vincent DePaul on Second St in North Republic. Motion by Treasurer Koski, supported by Trustee Knapp

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Supervisor Johnson**  **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Treasurer Koski**  **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Clerk Brancheau**  **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Trustee Feldhusen**  **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Trustee Knapp**  **Aye** -  **Nay**

**5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Resolution Passes.**

**Supervisor Johnson then read the letter from CDBG that authorizes the closing of the grant that the Township received for the water line freezes.**

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Carol Kellow (2 Times)**

**Jim Brennan**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Supervisor Johnson adjourned the meeting @ 8:03 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

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Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date

Approved