

Republic Township Board

February 25, 2016

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

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

01/28/2016 Regular Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp; all in favor, motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

Clerk Brancheau made the motion to pay the bills, Treasurer Koski seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Stankus
Steve Kellow

Cora Tossava Presentation from Western Marquette County Health Foundation

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** – Last day to collect taxes is February 29, 2016
- e. **FRED NANNESTAD** – Report on Planning Commission Training
- f. **ASSESSOR** – Nothing at this time
- g. **SUPERVISOR** – The Grant Application for the bank building is ready to go, we will have a public hearing for the Grant here at the Township Hall on March 14, 2016 @ 12:00.
- h. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- i. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time.
- j. **OFFICE MANAGER'S REPORT** – Nothing at this time.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Mine Rail Line** - Nothing at this time.
- b. **Sewer Grant**– As soon as Duane Reid receives our Last quarterly report for the fiscal year, he will be ready to move forward.
- c. **School Lake/Munson Park Grant** – The engineer is going through the steps that need to be taken at this time.
- d. **EMS Coordinator Posting** – The posting is on the door. We will take it down in 14 days, have any applicants meet with EMS to give them first right of refusal, and then we will discuss salary and any other issues from there.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **P.C. Appointment**– We have received a letter of interest from Mr. Richter and since we do need a 7th person on the Planning Commission a motion was made by Supervisor Johnson to appoint Mr. Richter to the Planning Commission, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Wage Resolutions**– the following 5 wage resolutions were voted on:

Salary resolutions, to take effect April 1st:

SUPERVISOR'S SALARY:

Be it hereby resolved: per MCL 41.95(3), the Supervisor's Salary for the legislated duties shall be set at \$5,400 per year, (not directly performing assessing). This salary, by law, shall not be reduced for the remainder of this term, and;

Be it further resolved: the Township shall pay an additional \$50.00 per month each month each from the water fund, sewer fund and solid waste fund, for a total of \$150.00 per month for supervision of those departments, and:

Be it further resolved; an additional \$1,840 per month salary shall be paid only if the Supervisor is properly certified as assessor and directly performing assessing.

Motion by Trustee Knapp, 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, Motion Passes

Wage Resolution For Clerk:

Be it hereby resolved: per MCL 41.95(3), the Clerk's Salary for the legislated duties shall be set at \$5,400 per year. This the statutory salary for the office and by law shall not be reduced for the remainder of this term of office and;

Be it further resolved; The Township shall pay additional salaries of \$150 per month from the Sewer Fund, \$150 per month from the Solid Waste Fund, \$150 per month from the Water Fund, for all non-statutory. Board approved educational sessions and delegated meetings attended by the Clerk ~~and~~ shall be compensated at the standard \$30 per meeting rate.

Be it further resolved: the Township Board shall budget vacation, personal and sick leave time commensurately equal to the schedule used by the regular DPW employees agreement which is based on the longevity of service of the Clerk. Holiday pay shall be defined as pay for those days the office is closed in observance of National Holidays.

Motion by: Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Johnson	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aye	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Treasurer Koski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aye	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Clerk Brancheau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aye	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Trustee Feldhusen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aye	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Trustee Knapp	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aye	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay

5 Ayes, 0 Nays, Motion Passes

Wage Resolution For Treasurer

Be it hereby resolved: per MCL 41.95(3), the Treasurer's Salary for the legislated duties shall be set at \$5,400 per year. This the statutory salary for the office and by law shall not be reduced for the remainder of this term of office and;

Be it further resolved; The Township shall pay additional salaries of \$150 per month from the Sewer Fund, \$150 per month from the Solid Waste Fund, \$150 per month from the Water Fund, for all non-statutory. Board approved educational sessions and delegated meetings attended by the Treasurer's ~~and~~ shall be compensated at the standard \$30 per meeting rate.

Be it further resolved: the Township Board shall budget vacation, personal and sick leave time commensurately equal to the schedule used by the regular DPW employees agreement which is based on the longevity of service of the Treasurer. Holiday pay shall be defined as pay for those days the office is closed in observance of National Holidays.

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, Motion Passes

Trustee Wage resolution:

Be it hereby resolved; the Trustees shall receive a salary of \$65 per month for the legislated duties commencing April 1, 2016 and ending November 30, 2010. This salary shall include payment for the regularly scheduled monthly meeting of the Township Board. This is the statutory salary for the offices and by law shall not be reduced for the remainder of this term of office. All other delegated meetings and approved educational sessions attended by the Trustees shall be compensated at the standard \$30 per meeting rate with documentation itemized on the monthly submitted expense voucher.

Motion by: Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau

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, Motion Passes

Incidental rate resolution:

Be it hereby resolved: a meeting stipend of \$30 per meeting is set for all authorized members of the Township Board and Commissions. Under approved conditions an hourly rate of \$10 per hour is set for Board Members for meetings that occur outside of normal office hours for that elected official. Authorized mileage shall be reimbursed at the maximum value per mile allowable by the IRS.

Motion by: Supervisor Johnson, seconded 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, Motion Passes

c. Sewer Resolution–

Whereas: a sewer fund negative cash flow from the pooled checking account was identified by the auditor several years ago, and;

Whereas, with the limited income and large repairs expenses in the intervening years the sewer fund has only recently been able to begin repaying the pooled checking account, and:

Whereas, Rural Development has noted the pay down of the debt, but is requesting a formal action to show Board intention of repaying the remaining \$54,544.74

Be it therefore resolved, the Republic Township Board does direct an additional minimum repayment of \$5,000 per month to the pooled checking account for 10 months, to repay the \$54,544.74 currently owed.

Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded Clerk Brancheau

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, Motion Pass

d. EMS building debt pay down resolution;

Whereas: sufficient income has accumulated in the Emergency Services building debt retirement fund to allow an early pay down on the building debt;

Be it therefore resolved that the Township Board authorizes a transfer of \$80,000 from the current fund balance of \$119,000 for additional debt pay down.

Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau

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, Motion Passes

- e. **Cable America/Campground** - Cable America needs a formal letter from the township inviting them to install their cable lines in our utility trenches at no cost to us. Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carries.
- f. **Change the March Board Meeting date:** – Due to a scheduling conflict we must change the date of the March Board Meeting to March 31st. We will hold our Budget hearing @ 6:45pm and the regular meeting @7:00pm. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carries.
- g. **Budget Workshop** – will be held on March 10th @ 10:00am.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Jim Brennan
Steve Kellow
Faye Mattila
Carol Kellow**

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

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date