

Republic Township Board
June 22, 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 Treasurer Koski with a correction of 9F “purchase of AED for Ambulance, not Town hall” seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

05/25/2017 Regular meeting – Motion by Trustee Stankus, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor motion carried

06/12/2017 Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, motion amended by Supervisor Ulrich with correction on 2nd page, Add “Supervisor Ulrich ask the board if they were aware that properties in North and South Republic had not been assessed since 2005, the Treasurer stated that she knew that fact.” Just prior to sentence “the discussion was brought to a close by Trustee Feldhusen. Amended motion supported by Trustee Stankus, all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Carol Nicholas

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– Nothing at this time
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Did not attend MCSW meeting.
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time.
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – NMU is replacing the electrical boxes up at the Tower to bring the electrical boxes up to code, taxes go out July 1st, big thanks to Great Lakes Conservation Corp and Marquette County DAV #22 for helping with picnic tables. I want to read Drew Griepentrog’s resignation letter. Letter was read and will be made part of the minutes.
- e. **DPW** – None
- f. **IOHT** – Email received, re: continuation of millage on August 8th ballot. ORV’s are cutting the corner at School Lake, corrections will be made to prevent this, also, the intern working with IOHT will be creating a Republic Flyer.
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time

- h. ASSESSOR** – Have been inspecting properties starting in South Republic.
 - i. PLANNING COMMISSION** – Nothing at this time
 - j. ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – There is one Non- compliance issue at Chief Lake that is being handled.
 - k. ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Discussed Lindholm issue regarding meeting with Attorney Kevin Koch. This would include both the problem at Chief Lake and the Blight issue at the Shell Station. Since the Shell Station is in a different name we would have to send separate letters. Would like to have a community committee to help address the Blight in town. This would be an unpaid committee of 5 -7 full time residents. They would take all complaints both written and verbal that can be submitted anonymously. They would then prioritize the complaints for the Ordinance Enforcement to address. Also we are exploring Ordinance language to hold liable the contractor for working without a permit as well as the homeowner.
 - l. SUPERVISOR** – Attended Michigan Association of Township Supervisor’s Meeting in Marquette.
- 8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**
- a. Sewer Grant**– Matt Treado from UPEA not able to attend tonight, we met this morning to discuss something the Board needs to pass. The Motion is to “ Ratify, confirm and approve the execution of the Administrative Consent Order No. 000338 dated November 14, 2016, between the Township and the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.” Treasurer Koski so moved, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.
 - b. Veteran’s Memorial** – Currently has a balance of \$15,100.22 to help pay for the new memorial. Sterling Schultz is working with Mudmen Masonry to get started.
 - c. WHPP Team Meetings**– Grant was submitted to continue the WHPP. We have to have quarterly meetings, Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to have these meetings, there should be two this year, one for the third quarter and one for the fourth, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Supervisor Ulrich graciously thanked Lori Burton for getting all the members names and signatures in a very short time frame.
 - d. Bank Building Grant** – The senate approved the funding, it now goes to the Governor for his signature.
 - e. Campground Final Payment** – Final payment has been made to Wuebben Construction for the Campground construction. Also, Supervisor Ulrich wanted to thank the individuals for their work in getting the trash bin for the campground sanded and painted to look nice. Those two ladies are Shelly Gransinger and Kim Isaacson.
 - f. Lindholm Issue** – Attorney Koch has suggested that we file a lawsuit in Circuit Court to handle these issues. The Chief Lake issue has been ongoing since October of 2016, since Mr. Lindholm has not responded at all, that we should send a letter to give him 15 days to comply, then move forward if there is no response. Do not issue any tickets; Circuit Court would force the issue to be resolved. A copy of the draft letter was given to Board Members for both the Chief Lake issue and the Shell Station issue. Initial motion by Trustee Stankus

and supported by Trustee Feldhusen to send Letters. Supervisor Ulrich read the exact wording of the motion from an email he received. Supervisor Ulrich then amended the motion to say that letters should be sent to both James Lindholm and Amanda Lindholm for the Chief Lake issue and to Amanda Lindholm for the Shell Station Issue to make the noted corrections within 15 days or the matter would be turned over to Attorney Koch for legal action. This was supported by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. UPEA Road Study**– Supervisor Ulrich had spoken to UPEA about possibly doing a road study for the township at a cost of \$4800.00. Treasurer Koski vehemently opposed the idea. She feels that we are all aware of what roads need repair since we all drive them and we do just fine working with the Road Commission in doing what we can with what funds we have.
- b. Walstrom Road**– Walstrom Road is in very poor condition, ~~DPW Foreman Koski~~ MCRC Foreman Mark Kaminen has asked the board to address the possibility of turning it back into a gravel road which is easier to maintain at a cost of about \$15,000.00. This would eliminate the problem areas. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. Fence River Road Paving Estimate** – The estimate received was in excess of \$730,000.00. This is just not doable for the Township.
- d. EMS Generator** – The storm from last April showed us things that need to be added to this generator in order for the EMS hall to be more efficient at being a shelter for future storms. Things like the water heater, refrigerator etc. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski with a note that the bid is for \$725.00 from Kukla Electric. Discussion from Terry Knapp regarding overloading the generator and being careful about what we should put on there. Also, this generator is not being serviced regularly. Discussion continued with limitations of generator. Supervisor Ulrich motioned to amend the original motion to remove the east dining room wall outlets, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried. Those in favor of accepting the bid with that item removed

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.

- e. Free Fall Transfer Station** – just like we had in spring with a 500# limit for no charge dumping.
- f. AED for Ambulance** – Have Lori get prices for new AED, then we can move the AED that is in the ambulance to the hall.

g. Sale of Property – A piece of property located behind the Hiber's. Republic Township owns the property. It is really not buildable, it is more a right of way for the road commission than anything else.

h. Cemetery – Mr. Munson quoted \$2,110.00 for stone cleaning. Motion by Treasurer Koski, 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.

i. Budget Amendments – Just some small budget amendments needed. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau

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.

j. Advertisement for Campground - \$199.00 for one year on website, Exploring the North. They design a webpage for us to include businesses and such. 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. PAYMENT OF BILLS – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau

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:
John Ison

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 8:41 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date

Approved