

# Republic Township Board

## August 24, 2017

### Regular Meeting Minutes

#### 1. CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Ulrich called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm....All Board Members were present.

#### 2. SALUTE TO FLAG:

#### 3. WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC

#### 4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen with a notation that the Assessor's report will be addressed, all in favor, motion carried.

#### APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

07/25/2017 Regular meeting – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

08/01/2017 Special Meeting – Motion by Trustee Stankus, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

#### 6. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– The MCRC has posted signs by Bengtson Bridge regarding the right of way so that people could continue to use that area for public river access. The property owners are not pleased, but the right of way is now marked clearly.
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – Nothing at this time.
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **ASSESSOR** – Have been inspecting properties starting in South Republic. So far I have inspected 70 properties in the last month.
- i. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – Report Emailed to Board
- j. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – Report provided to Board, however, there are two more new construction properties
- k. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Report provided. All issues working through the system at this time.
- l. **SUPERVISOR** – Nothing at this time.

**7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- a. Transfer Station Free Day in Fall**– DPW Foreman would prefer we do this at the first date in October. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to select that day October 14, 2017 for first 500 pounds free, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. Sewer Grant**– We have received word that we can now go out on bids, UPEA will handle that.
- c. Campground Grant** – Once again, Mr. Sanders is not responding to repeated requests to finish up the grant. Picnic tables are for the most part finished, there are only a few more to go, also the report to DNR needs to be done by September 1, 2017. Supervisor Ulrich will assist in contacting Mr. Sanders
- d. Bank Building** – We are ready to submit drawings and specs and soon go out on bids to hopefully be able to start in the spring. Don't forget that the IOHT millage did pass, so they will be able to assist us at that time.
- e. EAN Internet** – Is up and running, they are doing some final tweaks, Mr. Brennan states that it is working well. Also Mr. Brennan had spoken with some folks out Black River and it is reaching them also. There are cards on the table in the lobby for anyone who wishes to have some information.
- f. Witch Lake Firehall Roof**– Need to go out on bids as the roof is in worse shape than we originally thought.
- g. Radio Tower Roof** – No bids received as of yet. With all of the damage from the Spring storm, roofers are trying to complete the work they already have before winter, no one has the time. Supervisor Ulrich is asking the Board to consider hiring a man in town who is not licensed and insured. It was suggested that we expand the scope to include both roofs and reach out to some smaller contractors.
- h. DPW New Hire** – Two applicants, Mr. Duane Makela and Mr. Phil Lorenz. Both have been interviewed. It was discussed that if Mr. Lorenz is hired that the Township would not be held liable for his knee. He has been told he would be required to wear a brace. He is a good worker, reliable and thorough; Supervisor Ulrich feels he would be the best fit. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Trustee Stankus provided he signs a waiver for his knee

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Supervisor Ulrich**     **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Treasurer Koski**     **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Clerk Brancheau**     **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Trustee Feldhusen**    **Aye** -  **Nay**  
**Trustee Stankus**      **Aye** -  **Nay**

**All in favor, Motion is carried.**

There was also a brief discussion that wages for DPW need to be reassessed come budget time.

- i. Revised Personnel Policy** – Motion was called for by Supervisor Ulrich to approve, no support, motion fails. There was additional discussion regarding lunch breaks and Assessor salary. Discussion regarding a needed correction to the Ordinance Enforcement salary from \$25.00 per hour to \$15.00 per hour. Motion by Trustee Stankus to approve the handbook as amended on page 57,

seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, Trustee Feldhusen stated that he had no idea why this was being discussed. Treasurer Koski and Clerk Brancheau stated that they had only received it this week and it being such a busy week had not had the time to properly go through the manual and felt uncomfortable with approving something they had not had the chance to properly review. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to table this until the next meeting, support by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.

**j. Silent Auction** – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to have a silent auction to dispose of excess property. Question by Treasurer Koski as to who is going to do the work to prepare everything, deciding what goes, inventory those things, etc, no second to the motion, item dies.

**k. MCRC and Coffee Property** – Marquette County Road Commission desires to use this property to remove gravel from there are deed issues. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to refer this to the Planning Commission for their review before any further decisions are made, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carries.

**l. Twp. VS Perry Mediation** – No settlement came from that, Treasurer Koski asked for a special meeting in order to go into closed session to discuss today’s meeting. Supervisor Ulrich suggested Tuesday, the 29<sup>th</sup> @ 10:00am, Board consensus agrees.

**m. IOHT Representative** – We have not had a representative to be able to go to any of their meetings since the Spring. Supervisor Ulrich made motion to approve Jim Brennan to be our representative, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carries.

**8. NEW BUSINESS:**

**a. Leader Alert**– The owner is shutting down the system. We have two companies that could provide similar services, the office manager has put packages together with the details. Each uses a “credits” package. Dial My Calls, has a package of 25,000 credits for a one-time fee of \$999.99 those credits never expire. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to purchase this service, seconded by Treasurer Koski,

**Roll Call Vote:**

**Supervisor Ulrich**      X   Aye -      Nay  
**Treasurer Koski**       X   Aye -      Nay  
**Clerk Brancheau**      X   Aye -      Nay  
**Trustee Feldhusen**   X   Aye -      Nay  
**Trustee Stankus**      X   Aye -      Nay

**All in favor, Motion is carried.**

**b. Recreation Plan** – The current Recreation Plan expires in December 2017, the Planning Commission is now working on it and will have a full plan in place by November for final Board approval in December

**c. Campground Issues** – A request has been made to purchase a golf cart for ease in caretaking of the campground and to make the Wuokko’s camp hosts to assist in checking people in and keeping an eye on things. It was decided to address these issues at next year’s budget talks.

