

Republic Township Board
March 26, 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 Trustee Knapp to approve, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Minutes for February 26, 2015 Regular Board Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried. Minutes for March 19, 2015 Budget Workshop/Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor motion carried

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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** – Last BOR adjourned Monday night, County still doesn't have final numbers to due late adjournment of BOR.
- f. **SUPERVISOR** – Nothing at this time.
- g. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- h. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Lansing is looking at increasing the Fireman Training requirements. The MFR class has been delayed until late summer or early fall due to lack of available instructors.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Mine Rail Line** - Joe DeRocha has stepped away from negotiations due to being a County Commissioner, so Humboldt Township has appointed Supervisor Johnson to complete the “leg work” of getting everything done.
- b. **Bank Trust Fund Grant Status**- Tabled

- c. **School Lake/Munson Park Grant – Tabled”**
- d. **Sewer Grant/Rate Increases** – There are several rate increases in addition to the \$2.00 for Sewer that was approved at last month’s meeting. These increases are in Solid Waste/ Transfer Station and will be posted both on the website and on the bulletin board. Also it was brought to our attention that the previous \$3.00 rate increase was put on a month too soon, so \$3.00 will be taken off of the bills that go out on April 1st with the \$2.00 addition as well. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, 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, Resolution passes.
- e. **ADA Auto Door Openers** – Table for further study on heating & cooling issues.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Planning Commission**– Motion to remove all current persons from any and all committees under the Planning Commission to allow them to start with a clean slate and select people of their choosing in order to carry out the new goals set forth by the new Planning Commission. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Trustee Knapp, all in favor, motion carried
- b. **Ambulance Billing Sheets**– We had previously approved updated billing sheets for the Ambulance, but neglected to do a roll call vote. Motion by Treasurer Koski, supported 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.
Office Manager’s Report was read into the minutes at this time.
- c. **Employee Pay Raise** – Had neglected to do a roll call vote when we approved employee \$.25 pay raise last month. Motion by Treasurer Koski, 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.
- d. **Shepherd Deed** – The owners of the property died before they registered the deed to this piece of property that he bought from the Township. The son has asked that we bear the expense of re-deeding it to him so he can sell it. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Knapp to have the son pay for this himself, all in favor, motion carried.

- e. **Appeal of FOIA Denial** – The Board acknowledges receipt of the appeal; we will take it under advisement and respond within the 10 day allowable period.
- f. **Summer Help**- This year we hope to hire 4 summer students or whoever applies if we do not get enough college bound students. If we have to we will accept those who have graduated and are waiting to enter the military or others if necessary. We need 2 for grass cutting, and 2 to work with Drew to complete the list of projects that are partially done.
- g. **School Bus Stop Light** – Mrs. Cowling’s grandchild has moved back to live with her, she has asked for a street light to be re-installed. We think that since the time change they will not be out there in the dark waiting for the bus, so we will have UPPCO re-install if the child gets re-enrolled in the fall. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carries.
- h. **Budget Amendments** – This was discussed in the Truth in Taxation Hearing, motion to accept the Budget Amendments as presented by Clerk Brancheau, 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, Resolution passes.
- i. **Budget Acceptance** – Motion to accept the 2015/2016 Budget as presented by Supervisor Johnson, 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, Resolution passes.
- j. **Beach Lease** – Letter from Laura Maze was read into the minutes regarding the desire to open a mobile concession stand at the beach for the summer offering ice creams, sundaes, pop corn, and other sundries. The letter requests that the Township install a power box for concession plug in, the same break in rates and charges that other new businesses have enjoyed, putting a Port-A John in the general area of the concession and place picnic tables around the concession. Per Trustee Knapp, they will need a Conditional Use Permit. The Township would need to place a temporary power pole with a meter that is secured for only permissible usage. Motion to tentatively to approve the following:
1. **Get Conditional Use Permit**
 2. **Use the land for free**
 3. **Temporary Power Pole/pay as you go**
 4. **Port-A-John**
 5. **Picnic Tables (Township is putting in new ones this year anyway)**
- By Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carries.

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Laura Maze
Carol Kellow
Fred Nannestad**

11. BOARD MEMBER COMMENT: None

12. ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Johnson Adjourned the meeting @ 7:55pm

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn, Brancheau, Clerk

Date

APPROVED