

Republic Township Board
January 30, 2018
Budget Workshop/Meeting Minutes

1. The Board came together @ 10:00 am to discuss the budget. The meeting/workshop was called to order, all Board Members were present except for Trustee Feldhusen, absent/excused.
2. **FIRE DEPARTMENT** – Discussion regarding the possible purchase of a second new AED for the fire department. Chief Koski is of the opinion that the one new one that was purchased will suffice being kept at the Witch Lake hall and the one new one on the ambulance at the Republic fire hall. He would rather spend money on the upgrading of pagers, turn out gear and possibly a new truck. Chief Koski would rather invest money into new pagers, at least 5 @ \$500 - \$600 each. Also on new turn out gear @ \$2,500 each, 5 more Scud Air Packs with 10 new masks @ \$25,000. The oldest Fire truck we have is a 1988, a class A pumper. We can look at the cost of a new replacement or possibly refurbishing the old one.
3. **DPW** – Need to talk about another new mower deck, \$1000. Possibly a new finishing mower \$5 – 6,000. Need to look at another dump truck to replace the 2008 Ford. New Vac trailer \$20,000 roughly.
4. **RV PARK** – Kim Isaacson wants a golf cart to use for servicing the Campground. Check on prices for both gas and electric. Need to check battery life and charging requirements. Discussed putting some lockable cabinetry in the campground bathrooms to keep cleaning supplies and extra toilet paper. We will continue filling the campground on a reservation basis. Fishing Derby weekend fees should be charged. There was discussion on exactly what and where should be charged for. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus to charge @ %50 rate at all sites in the campground to help cover expenses during fishing derby,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich X Aye - ___ Nay

Treasurer Koski X Aye - ___ Nay

Clerk Brancheau X Aye - ___ Nay

Trustee Feldhusen _____ Aye - ___ Nay, absent/excused

Trustee Stankus X Aye - ___ Nay

4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, Motion Passes

5. **VETERAN'S MEMORIAL** – the sidewalk in front of the Veteran's Memorial from the Heritage Garden to the corner needs to be removed. Our DPW should be able to remove that with no trouble. Then level it out and make it look nice.

6. **RECREATION** – We will be focusing on the playground equipment needs. Jim Brennan has acquired quotes and will be researching grant funds to try to make this happen. There will be more discussions on this in the future. We need a new Township Tent, signs on the highway for the campground and IOHT.
7. **WAGES** - Starting wage for DPW is currently \$10.00, there was much discussion on wages and previous raises in wages. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to increase the DPW starting wage from \$10.00 per hour to \$12.00 per hour, seconded by Treasurer Koski,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay
 Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay
 Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay
 Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay, absent/excused
 Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, Motion Passes

Having increased the starting wage, motion to increase the two most recently hired employees to ~~\$12.00~~ \$12.50 by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay
 Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay
 Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay
 Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay, absent/excused
 Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, Motion Passes

The Office Manager, after considerable discussion, should receive a \$2.00 per hour raise on top of her current salary, bring her hourly rate to \$13.31 per hour. Motion to increase that hourly wage for The Office Manager by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay
 Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay
 Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay
 Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay, absent/excused
 Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, Motion Passes

Janitorial, Kim Isaacson, is currently @ \$11.12. Kim is extremely thorough and has taken on more responsibility with the campground. Motion by Trustee Stankus, seconded by Treasurer Koski, to increase her hourly rate by \$1.00 per hour

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay
 Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay
 Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay
 Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay, absent/excused
 Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

4 Ayes, 0 Nays, 1 absent, Motion Passes

- 8. **BALLOT MILLAGE** – Has to go on the Ballot in August of this year for Township Operation Renewal
- 9. **ALAN KOSKI AND DIANE TAPIO** – There was discussion regarding their wages, and discussion regarding their insurance, but nothing was decided at this time.
- 10. **ADJOURNMENT:** Motion to adjourn by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, meeting adjourned @ 12:20pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk Date

Approved