

Republic Township Board

December 21, 2017

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, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

11/16/2017 Regular meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– Wish everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Also wishing everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – The same
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Also the same and will be in the office all day on Thursday, December 28, 2017 to collect taxes
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – Meeting last night, went over 5-year Rec Plan, there will be a public hearing on that on January 24th.
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – On the agenda
- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – Went to court on Lindholm Issue on December 4th, it has been continued for January, more on the agenda later
- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Hibers have not responded to our last communications of November 28th, motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to enforce the Ordinance if no response by January 1, 2018, all in favor, motion carried.

- k. **SUPERVISOR/ASSESSOR** – Safety Meetings with DPW every month, Three separate meetings on the dam. Attended MCTA meeting, had December BOR, and the sewer bid opening on December 13th. Visited various parcels as assessor.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Sewer Grant**– Bid opening was on December 13th. Quite a few bids were received. Matt Treado gave a presentation on the bids received. The USDA requires that the lowest bidders are awarded the contracts. The low bid for the Sewer upgrades was MJO of Hancock, and the low bid for the garage was Zawada out of Oak City. Motion to approve by resolution by Treasurer Koski, 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.

- b. **Old Bank Building Grant**– There are additional funds that have been made available to Marquette County, UPEA wished to know if the Township would be interested in pursuing these additional funds for the Bank Building. The Board granted permission to UPEA to file for the additional funds to see if we can qualify for it. The board will review the information when it comes back.

**** Five minute Break**

- c. **Medical Marijuana** – There was a lengthy discussion regarding possible changes needed for the Zoning Ordinance, that will be looked into. There was discussion regarding the letter to “Opt-in” that needs to be filed with the State of Michigan. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus,

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.

There was additional discussion regarding the draft application that had been presented to the board for their review for the Medical Marijuana application process. It was decided to have the Township Attorney review it before the board approves it.

- d. **5 Year Recreation Plan** – There was discussion about the Recreation Plan currently under review for renewal, there are additional requirements that need to be met and the PC will continue their work on it in January 2018.
- e. **Lindholm Issue**– For the most part the issue on Evergreen Street with the old shell station has been addressed and is in compliance, but the Chief Lake property

still has problems with the set-backs as well as other issues. Since Attorney Kevin Koch is retiring, the board will approach the firm of Bensinger, Cotant and Menkes to complete the handling of this issue.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. Resolution for National Incident Management System**– Also known as NIMS, this resolution is to adopt this standard for Emergency Management for the Township. Motion to approve by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen

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. PC Capital Improvements**– The Planning Commission presented their findings for suggested Capital Improvements for the coming 5 years. This information will be taken up during the upcoming budget meetings.

- c. Township School Choice Week Resolution** – This is to recognize the week of January 21st through the 27th 2018 as Republic Township School Choice Week. 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.

- d. Budget Amendments** – Treasurer Koski presented several budget amendments needing to be made, motion by Supervisor Ulrich to approve as presented, 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.

10. PAYMENT OF BILLS – 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.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Terry Knapp – Suggested the Fahey firm to go over Marijuana issue

Casey Honeyager

Jim Brennan

Martin Oakley

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

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date