

Republic Township Board
March 31, 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 Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

02/25/2016 Regular Meeting – Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried. Treasurer Koski commented that people are under the impression that the Wi-Fi that Cable America is installing will be free. The fact is that Cable America is doing the installation for free, but there will be a fee agreement between the Township and Cable America. It will not be free for the Township.

03/10/2016 Budget Workshop meeting. One correction; Remove Humboldt Township from Paragraph #5, as they pay us, we do not pay them. Treasurer Koski made the motion with that correction, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor motion carried.

03/14/2016 Hearing for Bank Building Grant – Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

5. PAYMENT OF BILLS:

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

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Tom Stankus – make correction to 02/25/16 minutes

Jim Brennan – question about a bill.

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** – We now have a new Flag and a new mat with our Township Crest that was drawn for us by Stacy Davis. We also purchased a new State Flag which will be put out at Munson Park when the weather is a bit nicer.

e. **ASSESSOR** – The tax roll is in to the County for the coming property tax year.

f. **SUPERVISOR** – Nothing at this time.

- g. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- h. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – We do have one person who is interested in taking the EMS Coordinator position, we hope to announce at the next meeting the final details.
- i. **Fred Nannestad/PC Report** – Currently the By-Laws are being reviewed and corrected, and the Mobile Vending Addition to the Zoning Ordinance. He also provided several other goals and plans for the next couple of months.
- j. **OFFICE MANAGER’S REPORT** – Nothing at this time.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Mine Rail Line** - Meeting scheduled with Humboldt Township for April 14, 2016 @ 6:30 pm here at the Republic Township Hall.
- b. **Sewer Grant**– Tabled until we hear back from Duane Reid.
- c. **School Lake/Munson Park Grant** – It is our understanding that bids are ready to go out.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Recreation Committee Grant** – The Recreation committee wishes to repave the Basketball courts and are applying for a grant to do so. Supervisor Johnson will need to sign some documents as the grant application is due tomorrow. Treasurer Koski made the motion to apply for the full \$10,000 grant, 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

- b. **CUPPAD Membership**– the Planning Commission has asked the Board to apply again for CUPPAD Membership so they may take advantage of their educational resources for Planning Commission members. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

- c. **Grant for Bank Building Renovations:** A letter from Bill Olsen regarding the grant was read into the minutes. A copy will be made part of the minutes for a permanent record. Also, the resolution will be made part of the minutes. It was also mentioned that if we are fortunate enough to receive the \$25,000 from The Heritage Trail, that would cover our match money requirements. Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Treasurer Koski.

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

- d. Letter to Governor Snyder with Resolution -** The Marquette County Township's Association has asked that we support the Resolution and letter to Governor Snyder opposing the reappointment of Marcus Abood to the Michigan Tax Tribunal. Letter and Resolution will be made part of the minutes. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Supervisor Johnson,

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. EMS Week May 15 – 21, 2016** – A Proclamation was read into minutes. Motion by Trustee Knapp, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried
- f. Final Budget Amendments for 2016/2017 Budget** – Discussion regarding some of the changes. Motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- g. Approve Budget for 2016/2017** – General Appropriations Act to be made part of minutes, resolution for acceptance was read, motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Treasurer Koski.

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

10. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Diane Perry
Tom Stankus
Faye Mattila
Keith Perry

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Johnson adjourned the meeting @ 7:55 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date