

Republic Township Board Meeting

February 22nd 2024

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, Kristina Koski, Frank Haslip, John Ison and Anna Griepentrog
4. **Approval of Agenda-** Jim made a motion to approve the agenda with additions E. & F. in old business and G. H. & I. in New Business.
5. **Approval of the Minutes for January 25th 2024, and the Budget workshop minutes of February 13th 2024-** Jim made a motion to approve the minutes for January 25th 2024 with a correction in item B in New business. Seconded by Anna, motion passed. Jim made a motion to approve the Budget workshop minutes with a correction to item 3, seconded by Anna, motion passed.
6. **Public Comment-** None
7. **Reports:**
 - A. **IOHT-** They will be fixing the sink hole on the trail by the Heritage Garden. They are looking at adding a milleage for the trail in November.
 - B. **TIFA-** There is a better project cost and things are moving forward.
 - C. **WETESA-** They moved an EMS vehicle to Ely township, there is now one on each end of the authority.
 - D. **Zoning Administrator-** 1 new application, 1 year to date
 - E. **Ordinance Enforcement-** There are a few issues that will be addressed in the spring.
 - F. **Assessor-** due to assessment changes, taxes will be increasing considerably for North & South Republic.
8. **Old Business:**

- A. Resolution for Bond (DWSRF)-** Andrew Deranas from UPEA spoke on funding for the mandated lead line project. Jim made a motion to accept and sign the Resolution for Bond, seconded by Frank. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, Motion passed.
- B. NMU Eric Smith-Tower-** Jim made a motion to table this, seconded by John, motion passed.
- C. Event Application: Hare Scramble-** UP Sandstormers have turned in the necessary paperwork and are good to go with their event.
- D. Letter of written reprimand-** Jim made a motion to change employee's written reprimand to a verbal reprimand. Second, by Anna, motion passed.
- E. Purchase Agreement-** Jim made a motion to sign the agreement to purchase the fire truck, seconded by Frank. Roll call vote, 5 ayes, Motion passed.
- F. Tennis Golf-** Event will be held again Saturday February 24th 2024 if people would like to donate, they may.

9. New Business:

- A. Letters requesting to join Recreation committee-** Jim made a motion to accept the letters requesting to join the recreation committee from Madeling and Michael Serota, seconded by Tina, motion passed.
- B. Wage Resolutions-** The wage increases will begin April 1st 2024
- Anna made a motion to accept the salary wage increase for the supervisor, seconded by Frank, roll call vote, 5 ayes, Motion passed.
 - Jim made a motion to accept the salary wage increase for the treasurer, seconded by Anna, roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion passed.
 - Jim made a motion to accept the salary wage increase for the clerk, seconded by John, roll call vote, 5 ayes, Motion passed.
 - Jim made a motion to have trustees receive \$40 for any special meetings outside of board meetings with approve before hand from the board. Seconded by Frank, roll call vote, 5 ayes, motion passed.

C. Employment Wages- Employee's will be receiving a wage increase to begin April 1st 2024.

D. Superior Watershed Partnership- Jim made a motion to partner with Superior Watershed, seconded by Tina, motion passed.

E. SLERF (Covid Money)- This money needs to be put into a specific project and be stated.

F. Water Rates- due to the mandated lead line project, water rates will be increasing.

G. Letter of Reprimand- Jim made a motion to accept the letter of reprimand for an employee, seconded by Tina, motion passed.

H. Public Hearing for Budget 6:45p.m. March 28th 2024- Jim made a motion to have the Budget Hearing at 6:45p.m. on March 28th 2024, seconded by Frank, motion passed.

I. Dust Control- Agreement with the Road Commission will be fulfilled as always.

10. Payment of Bills- Motioned by John to accept payment of bills, seconded by Frank, Motion passed.

11. Public Comment- Faye Mattila, Joel Youngblood

8. Board Comments- None

9. Adjourn- Motioned by Jim to adjourn meeting at 8:18p.m., seconded by John, Motion passed.

Sworn and subscribed to by:

Anna Griepentrog, Clerk

Date