

Republic Township Board

April 27th 2023

1. **Call to order:** Jim called the meeting to order at 7:00p.m.
2. **Pledge of allegiance**
3. **Roll call for all Board members-** James Brennan, Anna Griepentrog, Kristina Koski, Frank Haslip and John Ison, all present.
4. **Approve Agenda-** Motioned by Frank H. to approve the agenda, seconded by John I. Motion passed.
5. **Minutes-** Motioned by Anna G. to approve the budget meeting minutes, seconded by Jim B. Motion passed. Motion to approve regular board meeting minutes from March 23rd 2023 by Frank H., seconded by Tina K. Motion passed. Motioned by Anna to approve the special board meeting minutes from April 5th 2023, seconded by Frank H. Motion passed.
6. **Public Comment-** None
7. **Reports:**
 - A. **IOHT-** Jim attended a meeting on 4-26-23, they didn't receive the spark grant, however they did purchase a new work vehicle for maintaining.
 - B. **TIFA-**
 - C. **WETESA-** Moving forward, they did get an EIN now waiting on the Great Seal.
 - D. **Zoning Administrator-** 2 new applications, 8 year to date
 - E. **Ordinance Enforcement-** 15 certified letters have been sent out. 6 were given verbally and 4 more need to happen. They have until June to fix their blight letters.
 - F. **Assessor-** Good report, see attached
8. **Old Business:**

A. Fire Protection Millage Resolution- Motioned by Jim B. to accept the Fire Protection millage Resolution, seconded by Tina K. Roll call vote 5 ayes, Motion passed.

B. Spark Grant Public Hearing- Spark grant due June 30th 2023. Motioned by Jim to have public hearing at 6:45p.m. May 25th, seconded by Tina. 5 ayes Motion passed.

C. Gravel- Tina K. made the motion to accept expenditures (for roughly up to \$4,000) in gravel to be used to fill in certain areas of town. Jim seconded. Motion passed.

D. Cedar Street Road Construction- Tabled

E. Ambulance- Discussion on D.O.T. inspection and the possibility on selling or leasing our ambulance and equipment.

F. Survey of Cemetery- Tabled

G. Disc Golf Fundraising (GoFundMe)- Tina K. made a motion to accept expenditures of up to \$1,200.00 for equipment needed. Seconded by Jim. All in favor 5 ayes. Motion passed.

H. Park City Rd and Fence River Rd.- Discussed financing, talked about going with Bacco they out bid Rayne and Dolan.

9. New Business

A. Mansfield Fire agreement- Tina K. made a motion to approve the Fire Service agreement with Mansfield township, seconded by Jim. 5 ayes. Motion passed.

B. Resolution of support- Jim made a motion to support the Resolution to support to maintain local control for the following, including but not limited to: short term rentals, solar farms, wind farms and gravel pits. Seconded by Frank H. Roll call vote 5 ayes. Motion passed.

C. New Recreation Committee member- Jim made a motion to accept Carrie Biolo to become a member, seconded by Anna, Motion passed.

D. Discussion on adding two more Planning Commission members- There are 5 members, we can have up to 9. Tina made a motion to add 2 more members, seconded by Frank. 5 ayes. Motion passed.

- E. Dust Control-** Jim made a motion to accept the letter of understanding with the Marquette city road commission for dust control. Seconded by Tina. Motion passed.
- F. Hawks Drive Culvert-** County has been made aware of the Hawk's Drive culvert issue and they will be taking care of it as soon as the thaw is complete.
- 10. Payment of Bills-** Motioned by Frank to accept payment of bills, seconded by John I. Motion passed.
- 11. Public Comment-** Faye Matilla, Deb Harold, Marilyn Hemila, Irene Dishno, Jenn Hill's representative Veronica.
- 12. Board Comments-** Jim Brennan
- 13. Adjourn-** Motioned by Jim B. to adjourn meeting at 7:50p.m. seconded by John I. Motion passed.

Sworn and subscribed to by:

Anna Griepentrog, Clerk

Date