

Republic Township Board

February 22, 2018

Regular Meeting Minutes

1. CALL TO ORDER:

Supervisor Ulrich called the meeting to order @ 7:00pm.... All Board Members were present.

2. SALUTE TO FLAG:

3. WELCOME TO THE PUBLIC

4. APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen to approve with the addition of 9B, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

01/25/2018 - Regular meeting – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

01/30/2018 – Budget Meeting – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich with one correction, newest DPW employees would be \$12.50 per hour after raise, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

02/06/2018 – Budget Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan

Martin Oakley

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– Nothing at this time
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Last week to collect Taxes, I will be in the office all day (9 – 5), Wednesday, February 28, 2018. Also wish to bring to the Board’s attention that we have received our settlement check of \$2500 from our dispute with Mr. Keith Perry, that has been reflected as a reimbursement to our checking.
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – Nothing at this time
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – The Recreation Plan has been forwarded to the Board for their approval
- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – The next court date for the Lindholm issue is on February 26th. Terry has forwarded a timeline for the Board’s approval, motion to accept it by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried
- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Nothing at this time

- k. **SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR** – Safety Meetings with DPW every month, the Humboldt Rail Meeting, the Planning Commission meeting, a meeting with Central Dispatch and have been working on the assessing role approximately 35 hours per week getting it ready for the 2018 tax year., and meeting with various constituents regarding same.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Sewer Grant**– Documents finalization.

- i. **Resolution #1** - \$26,000 Bond that was added on, motion to approve by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay

Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay

Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

All in favor, Motion is carried.

Resolution #2 - \$404,000 Bond, for the majority of project, motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay

Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay

Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- ii. **Bond Ordinance – Ordinance # 2018-39.** This governs the financing of the Bond and repayment of same. This also governs the Bond Reserve Account and the RRI account. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay

Trustee Feldhusen Aye - Nay

Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- iii. **Setup of Construction Account** – This has been done and the EFT's have all been set up as well through TruNorth Federal Credit Union.

- iv. **First Draw** – This packet includes all the expenses incurred to date both paid and unpaid and also reflects what the draw request forms look like. This form shows what the USDA is ready to reimburse now, and how those funds should be allocated. Those will be handled on a monthly basis. Motion to approve this Resolution by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich **Aye** - **Nay**
Treasurer Koski **Aye** - **Nay**
Clerk Brancheau **Aye** - **Nay**
Trustee Feldhusen **Aye** - **Nay**
Trustee Stankus **Aye** - **Nay**

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- v. **Project Engineers** – There will be multiple people constantly monitoring this project, a Construction Manager, “Dan”, will be on site everyday to monitor quality, quantity etc. Regular meetings will be held to keep everyone up to date and on track. Motion to approve Resumes of the three engineers as presented by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor, motion carried.
- vi. **402-2 – Checking Account** – This represents a tally of every penny spent on the project and where spent, will be updated every month.
- vii. **Compliance Review** – These forms have already been completed for the water including the questions at the end of the form, we can simply submit this for the sewer since these numbers and information are all the same.
- viii. **Copy of Permits for Sewer discharge from Lagoons, and Verification that all bid requirements were followed.**
- ix. **Security Vulnerability Assessment** – This just needs to be looked at once a year, re-verified by the board and kept on file.
- x. **Engineering Services Agreement Amendment** – This is an amendment to the original since there have been amendments to the project. Motion to approve the amendment by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich **Aye** - **Nay**
Treasurer Koski **Aye** - **Nay**
Clerk Brancheau **Aye** - **Nay**
Trustee Feldhusen **Aye** - **Nay**
Trustee Stankus **Aye** - **Nay**

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- b. **Old Bank Building Grant**– UPEA, still waiting to hear back on the MDARD grant. Also waiting to hear back from the DNR on plan submissions.
- c. **5 Year Rec Plan** – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to approve the Rec Plan update with the stipulation that it will be revised within the next 3 months...Per Mr. Oakley there are several things we are waiting to hear back on financially, so it would be best to make the revisions requested along with the financial revisions, so if we could have six months so that all could be done at the same time. Supervisor Ulrich, withdrew his motion. It was noted that the phone number is incorrect in a couple of places, so please correct. Motion to approve the corrected (phone number) 5-year Recreation Plan 2017 – 2022 with the stipulation that it be revised in 6 months, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor...it was brought to Supervisor Ulrich’s attention that a Resolution and Roll Call vote is necessary, Supervisor Ulrich motioned to rescind that motion, seconded by Trustee Stankus,

all in favor, motion rescinded. Then Supervisor Ulrich made a Resolution to approve with those same stipulations and corrections, seconded by Trustee Stankus, (copy attached)

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich **Aye** - **Nay**

Treasurer Koski **Aye** - **Nay**

Clerk Brancheau **Aye** - **Nay**

Trustee Feldhusen **Aye** - **Nay**

Trustee Stankus **Aye** - **Nay**

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- d. Rail Corridor Board Member Election** – One member from each township, Republic and Humboldt, and the County Commissioner for the west end make up the board. Supervisor Ulrich requested nominations for the representative from Republic Township. Trustee Stankus made motion to nominate Supervisor Ulrich for the position, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, all in favor with one abstention, motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. RMS Library**– Larry Wuokko from RMS spoke briefly regarding his request. Clerk Brancheau asked if Michigamme has been asked and they have not since they have their own library that they pay for. Treasurer Koski asked about Humboldt Township, and he said they had not. But Mr. Wuokko was willing to consider it. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to approve the \$6,000.00 for the budget, seconded by Treasurer Koski

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich **Aye** - **Nay**

Treasurer Koski **Aye** - **Nay**

Clerk Brancheau **Aye** - **Nay**

Trustee Feldhusen **Aye** - **Nay**

Trustee Stankus **Aye** - **Nay**

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- b. Recreation Committee new member request**– Stephanie Oakley has requested to be placed on the Recreation Committee. Motion by Treasurer Koski to approve, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor, motion carried.

- 10. PAYMENT OF BILLS** – Motion by Treasurer Koski to pay as presented and signed, seconded by Clerk Brancheau,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich **Aye** - **Nay**

Treasurer Koski **Aye** - **Nay**

Clerk Brancheau **Aye** - **Nay**

Trustee Feldhusen **Aye** - **Nay**

Trustee Stankus **Aye** - **Nay**

All in favor, Motion is carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan

Kristina Koski

Martin Oakley

John Ulrich – Keep Phil Lorenz in your thoughts

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 8:17 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date

Approved