

**Republic Township Board
February 23, 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 the agenda with the addition of 9G TIFA, all in favor, motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

01/25/17 Special Meeting – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus with the addition of “to purchase the land” in Sewer grant update after Supervisor Ulrich’s motion, all in favor motion carried

01/26/17 Regular Meeting – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus with the addition of 2nd page of Intergovernmental agreement added, all in favor, motion carried

01/31/17 Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich to approve, all in favor, motion carried.

02/14/17 Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor motion carried.

5. PUBLIC COMMENT:

None

6. REPORTS:

a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– Mine in Michigamme/Road is still viable, and will probably be completed

b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Nothing at this time

c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** - New Voting machines and electronic poll book, there are three vendors bidding, with the bidding war, the Townships will not have to pay anything for the new machines and the first 5 years include free maintenance. Resolution to accept the offer, motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen to accept,

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. **TREASURER KOSKI** – February 28th is the last day to pay your taxes in Republic, March 1 everything goes back to Marquette County, also on Saturday, there will be a work bee at the fire hall building picnic tables for the campground, and anyone who can help is appreciated.
 - e. **DPW** – Al Koski is working on getting prices for replacing water filter parts, he has been trying for almost 2 months now but is finally having some success with a company from Wisconsin that is responding more timely.
 - f. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time.
 - g. **ASSESSOR** – Nothing at this time.
 - h. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** - First Draft of new Zoning Maps is here for everyone to look at, and a public hearing will be held at the next Planning Commission meeting in March for the public to comment. There are some buildings without building permits. There is one on Chief Lake Road has been going on since October, the one on 601 should be resolved in a timely fashion. That owner has been keeping in touch with me. The Land Division Ordinance needs amending. I have sent a Memo to the Board recommending these revisions. There have been changes in the State Statute since this Ordinance was written. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to revise Ordinance # 2013-31 as presented to the Board. Motion was amended to have it reviewed by an Attorney for any additional revisions, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor, motion carried.
 - i. **SUPERVISOR** – Attended training for BS&A for Assessor computer use, attended Budget Workshop with the Board, conducted interviews with 3 candidates for the DPW position along with Foreman Koski, oversaw the installation of the drywall in the fire bay, attended the meeting in Humboldt for the rail line, attended meeting with IOHT, attended a social event last weekend at the home of one of the County Commissioners with several State Representatives in attendance also and a TIFA meeting.
 - j. **IOHT** - None
- 7. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- a. **Mine Rail Agreement** – Next meeting April 5th @5:30pm here at the town hall.
 - b. **Sewer Grant**– Email from Matt Treado Right of Way is with Attorney Burkhart for final review and a packet will be created for Rural Development, once that happens the plans will be submitted to us, USDA, Marquette County and DEQ for review and approvals
 - c. **Veteran’s Memorial** – Currently has a balance of \$13,003.76 to help pay for the new memorial. The fund received a donation from the proceeds of the Annual Andy Rosslund tennis ball golf tournament.
 - d. **Fire Bay** – Drywall is up, primer is on, down to the small details. Supervisor Ulrich has shown the Board old plans from a project in 2004 that he would like to now complete. There will be further discussions.

- e. **Budget workshop date**– March 2, 2017 1:00 pm
- f. **Republic Motocross** – Lease received from Eric Uren, insurance in place for days of events, dated from beginning of January 2016, through 12/31/2019
Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to continue this lease, all in favor, motion carried.
- g. **ID Badges** – Required only for employees who go on private property, excluding Fire and EMS, optional for all others motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor motion carried.
- h. **MCSWMA** – Pass their minutes to all board members

8. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Budget Approval**– At the next Board Meeting, usually posted in the paper and takes place @ 6:45 right before the meeting
- b. **DPW Hire**– Agree on Steven Harger, Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, pay to begin @ \$10.50 per hour due to existing experience, all in favor, motion carried
- c. **Assessor's Role** – Pay Gary Johnson \$100.00 to sign the assessment role and other work required after the Board of Review, motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor motion carried.
- d. **FOIA Subscription Fees** – Discussion regarding how a subscription fee would be applied, it would be simple to add it to the existing FOIA policy, consensus was to leave things as they are and just charge for labor time and copy costs.
- e. **TIFA By-Laws** – There need to be some changes made to the TIFA By-laws, those suggested changes were provided to us by the Folks currently on the TIFA. The two major changes are to strike the one year membership requirement before serving as Chair or Vice-Chair, and to change the requirement to have all 5 votes to the affirmative to pass a motion to a majority vote. Motion to support the suggested changes to the TIFA By-Laws as stated in the TIFA minutes of February 21, 2017 by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor with one abstention by Supervisor Ulrich since he is on the TIFA Board, motion carried
- f. **Zoning** – Letter was sent to Mr. Lindholm regarding his noncompliant trailer. The next step is for the Board to make a recommendation for continuing action. With no Ordinance Enforcement officer, the Supervisor is the responsible party. For now another letter will go out to Mr. Lindholm from Supervisor Ulrich before a citation is issued
- g. **TIFA Board Member Resignation/Replacement** – Todd Rankinen has resigned from the TIFA Board and Maggie Sheppard has offered to join. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to accept Maggie Sheppard, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried

9. **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.

10. **PUBLIC COMMENT:**

Fred Nannestad
Keith Perry
Carol Kellow

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 8:25 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date