

Budget Hearing at 6:45p.m.
Republic Township Board Meeting
March 28th 2024 at 7:00p.m.

1. **Call to order:** Jim called budget hearing to order at 6:45p.m.
2. **Pledge of allegiance**
3. **Roll call for all Board members-** James Brennan, Kristina Koski, Frank Haslip, John Ison and Anna Griepentrog
4. **Open Public Hearing:**
 - A. **Discussion:** The board discussed the budget, Jim made a motion to approve the budget as is, seconded by Frank H. Roll call vote: Jim yes, Frank yes, Anna yes, John no, Tina no. Motion passed.
5. **Close Budget Hearing-** Jim closed the budget hearing at 6:55p.m.
6. **Call Regular meeting to order:** Jim called meeting to order at 6:56p.m.
7. **Approval of the Agenda-** Jim made a motion to approve the agenda with additions C., D & E. in new business. Seconded by Frank, motion passed.
8. **Approval of the minutes of February 22nd 2024-** John made a motion to approved February 22nd 2024 meeting minutes with one clerical error correction in reports, seconded by Frank, motion passed.
9. **Public Comment-** None
10. **Reports:**
 - A. **IOHT-** Jim attended his last meeting and the organization will continue to go for grants and will be looking at putting a millage on the November ballot.
 - B. **TIFA-** Bids on Dam project have gone out and close on April 8th. Mussel removal begins June 1st.
 - C. **WETESA-** Things are going along well, they now are going to quarterly meetings.

D. Zoning Administrator- 4 new application, 5 year to date

E. Ordinance Enforcement- 4 notices are being sent out for blight.

F. Assessor- Good report

8. Old Business:

A. UPEA Contract Agreement-Phase 2 Water Project- Jim made a motion to sign the UPEA contract agreement for the Phase 2 water project, seconded by Frank, Motion passed.

B. Verizon Agreement/NMU lease agreement- Jim made a combined motion for the Verizon agreement and the NMU lease agreement to be looked over by our lawyers first, seconded by Tina, Motion passed.

9. New Business:

A. Increase Water Rates- Jim made a motion to accept the mandated water rate increase, seconded by Tina, Roll Call Vote 5 ayes, Motion passed.

B. Flood Plain Resolution- If anyone is interested, they can contact FEMA.

C. Mulch & Sand at the beach- Jim made a motion to table this until further research is done, seconded by John, Motion passed.

D. Cemetery- Jim made a motion that any cemetery lots over 100 years old, with no body, contract or deed is to be forfeited, seconded by Frank, roll call vote, 5 ayes, Motion passed.

E. Starlink Internet- Jim made a motion to table discussion on starlink internet services, seconded by Anna, Motion passed.

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

11. Public Comment- Faye Mattila, Irene Dishno, Marilyn Helmila

11. Board Comments- Frank, Tina, Jim

12. Adjourn- Motioned by John to adjourn meeting at 7:37p.m., seconded by Frank, Motion passed.

Sworn and subscribed to by:

Anna Griepentrog, Clerk

Date

APPROVED