

Republic Township Board

January 26, 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 by Supervisor Ulrich seconded by Trustee Stankus to approve, all in favor, motion carried. Add 1 item 9K, Michigan Trails magazine ad.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

12/15/16 Regular Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Stankus, to approve with correction on 7G, remove “make” all in favor, motion carried.

12/23/16 Special Meeting – Motion by Trustee Stankus, seconded by Treasurer Koski, with the corrections to read “Supervisor Ulrich responded with a question”. “Clerk Brancheau asked a question and Supervisor Ulrich did not respond.” Cross out “all” and put in 2 abstentions.

12/21/16 Special Meeting – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

1/5/17 Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor, motion carried.

1/11/17 Special Meeting – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Dean DuMoulin

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN– MCRC** The plow trucks now have green lights on them to help make them more visible, also increasing speed limits on certain roads and are also looking for used equipment to help replace some worn equipment.
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS- MCSWMA** – Marquette County has withdrawn as one of the constituents, we have 75% that want them to stay, and the Attorney General stated it should be handled by the courts, there was a motion to take it to court at the meeting, but there was no support, so it remains in limbo. Recycling, there is now a new flat rate based on how much each municipality brings in, paid once a year. There was discussion regarding what we qualify for. Motion to remain in

the recycling program by Trustee Stankus, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** - Nothing at this time
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time.
- e. **DPW** – Al Koski is working on getting prices for replacing water plant parts.
- f. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time.
- g. **ASSESSOR** – Nothing at this time.
- h. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** - First Draft of new Zoning Maps. All Board Members have a copy. The map in digital form will go all the way down to parcel level which should be ready in a couple more weeks.
- i. **SUPERVISOR** – Met with Humboldt Twp Supervisor and Joe DeRocha regarding the rail line. There is a meeting scheduled on February 13, 2017 @ 6:30pm prior to Humboldt's regular Board Meeting. Had a lunch meeting with Joe DeRocha, other Twp Supervisors, the new sheriff and others. I also have office hours on Thursdays from 10 am to 12 pm and I am also available by phone at home.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Mine Rail Agreement** – Meeting February 13, 2017 @ 6:30. All can attend.
- b. **Sewer Grant**– Met with Matt Treado from UPEA. It was the Board's decision to purchase two lots in South Republic from Republic Mountain Lake, LLC for \$4,200 in order for the right of way to be unencumbered.
- c. **Veteran's Memorial** – Currently has a balance of \$12,577.76 to help pay for the new memorial.
- d. **Fire Bay bids** – There were multiple bids submitted, copies of which can be reviewed in the Township Office. Motion by Trustee Stankus, seconded by Treasurer Koski to accept the bid from Mark Jylha in the amount of \$2,450.00, all in favor, motion carried
- e. **Campground** – Check has been sent for the sign for the DNR and the solar lights have been ordered. Other lights are being looked at. Picnic tables are under construction.
- f. **Old Bank Building Grant** – Spoke with Matt Treado/UPEA, Carol Fulsher would like to meet with the Board and the Historical Society to work on some logistics. Dean DuMoulin met with the IOHTA last evening to discuss some of these things. They wish to help monetarily but will need some details. Matt Treado did send a letter to Carol for \$25,000, we don't expect that, but hopefully we can see some of it.
- g. **Budget Workshop** – next one is February 8, 2017@ 1:00pm.
- h. **Emergency Committee** – No one has applied yet.
- i. **Revised Personnel Manual** – tabled until next meeting, it needs some additional time to be looked at.
- j. **Ordinance Enforcement Officer** – No one has applied yet. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to advertize in the Marquette Mining Journal, but the suggestion was made to advertize in the Township Newsletter first. Should put Emergency Committee in there too.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. MDOT**– Performance resolution for governmental agencies. This is renewed annually to grant permits for us to work along the right of ways of State Roads. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. DNR Land Swap**– Initial Budget Meeting date is set for January 19, 2016 @ 1:00 pm. There is an individual who is offering his private land in Schoolcraft County to the State of Michigan in exchange for a State owned piece of land here in Republic Township, the DNR has asked our opinion on this. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich to approve the swap, all in favor, motion carried. Treasurer Koski agreed to write the letter.
- c. Republic Motocross** – Mr. Uren, found a 24/7/365 1 million dollar coverage policy but with an \$8,000.00 annual premium, it is a bit expensive, the other option is that he has an LLC that could allow for day coverage, but it doesn't cover the person who sneaks on the track. He has been talking with other clubs to try to combine things. The Board asked for a copy of the signed copy of the contract he has.
- d. Marquette County Health Dept/Moose Rapids** – The DPW is very aware of what needs to be done this spring prior to the opening of Moose Rapids. The screens need repair on the port-o-johns, and they need to be slightly relocated, the sites need to be numbered, and of course the water testing needs to be done. The Sportsmen's Club is also aware and will work with the Township to address these issues.
- e. Printer for Assessor** – The cost to repair the old printer is almost that of a new printer. The estimate was \$934.00 with no guarantee of a complete fix. The new printer is about \$1400.00. Motion by Treasurer Koski to purchase the new printer, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- f. ID Badges** – Supervisor Ulrich stated it was State Law for us all to have ID badges, but Clerk Brancheau asked to see the law.
- g. Silent Auction** – Supervisor Ulrich is suggesting that the Township have a silent auction to dispose of unused items and equipment. Trustee Stankus suggested listing the items in the newsletter.
- h. Moose Rapids Maintenance** – covered under 9D
- i. Resolution for use of Visa Card** – Resolution for Township Credit Card Use. Copy will be put with minutes. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer, all in favor, motion carried.
- j. Salary Resolution** – will be done at Budget Workshop.
- k. Michigan Trails** – This is for primarily the campground. A 1/8 page ad is \$395.00. Probably best wait until next year after we have collected some revenue.

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:

**Carol Kellow
Marilyn Helmila
Dean DuMoulin**

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 8:55 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date

Approved