

# Republic Township Board

## December 15, 2016

### 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. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion by Treasurer Koski seconded by Trustee Stankus to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

#### 4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

11/17/16 Regular Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, to approve with correction on 9h from SBA to ZBA, all in favor, motion carried.

11/29/16 Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Stankus, with the correction to read “Gary Johnson will not be the Assessor as of **the end of** February 2017”, all in favor, motion carried

12/06/16 Special Meeting – Motion by Trustee Stankus, seconded by Treasurer Koski to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

#### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

**Carol Kellow**  
**Jesse Onkalo**

#### 6. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– It’s nice that the community participates so nicely during the holidays
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- To thank the public for voting for me and to thank the Board for their warm welcome. As to Business I attended a meeting regarding the MCSWMA, primarily the meeting was about Marquette County wanting to pull out of that Authority, with of course the other Townships that participate wish them to stay. On our December 6<sup>th</sup> meeting here we voted to support the effort to retain them in the Authority. The authority had already released them, but may rescind that if they get 75% participation of the other members to support keeping them. There was supposed to be a meeting last night, but it was cancelled. But I have had no word on what they have decided to do.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** - Nothing at this time
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time.
- e. **DPW** – Did a walk through with Al Koski and UPEA on Sewer items and Water Plant. We have compiled a list of needs for the water plant which we will discuss. Also, I spoke with Mr. Kim Nault who verbally gave me his 14 day notice of

retirement. He will try to come in the office tomorrow to formally complete paperwork. With that I would like to approach the Board for feedback on his replacement. Motion to post for Entry Level position with the DPW by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Post locally first, if no response, then post in Mining Journal.

- f. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time.
- g. **ASSESSOR** – Nothing at this time, except the December BOR was held on December 13, 2016. He is currently working on New Construction sites to get the values in the role.
- h. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** - Report is on file
- i. **SUPERVISOR** – Met with UPEA, discussed items they were working on for the old bank building. Also Trustee Stankus and I met with Liz Hargas for a walk-through of the bank building and we did not find anything wrong. Mrs. Hargas has asked for something in writing stating such.

#### 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Mine Rail Agreement** – Tabled waiting for RML,LLC
- b. **Sewer Grant**– 3 of the 5 easements we need have been signed, there are two left. Terry Burkhardt is working on title insurance for all of the lift stations. There is a hold-up on the old M-95 right of way. It is possible we will need one more easement from the MCRC for that. Design is in good shape and will be submitted to the USDA at the time that we submit everything else. We are hoping to submit shortly after the first of the year, the review will take about a month etc. **IF** everything goes as we hope we may be ready to request bids in February, open them in March and Award in April.
- c. **Veteran's Memorial** – Currently has a balance of \$11,474.39 to help pay for the new memorial.
- d. **Fire Bay bids** – The request for Proposal has been prepared, will ask the Office Manager to post it. Discussion on Electrical and inspections.
- e. **Update on John Deere** – Has been delivered. It was completely serviced by John Deere before it was turned over to us. The first payment has been made. DPW is very happy with it.
- f. **DNR Sign for Campground** – Will send check with next batch of bills.
- g. **Old Bank Building Grant** – was approved for \$47,500.00 with \$19,200.00 local match and should have the funding by June. This is for Roof, ADA Restrooms and to ~~make~~ hopefully make them 24 hour accessible. We can wait for the funding to get prices or work everything up now so that when funding comes in we can move forward more quickly.
- h. **Amended Zoning Maps** – Waiting to hear back from Marquette County Planning Commission. There is an issue about whether or not resident notification letters had to go out or not.

#### 8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Budget Amendments**– Discussion regarding details of amendments. Motion to accept the budget amendments by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

- b. Budget meeting dates**– Initial Budget Meeting date is set for January 19, 2016 @ 1:00 pm.
- c. Water Treatment Plant** – There is a list of needs that the water treatment plant should have right now. The Flow meter and a check valve should be replaced immediately. Motion by Trustee Stankus to get cost estimates for the entire list, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. Campground Street Lights** – It is very dark in the area of the campground. If we can demonstrate a need we could apply for grant funding. If we make proper progress in the old bank building, we could get in line for another grant for this. UPEA would do the application free of charge. Treasurer Koski brought up the solar lights that she had checked on to possibly put in the campground, especially by the vault toilets. These are currently on sale for \$39.99 each. It would be a good idea to put these by the numbering poles for each site. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to purchase 24 lights for the sites, seconded by Treasurer Koski. More discussion, then Supervisor Ulrich motioned to amend the original motion to find and purchase 26 lights for the posts and 2 lights for the toilets, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Motion by Treasurer Koski to approve UPEA to apply for grant for Campground lighting, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. Bulletin Board** – Several citizens have asked about an electronic bulletin board which could advertise Township news and happenings around the area. There are several suggestions for locations, horseshoe court, building here, etc. Like for it to be a 2 sided sign. Mr. Nannestad suggested that the ordinances should be checked for size and if it is allowed at all. Trustee Stankus suggested we should include installation in the estimates. Mr. Brennan also stated that the Township could get a variance. Clerk Brancheau stated that she felt the Township doesn't need one. Trustee Feldhusen stated he would talk with the School to see about utilizing their local cable channel and would report back.
- f. BOR Personnel Selection – MCL 211.28** Members shall serve for 2 years beginning on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each odd number year. Supervisor Ulrich stated that a mistake had been made in appointing the current members to a 3 year term. Supervisor Ulrich made the motion to vacate the current BOR, seconded by Trustee Stankus, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, and motion is carried. Supervisor Ulrich made the motion to post for new members, 3 members and 2 alternates, being clear that the old members could reapply, seconded by Treasurer Koski, 4 Ayes, 1 Nay, motion is carried.
- g. Community Emergency Plan** – Supervisor Ulrich feels it would be a good idea for the Township to create a new emergency plan. Supervisor Ulrich made the motion to create a 3 member committee to create this plan, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor, motion carried.
- h. Personnel Manual** – There are some things that Supervisor Ulrich would like to see corrected or changed in the Personnel Manual, and would like to set a meeting date. He suggested January 12<sup>th</sup> 10:00am. This was met with approval.
- i. Cemetery Gate Keeper** – not needed.

- j. Ordinance Enforcement Officer** – position was vacated, motion by Supervisor Ulrich to post for new person, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. There was discussion on what the qualifications were.
- k. Offices in Old Fire Bay** – Discussion on uses. Cemetery records, Assessor Records, conference room for small meetings, and a possible glass partitioned quiet room.
- l. Spring Clean up** – This needs to be much more organized than before. This should be reserved for people who truly cannot do it themselves. More discussion is needed.

**9. PAYMENT OF BILLS** – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, **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.**

**10. PUBLIC COMMENT:**

**Carol Kellow**

**Jim Brennan (post for new person on Rec Committee)**

**ADJOURNMENT:** Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 8:35 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

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 Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

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 Date