

Republic Township Board

November 21, 2013

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:

Treasurer Koski made the motion to approve the agenda, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Clerk Brancheau made the motion to approve minutes from meeting of October 24, 2013, seconded by Treasurer Koski and Treasurer Koski made the motion to approve minutes from October 28th, 2013, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, Supervisor Johnson made the motion to approve minutes from October 30, 2013, Seconded by Treasurer Koski; all motions carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Treasurer Koski made the motion to pay the bills, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen to pay the bills as is. Trustee Kellow wished to make an exception for three checks numbered 10877,10889 and 10922 but was no support. It is also noted that Trustee Kellow withheld her signature from the Warrants of those three checks, however three signatures were already on those Warrants. Treasurer Koski, again made the motion to pay the bills as is, supported by Trustee Feldhusen, motion carried 4-1.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Stankus	Keith Perry
Jessie Onkalo	James Brennan
Marcy Rankinen	Carol Nicholas
Tammy Mattson	Laura Maze

REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE KELLOW** – nothing
- b. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN** – Ambulance Inspection was perfect.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Celebration of first complete year in office, we received the final grant score for the School Lake Munson Park Grant and we show to be 20th on the list in number of points. It is time to think of and move into the future
- e. **DPW/ Fire & Ambulance** – Nothing

- f. **ASSESSOR** – Chief Lake Wilderness Youth Camp dropped their appeal but may sue Carol Kellow for providing incorrect information and may include the Township since she is a member of the Board.
- g. **SUPERVISOR** – Nothing

7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Water Line Grant** – Discussion with Public on billing issues to avoid short fall for paying back the Bonds that were ordered by Duane Reid of the USDA. Also a Resolution was proposed to approve the payment for the New Front End Loader from Miller Bradford. Motion made by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen. **Roll Call vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Resolution Approved.**
- b. **School Lake/ Munson Park/ Recreation-** We have received large piles of sand from Charlie Niemi for the Beach. Crews will be organized in the spring to get it spread.

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Ordinances:** A Roll Call vote was taken to approve the changes/amendments to the existing Republic Township Ordinance Book. **Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Changes Amendments passed.**
- b. **Board Openings:** There will be 1 or 2 openings on the Zoning Board of Appeals and at least 1 opening on the Planning Commission, all interested parties are welcome to apply.
- c. **Metal Bids** – Request for bids is going out to get quotes for a replacement for a retaining wall for the Transfer Station.
- d. **Budget Amendments** – Once again to satisfy Duane Reid of the USDA, budget amendments were required to break out the fund amounts in a line item to show Principal and Interest and Bond and Interest Redemption for the Water Account. Motion by Supervisor Johnson, seconded by Trustee Kellow to approve said amendments. **Roll Call Vote: 5 Ayes, 0 Nays motion carried**
- e. **Personnel Policy Change** - Since No One will ever be offered insurance benefits other than those who already have them, and since no one has declined said benefits, our Personnel Policy of a monthly stipend of \$200.00 per family and \$100.00 for individuals for declining benefits will be removed from the Personnel Policy Handbook. This simplifies our insurance accounting. Motion by Treasurer Koski; seconded by Clerk Brancheau, **Roll Call vote 5 Ayes, 0 Nays, motion carried.**
- f. **Township Hall Signs** – At some point we will need to replace the lettering on the Town Hall Building that were removed for the painting this past summer. Prices have been acquired. Table for future time, possibly next spring.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT:

James Brennan
Tom Stankus
Tammy Mattson

10. ADJOURNMENT: Meeting Adjourned by Supervisor Johnson @ 9:00pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn, Brancheau, Clerk

Date