

**Republic Township  
Special Board Meeting  
June 12, 2017**

**CALL TO ORDER:**

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ulrich @ 10:00am all Board Members were present.

**SALUTE TO FLAG:**

**PURPOSE OF MEETING:**

The purposes of this meeting are as follows:

1. Vote on NMU Internet Service for the Township
2. Any other topics the Board wishes to discuss

**NMU Internet Service Agreement:** Motion to approve the Agreement for Service of support by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski. Discussion was held on electrical service costs and other issues including possibly being able to provide internet service directly on our Ambulance.

**Roll Call Vote:**

<b>Supervisor Ulrich</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<b>Aye</b>	-	<u>    </u>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Treasurer Koski</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<b>Aye</b>	-	<u>    </u>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Clerk Brancheau</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<b>Aye</b>	-	<u>    </u>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Trustee Feldhusen</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<b>Aye</b>	-	<u>    </u>	<b>Nay</b>
<b>Trustee Stankus</b>	<u>  X  </u>	<b>Aye</b>	-	<u>    </u>	<b>Nay</b>

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

**Summer Help Resignation/ New Hire** – Discussion was held regarding the resignation of one of our summer students and how the Board would wish to address the issue. Hannah Dinkins was brought up as another applicant in the file. Motion made by Supervisor Ulrich to hire Hannah. Trustee Feldhusen questioned where Hannah went to school, as it appears she goes to North Dickinson High School. The purpose of this program was to hire Republic-Michigamme School students. The discussion turned to possibly hiring a full time person instead since we did lose a full time employee this month. Motion by Trustee Stankus to advertise for a full time employee, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Ulrich withdrew his prior motion. It was brought up by Clerk Brancheau that a motion isn't even necessary, but that the advertisement should have been posted already by the Township Supervisor as the DPW is one of his responsibilities.

**DPW Supervisor delegated position**– Treasurer Koski stated that the Township Supervisor is delegated as the DPW Supervisor. She stated she had several concerns about his execution of those duties. She stated that it had been brought to her attention that a 3 week period had gone by without the Supervisor even talking to his DPW Foreman. That his Foreman felt the need to come in to the office to have the Treasurer and Clerk address the needs of the DPW crew because the Township Supervisor was unapproachable, and that he is completely unaware of their priorities. The Supervisor stated that he understood. Treasurer Koski went on to address

the need for the Assessor to be inspecting at least 20% of the properties each year so that all properties are inspected every five years. She also stated that she felt that with his salary that it was not an unreasonable requirement. Supervisor Ulrich stated that according to the State of Michigan that it wasn't required. Treasurer Koski then re-stated her concerns regarding the salary being paid to an entry-level assessor who may or may not inspect 20% of the properties. Clerk Brancheau agreed. Clerk Brancheau also stated that \$2,000.00 was to be withheld to pay for office expenses. She also stated that she felt he was not doing the Supervisor's job. She also stated that he does not communicate, does not ask questions. She wanted to know if it was because they were women. Supervisor Ulrich then asked why he was not permitted to put his desk in the front office like he had asked, the response was that there was no room in that office for another desk, that it was overcrowded with 3 people as it was. The Clerk then asked again if that was what the problem was, that he could not put his desk in the office. He stated that there was no problem, the Clerk disagreed. The Supervisor then stated that if the Clerk thinks there is a problem, then it would be rectified. The discussion then continued regarding the Assessor's salary and responsibilities, and that it didn't seem too much to ask to inspect the recommended amount of properties considering that many of them were undeveloped land. *Supervisor Ulrich asked the board if they were aware that properties in North and South Republic had not been assessed since 2005, the Treasurer stated that she knew that fact.* The discussion was brought to a close by Trustee Feldhusen. Trustee Stankus felt that the 20% per year was doable, at about 2 properties per working day, he gave details regarding why he felt that way and stated that he hopes the Assessor can give it his best effort.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 10:45am

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

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Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date