

Republic Township Special Board Meeting December 23, 2016

CALL TO ORDER:

The meeting was called to order by Supervisor Ulrich @ 10:00 am, all board members were present.

Salute to Flag

PURPOSE OF MEETING:

To discuss concerns regarding Supervisor Ulrich filing a report with the DEQ regarding an alleged sewer spill.

Supervisor Ulrich turned the chairing of the meeting over to Treasurer Koski since she had been one to call the meeting.

Discussion – There was discussion regarding under what authority Supervisor Ulrich had to file a spillage report in direct contradiction to Foreman Alan Koski, Apprentice Drew Greipentrog and DEQ Environmental Engineer, Jay Parent, especially since there had been no discussion with the Board on this and the aforementioned people all said that no such spill occurred. Supervisor Ulrich then provided copies of the report he had intended to file to all the Board Members. Treasurer Koski questioned why there had been no discussion prior to now that a Special Meeting had to be called. Supervisor Ulrich ~~declined to respond~~ responded with a question. The Board Members read the report copy they were given. Resident Mike Todd asked for an explanation of what was being filed. Supervisor Ulrich read the last page. There was additional discussion; Trustee Feldhusen spoke about the Supervisor taking the matter into his own hands. He stated that Mr. Jay Parent had advised to not file a report. Other Board Members expressed the same concern. Treasurer Koski expressed grave concern about the Supervisor taking the matter into his own hands and quoted from the MTA Book about the Supervisors' limited authority. Treasurer Koski also asked Trustee Stankus if he had spoken to the MTA legal department about the previous fine and who should pay for it. Trustee Stankus stated that the MTA Attorney told him that it could come from either fund, however, to penalize everyone in the town is extremely unfair and it should come strictly from the sewer fund. Clerk Brancheau asked a question, Supervisor Ulrich declined to respond. Treasurer Koski stated that her purpose was to make a motion to order Supervisor Ulrich to cease and desist in filing this report to the DEQ in light of statements made by Foreman Alan Koski and Environmental Engineer Jay Parent had both said to not file a report, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, there was a discussion regarding communications and requirements about this situation. There were also disagreements regarding the facts of the situation. Trustee Feldhusen expressed his discontent regarding the situation. He felt that this was "much ado about nothing" and was incensed that the rest of the Board was excluded regarding this and only found out through word of mouth. He felt the best course of action at this point was to do nothing, all 3 in favor with 2 abstentions, Ulrich and Stankus.

It was discussed that there should be daily checks. Drew Griepentrog stated that daily checks are being done. Also discussed was the fact that it needs to be determined where all of this additional water is coming from that is causing these problems. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to accept Mr. Todd's suggestion that we have a daily check sheet on the lift stations, Treasurer Koski stated that we need to authorize more overtime for this activity, Treasurer Koski also supported the motion, all in favor, motion carries.

PUBLIC COMMENT:

Mike Todd

Jim Brennan

Carol Kellow

ADJOURNMENT:

Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 10:31am.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date

Approved