

**Republic Township Board
November 19, 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 Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

10/22/15 Regular Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion 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:

Jim Brennan

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE KNAPP** – Nothing at this time.
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**- RCS Christmas Program December 12, 2015, and the 80 and over baskets will be done soon after.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time
- e. **ASSESSOR** – Nothing at this time
- f. **SUPERVISOR** – FEMA. Notification that Republic is not in the Flood Plane, however because we do flood in certain areas from time to time there is Flood Insurance available.
- g. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- h. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Wiring issue, being repaired.
- i. **OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT** – Nothing at this time.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Mine Rail Line** - We now need to pay our 25% of the appraisal invoice. Also Joe DeRoche said that the agreement is finally done so our Board needs to read it over to be sure everything is as it should be and then get back to Humboldt Township.

- b. **Sewer Grant**– Waiting on Duane Reid.
- c. **School Lake/Munson Park Grant** – Northern Lights Campground project, we received an email from the DNR requesting an update on how things are going. We responded to them that we have heard nothing from the engineer.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Approve Members for BOR**– We had three submissions. One from Carol Nicholas, one from Vickie Radcliffe and the last from Tammy Kaminen. Motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Johnson stated he had not had the opportunity to speak with Tara Williams about the PC yet and any TIFA changes will wait until their next meeting taking place next Tuesday November 24th @ 4:00pm.
- b. **St. Vincent DePaul Water Issue**– St. Vincent DePaul ladies have asked us to consider helping them out with an issue that has come up that is causing water to get in their basement and freeze their doors shut. It should take about 20-30 minutes with the Township backhoe. Supervisor Johnson stated he could take care of it himself this coming Saturday. The Board agreed this would be fine.
- c. **800 Mghtz radios**– We have received a grant sufficient to pay for 1 and ½ radios. Does the Board wish to make up the difference so we can purchase 2 at once? Yes get the radios, but table the pagers until the next board meeting. Motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Treasurer Koski

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.

- d. **4 Wheeler for Plowing/Summer help** - Should we bid on Credit Union Truck that is up for bids? Mr. Stankus said he had seen the truck in the Credit Union parking lot and he had concerns that the rubber spray on coating could be covering up a lot of rust. Table until next meeting.
- e. **EMS Billing for Lift assist** – It has become an issue with the lift assists that have had to be requested, generally from our fire department that this is costing money we aren't billing for. Hailie Dyer (ems) stated to Supervisor Johnson prior to the meeting that she had done some checking and many EMS Departments are placing a \$150.00 Lift Assist fee on their billing sheets to try and recoup some of the cost. Clerk Brancheau will check into the logistics for the actual billing. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp, to add the fee to the billing sheet, all in favor motion carried
- f. **Snow Plowing/Sidewalks** – Issues have arisen regarding the snowplowing services to businesses. So it has been discussed that only the sidewalks in the North Business District will be plowed for pedestrians, no other business fronts,

business centers or churches will be plowed. Motion to approve by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Joe DeRoche
Jim Brennan

Jackie Koski
Liz Hangas

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Johnson adjourned the meeting @ 7:50 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date

Approved