

Republic Township Board

May 24, 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 Supervisor Ulrich revise 9C summer help, 9G invoices, Clerk Brancheau stated that that did not need to be on there that it had been addressed, to which Supervisor Ulrich did not respond, and 9H, Historical Society Sign, seconded by Trustee Stankus, to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

04/19/2018 Regular Meeting - Motion by Treasurer Koski to approve, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried

05/10/2018 Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski to approve, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor motion carried.

05/22/2018 Special Meeting – Motion By Treasurer Koski to approve with correction to reflect who made the motion and second for coming out of closed session, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– Nice to see the campground sign fixed
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Meeting with UPPCO, tour of building for an energy efficiency study. They will send us a report. Also noted that the roof on the water filtration plant building is in poor condition and we should get that fixed before this coming winter. I also toured all the other buildings.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – I would appreciate it if we could receive the agenda with all of the attachments prior to the meeting day.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time.
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – There is a sign going up right by the trail entryway, the bike stop and bench will be up by September and they are ready to write a check for the old bank building when we need it.
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – First the County gave their approval for the rezoning of the North Bank Lane properties, which now should be before the township board. Second the Rec Committee has made a recommendation to the

PC to remove the Witch Lake Playground, the PC has unanimously agreed and have put that to the Board for a decision. The deed needs to be reviewed to be certain the removal of the playground will not be in violation. The Planning Commission will be holding a public hearing at their next meeting regarding the Medical Marijuana Zoning. Master Plan and Rec Plan are under review. Mr. Brennan agreed to get a copy of the deed for review.

- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – The report submitted is complete
- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – 3 new complaints filed, 1 is resolved, 1 is unfounded at this time, the other originated as a junk vehicle complaint, but upon inspection it appears that the building may be unsafe. It looks as though we will need to have a dangerous buildings hearing officer if it comes to that, so we need to look into that. Will contact the people again about getting that old building removed down by Fence River Road.
- k. **SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR** – Congratulate this year’s graduates. Safety Meetings with DPW every month, attended MTA conference and the MCTA meeting. Assessment Roll has been rolled over the 2018 tax year.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Old Bank Building Grant**– Revised documents to be submitted to DNR, get them approved and hopefully go out for bids soon.
- b. **Lindholm** – There is an amended Court Order pending that the Board needs to approve regarding their Chief Lake Property. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. **Roads** – This has been discussed previously, to do gravel work on Walstroms Road the cost is about \$16,586.79 which works out to be approximately half of the road this year and then the other half of the road will be discussed next year. They can only do half this year because of the cost and time involved on trucking the gravel. Treasurer Koski went on to state that as many of you are aware, we had discussed getting gravel from the 40 acres we own on the other side of M 95 but because of a complaint by one citizen that was put on hold. She stated that if the MCRC could use that gravel it would save a great deal of money. Motion by Treasurer Koski to approve the funds, seconded by Clerk Brancheau

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich X Aye - _____ Nay
Treasurer Koski X Aye - _____ Nay
Clerk Brancheau X Aye - _____ Nay
Trustee Feldhusen X Aye - _____ Nay
Trustee Stankus X Aye - _____ Nay
All in favor, Motion is carried.

- d. **TIFA Request** – Last month the TIFA requested to purchase from the township a piece of land from the township. Mr. Brennan investigated the deed to see if there are any restrictions and there is nothing that can be seen at this time. This piece of land would be used as an asset for the TIFA to be able to get a loan for the dam gates and to finish paying for the dam.

- e. **Revised Medical Marihuana Ordinance – (Police Power)** Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, 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

- f. **New Fire Truck** – Probably a good idea to table the purchase of the fire truck at this time since membership was down and no new members on the horizon. Need a motion to rescind the previous purchase motion as it was made with incorrect figures. Motion to rescind 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

Treasurer Koski stated we will discuss this further, possibly look into getting it refurbished and we will check the budget to see about purchasing additional equipment from the quote received from Pomasl.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Foreclosures** – The county has offered three properties to the Township for purchase for \$1950.00. they are 51-12-404-003-00, 52-12-404-004-00 and 52-12-404-005-00.

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. **P.C. Vacancy** – Since we had already received a letter of interest from Mr. Rick Siegel before, Motion by Treasurer Koski to appoint Mr. Rick Siegel, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

Motion to approve the General Operating Millage for 5 mils by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

- c. **Summer Help** – There are 5 applications to review. Some are very young. Unfortunately, a 15-year old cannot yet drive. Al has said he could certainly find enough work for 3 more if the budget can afford them. Motion by Treasurer Koski to hire 3 more, Dylan Hanninen, Rachel Kamminen and Jay Fetters, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich.

Roll Call Vote:

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

5 Ayes, 0 Nay, Motion is carried.

- d. **Zoning Board of Appeals**– One member must be from the Planning Commission, and the Planning Commission has already approved for Marty Oakley to sit on this board. The two others are Treasurer Koski and Mr. Ron Kulie from the public at large.
- e. **Old Sauna Purchase**– This is regarding the old sauna that sits adjacent to the Hiber property. The Township had voted to remove it last year, but it did not get done before winter, so now the Township has received a request for a purchase price to be determined so Mr. Richard Mikus can consider purchasing it. Motion by Treasurer Koski to sell it for \$1.00. seconded by Trustee Stankus, but they must sign a waiver to hold the Township harmless in all ways

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

- f. **Wise request for reimbursement of interest and penalties** – A mistake was made when the parcel was split and these folks were questioning the payment of taxes on some parcels as they appeared to be duplicates, the mistake has since been corrected and they are asking for the \$37.25. Motion was made by Supervisor Ulrich to cover these fees, Clerk Brancheau and Treasurer Koski stated that the funds should not come from the taxpayers. Mr. Johnson explained what happened, it was an honest mistake. Treasurer Koski stated that they received their bills on December 1st and no due diligence was done until after February 28th, meaning that Assessor Ulrich did not respond to the letters written by the Wise's until it was too late to correct. It should be charged to the assessor's section of the budget, which all parties agreed, Treasurer Koski then seconded the motion

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich X Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski X Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau X Aye - Nay

Trustee Feldhusen X Aye - Nay

Trustee Stankus X Aye - Nay

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- g. UPEA Invoices** – The Office Manager spoke to Matt Treado to take care of these issues. They will get paid
- h. Historical Society Sign** – They would like to put up a nice sign to point down the street where their museum is located on Township Property. Motion by Supervisor to permit the permanent sign there on Cedar Street and Evergreen as long as they follow the sign ordinance, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Johnson stated he would get all the info to them.

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

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich X Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski X Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau X Aye - Nay

Trustee Feldhusen X Aye - Nay

Trustee Stankus X Aye - Nay

All in favor, Motion is carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Casey Honeyager

Carol Nicholas

Mary Ulrich

Amy Dinkins

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 8:16 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date