

Republic Township Board

January 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 Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen to approve with the addition of 8G, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

12/21/2017 - Regular meeting – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

01/08/2018 – Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

01/16/2018 – Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

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** – Nothing at this time
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – Jim Brennan gave a report, meeting last night with public hearing on their 5- year rec plan and voted to accept it and send it off for the next stage for approval
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – The public hearing for the new rec plan will be held on February 12, 2018 @ 7:00pm, election of members, and coming to the board for approval to apply for a grant to see if we can get new playground equipment for no more than \$35,000. Mr. Oakley objected to using the current quote that Mr. Brennan had because it stated \$37,000. Mr. Brennan stated that this is the quote that we received that includes installation, the equipment costs are actually far less, we may be able to trim some costs but it has to be looked at by the engineers and they have to start with something and there are other places where we can try to get funds. This will be discussed at budget time.

- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – Submitted monthly report, right now there are 6 new dwellings under construction.
- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Requested trial date for Lindholm’s, they have scheduled another pre-trial conference
- k. **SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR** – Safety Meetings with DPW every month, several TIFA Meetings, several meetings with Roger Crimmins and DEQ on the dam. MTA Meeting, and Well head meeting. Finished construction inspections, did drive around the township, UPPCO meeting, and Central Dispatch Meeting.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Sewer Grant**– Still signing paperwork, changes were made in the funds.
- b. **Old Bank Building Grant**– Recreation passport grants are being worked on to find additional funds for this building project. UPEA is working on that.
- c. **Medical Marijuana** – We have received feedback from Fahey/Schultz that should be taken into consideration. The best thing to do is have a PC/Board combined meeting to discuss all of this. Scheduled for February 27 @ 12 noon.
- d. **5 Year Recreation Plan** – The public hearing is set in February as previously stated.
- e. **Township Road Paving**– When taxes are received this year we should have just shy of \$150,000 in the coffers, so no serious work can be done, but we had previously approved Walstroms Road to be redone in gravel, so that needs to be checked on as to why it wasn’t done. Hawks Drive could be addressed again after the dam gate issue is settled.
- f. **Campground Business** – Kim Isaacson has submitted a letter to the board requesting to do a Facebook page for the campground and also requested a golf cart for campground maintenance (tabled until budget). Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to allow Kim to do the Facebook page, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, after discussion, motion amended by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus to put tight security on the page to not allow random posting, all in favor, motion carried. The second thing is the ad with Michigan Trails magazine for 1/8 page for \$395.00 this was discussed last year and we wanted to wait for this year. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich

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.

M-95 Signs for IOHT and campground, they run about \$400.00 with MDOT. We could check to see if DNR could help because, there may be other avenues we can check into. Jim Brennan will check into various options.

- g. **IOHT Representative** – Motion to renew Mr. James Brennan’s position as Township Representative on the IOHT by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **MTA 2018 Conference**– The conference this year is scheduled for April 22 – 26. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to approve expenses for the conference

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. **Life Support Agency Restocking Agreement**– This is the agreement between our ambulance the Duke Lifepoint to keep our ambulance stocked with the appropriate medications and linens. This is a renewal. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich to renew

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.

- c. **Snow Removal Maki's** – When the county plows the roads, they leave a large berm that blocks Maki's parking lot that is actually on township property, we will ask Al Koski to make sure that gets taken care of.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion 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.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Marilyn Helmila

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 8:31 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date