

Republic Township Board

October 25, 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 seconded by Treasurer Koski, to approve with the addition of an application to 8A Old Bank Building, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

09/27/2018 Regular Meeting – Motion to approve by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE HASLIP**– Nothing at this time
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Welcome Trustee Haslip to the Board
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Also Welcome Trustee Haslip to the Board
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** –And also Welcome Trustee Haslip to the Board
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – \$25,000 has been moved to the 2019 budget.
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – 2 items to pass to the Board, one is to find someone to make development plans for the 90 acres and the other to file another passport grant for playground equipment
- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – written report submitted.
- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Nothing to report.
- k. **SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR** – @ MJO meetings for sewer system, 2 meetings with Dam issues, safety meetings and various other meetings. Assessor resolved on Tax tribunal case as well as other various Assessor duties.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Old Bank Building Grant**– received feedback from MNRTF, they wanted us to add a video camera as well as a couple other minor things, those changes have

been made and the revised application is ready to submit, hoping for a quick turnaround. Also, we have prepared an application for an MDARD grant, these are funds from mining taxes and Marquette county gets first consideration. This would mean an additional \$100,000 to what we have already been approved for by MNRTF. Motion to approve the application by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried

- b. **Sewer Project** – All the lift stations in North Republic will be done before winter, then there is one in South Republic will be done in Spring. Another pay draw is needed. Motion for pay draw Resolution by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, (Resolution attached)

Roll Call Vote:

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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- c. **TIFA** – Asking Board to approve changes to the by-laws that will change the fiscal year from calendar year to April to March to match the Township, motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to make those changes, all in favor, motion carried.
- d. **Ordinance Review Committee** – No one else has stepped forward to fill the position of public at large for the third person for the committee, Supervisor Ulrich nominated Terry Knapp in response to the recommendation from the Zoning Administrator Trustee Haslip supported that nomination all in favor, nomination carried. So, the committee will consist of John Kraft, PC Chair, Gary Johnson, Zoning Admin., and Terry Knapp from the public at large.
- e. **Republic Area Historical Society** – No further reprieve will be granted to the Beulah House for water and sewer charges, all funds currently billed to date are to be paid, Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Assessor's Office**– The Assessor's office is much too small and something needs to be done. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to place a simple assessor's office in the old fire bay, seconded by Trustee Stankus, Treasurer Koski stated that it will not come out of this year's budget, that it will be discussed and budgeted for in the 2019/2020 fiscal year.

Roll Call Vote:

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

All in favor, Motion is carried.

b. **Sexton Office** – We should also do something for the cemetery Sexton, Treasurer Koski suggested cubicle dividers instead of actual walls.

c. **Sewer Rates** – The rates shall remain the same but in future we will now break out the operating and maintenance from the sewer debt so that those numbers will be more accurately reflected in the budget figures. \$30.00 for O&M and \$11.00 for Sewer Debt. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich,

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay

Trustee Haslip Aye - Nay

Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

All in favor, Motion is carried.

d. **Additional payment to USDA on Fire/EMS Bond** – We have again built up sufficient funds in the Account for the Fire and EMS bond to make another \$80,000.00 payment. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay

Trustee Haslip Aye - Nay

Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

All in favor, Motion is carried.

e. **Budget Amendments** – Will be done next month so as to include the Sewer Project pay draw.

10. **PAYMENT OF BILLS** – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Haslip to pay bills as presented

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich Aye - Nay

Treasurer Koski Aye - Nay

Clerk Brancheau Aye - Nay

Trustee Haslip Aye - Nay

Trustee Stankus Aye - Nay

All in favor, Motion is carried.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Nicholas

Jim Brennan

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 7:55 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date

Approved