

Republic Township Board

July 27, 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 addition of "8J" Budget and "9H" Recreation committee seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

06/22/2017 Regular meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, with a correction on page 3, it was MCRC Foreman Mark Kaminen that requested the Board address that road, all in favor motion carried

07/20/2017 Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau, all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

Jim Brennan

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– Everyone did a great job on the Fishing Derby, there was a great deal of extra work required this year because of the Dam, and I commend everyone.
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Would like to see more Board Members at the Derby
- d. **TREASURER KOSKI** – Nothing at this time
- e. **DPW** – Nothing at this time
- f. **IOHT** – Nothing at this time.
- g. **FIRE/AMBULANCE** – Nothing at this time
- h. **ASSESSOR** – Have been inspecting properties starting in South Republic. Had BOR in July
- i. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – There are 2 Ordinances under review at this time for amendment consideration.
- j. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – Another new house being built
- k. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Lindholm has been served with Lawsuit as discussed.
- l. **SUPERVISOR** – Nothing at this time.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Sewer Grant**– Audit was completed earlier this month; Resolutions have been signed so we are almost at the end.
- b. **Veteran’s Memorial** – Is under construction. \$4,345.50 is the current balance.
- c. **Bank Building Grant** – The State has given the go ahead and funds have been approved. Walk through has been done with UPEA
- d. **EMS Building** – Kukla is working on the EMS building for backup generator added circuits and at the Tower.
- e. **EAN Internet** – The propane tank in the generator is there and things are moving along.
- f. **AED Purchase**– Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Stankus, to purchase for a price of \$2,395.00 from American AED.

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.

- g. **Rail Corridor** – Discussion with Humboldt Twp Supervisor. They are in contact with IOHT and how it may change their path. Hopefully we will know soon.
- h. **Phone System** – Approved at last meeting, and is on order.
- i. **Modified Contract with UPEA** – the language has been corrected regarding the Risk Allocation, motion to approve the General Engineering Services Agreement for 2017 as amended 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.

- j. **Budget Amendments** – A couple of minor amendments, motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich,

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.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Witch Lake Fire hall**– Needs some repair work, motion to get it done and approve whatever expenses are necessary by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.
- b. **Radio Tower Building** – The electrical box is being moved. On the part of the building where the box currently is there are problems with the roof etc. that needs to be repaired. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to advertize for bids for 1/2 roof and re-shingle roof, and anything else that this type of repair encompasses, support by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried
- c. **Scrap Metal Bid** – Kallonen Recycling for \$80.00 net ton for about 30 tons, total bid for \$2100.00. Motion to accept bid by Trustee Stankus, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

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.

- d. **Dave Grace** – Sheriff has been involved with the gun issue for the issues on 601 with Ison and Anderson. Letter has gone out for camper that is still there and we have given 10 days to remove, (August 5th), if not citation will be issued. If this does not resolve the issues over there, it would be prudent to involve Mr. Koch in helping us to find a resolution.
- e. **NMPSA** – Renew membership, \$15.00 each X 5 members = \$75.00 total
- f. **MCRC** – Wants to use our gravel pit on River Road for road repairs for Walstroms Road etc. It would save on expenses for these road repairs. Mr. Perry was recognized to speak. He stated that the land in question is deed restricted as it was donated to the Township for recreation purposes, there was never supposed to be a gravel pit there. He has a copy of the deed at home. Trustee Stankus suggested that we contact the county to get a copy of the deed. He suggested that Mr. Koch take care of it. Mr. Brennan stated that this had been researched before by Dan Mitchell and the Planning Commission, that it was determined that it could be used for gravel if we so chose.
- g. **Volunteer Emergency Coordinator** – Supervisor Ulrich has asked Mr. Ted DeWitt to be the Emergency Coordinator to be the “Right Hand Man” for Supervisor Ulrich who is the Emergency Management Director. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to approve this, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor motion carried.
- h. **Rec Committee** – Jim Brennan presented a brochure for the township that they would like to distribute to welcome centers around the area, there was some discussion, motion by Clerk Brancheau, seconded by Treasurer Koski to approve as is, all in favor, motion carried. Mr. Brennan also spoke about the TIFA, and contacting MDOT for campground signs. We could also speak to the IOHT about

getting possible help from the DNR for signage. There are 5 picnic tables left to do and gave an update on the Dam issue.

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:
Keith Perry
John Ison
Jim Lindholm

ADJOURNMENT: Supervisor Ulrich adjourned the meeting @ 8:15 pm.

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk Date

