

Republic Township Board

September 28, 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 Trustee Stankus to approve with the addition of 8I, 8J, 9J and 9K, all in favor, motion carried.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

08/24/2017 Regular meeting – Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

08/29/2017 Special Meeting – Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor, motion carried.

6. PUBLIC COMMENT:

NONE

7. REPORTS:

- a. **TRUSTEE FELDHUSEN**– Nothing at this time
- b. **TRUSTEE STANKUS**- Nothing at this time
- c. **CLERK BRANCHEAU** – Nothing at this time
- 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. **PLANNING COMMISSION** – Report Emailed to Board
- i. **ZONING ADMINISTRATOR** – Report provided to Board. Lindholm hearing was held, they have 60 days to come into compliance before the next hearing. Also we have 6 new construction projects going on right now.
- j. **ORDINANCE ENFORCEMENT** – Report provided. Russell Ruuti hearing in District Court, Mr. Ruuti is leaving the area, the Township Attorney advised it was best for us to drop this for now; Mr. Anderson and Mr. Ruuti were given copies of the Ordinances, they were instructed to follow them. Mr. and Mrs. Ison were informed of all of this and seemed okay with it for now. So, at this time, the ticket is being dismissed. The Witch Lake playground issue, it appears that this

building is in the process of being dismantled, will keep an eye on it and if it isn't finished up very soon, then further action will be taken.

- k. **SUPERVISOR** – Have prepared a draft Emergency Preparedness book, and have had meetings with various organizations to see if their buildings could be used as shelters in the event of need, I have received many good suggestions and have asked to be placed on the Marquette County 911 Committee.
- l. **ASSESSOR** – has visited 66 properties since last meeting and has visited the equalization department also.

8. UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

- a. **Sewer Grant**– We have received no bids. Matt Treado was able to reach one of the contractors who told him they felt that not enough time was given to complete the project and since much of the work would be subbed out, the GC's felt they were taking on too much liability for not enough work for themselves to justify it. So we will reach out to the others and see what their concerns are and possibly make adjustments.
- b. **Employee Policy Manual**– Trustee Feldhusen felt that we should go ahead and approve the manual as is and then if need be re-address situations later as they arise with the date for approval being today's date. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen, seconded by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried
- c. **MCRC Gravel Pit** – The Planning Commission did not feel they were able to make a decision, they suggested we go back to the attorneys that originally made the decision. Supervisor Ulrich stated that he had spoken with DPW Foreman Koski who told him there is an area down by the lagoons which has ample gravel for the MCRC needs, therefore Supervisor Ulrich recommends we use that area. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus to use that area, all in favor, motion carried
- d. **Radio Tower/Witch Lake Fire Hall Roofs.** – We have been unable to get any bids. Matt Treado will come up with a list of smaller contractors that could handle this and see if we can find one.
- e. **Kevin Koch** – Is retiring the end of this year. We have appreciated his service. The Board will ask him for a recommendation for a replacement.
- f. **Bank Building Grant**– Finishing touches being put on plans, should be ready next week to send them into RD.
- g. **AED Installation in Town Hall** – Why has the older AED not been put in the Township Hall yet?
- h. **Rail Corridor** – The attorneys have put final approval on the document and it should be getting back to us shortly.
- i. **Wellhead Protection**– Trying to get everyone together for a meeting
- j. **Roads** – To be addressed in the spring.

9. NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **L4029 Tax Form**– With all supporting documents for this year. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich to bring the expiring 1.4 mils Township Operating Expense back before the public at the first election next year. Treasurer Koski stated that this millage is an allocated millage mandated by State Law, it is actually the

Roads that expires next year, and Supervisor Ulrich withdrew his motion. Treasurer Koski then made the motion to bring the Road millage up for the election next August to renew for 2018 – 2022 inclusive, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor motion carried. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to bring the 5 Mils General Operating for the Township before the voters in August of 2018, all in favor, motion carried. Motion to approve the L4029 form to approve as presented, supported by Treasurer Koski, all in favor, motion carried.

- b. Approve Zoning Ordinance Section 417 Amendment** – This addresses campers. Motion to approve by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Trustee Feldhusen, all in favor, motion carried.
- c. Heritage Garden** – Request to install a split rail fence, estimated cost \$400.00. Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski, but not sure how much DPW can help, we will ask them to help as time permits, all in favor motion carried.
- d. Remove Log Building** – Small log building on Township Property, this needs to be removed, motion to remove by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Trustee Stankus, all in favor, motion carried.
- e. Sell Dump Truck** – We have an old dump truck that needs to be gotten rid of. Motion by Trustee Stankus, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich to scrap the truck, all in favor motion carried
- f. CPAP Machine for Al Koski** – This is required in order for Al to keep his CDL License which the Township requires, Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau with the understanding that he pays for his own replacement parts when needed

Roll Call Vote:

Supervisor Ulrich	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aye	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Treasurer Koski	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aye	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Clerk Brancheau	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aye	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Trustee Feldhusen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aye	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay
Trustee Stankus	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Aye	-	<input type="checkbox"/>	Nay

All in favor, Motion is carried.

- g. Sale of Fuel Oil Tank at Witch Lake Fire Hall** – Robert Mattila bid \$35.00 for the old fuel oil tank at the Witch Lake Fire Hall, Motion by Supervisor Ulrich, seconded by Treasurer Koski to accept it, all in favor, motion carried.
- h. Pocket Park Fence** – Like to replace the fence there, Supervisor Ulrich would like to either purchase the materials or purchase one from Menards and have School children help put the fence up; MARESA says we can do that. Motion by Trustee Feldhusen to check the cost, seconded by Supervisor Ulrich, all in favor, motion carried
- i. Disaster Preparedness** – A booklet is now being prepared for this and will be presented to the Board for approval at a later date.
- j. Delinquent Taxes over 5 years** – Delinquent Personal Property Taxes. Attorney Kevin Koch has offered to assist Townships to help collect these funds. Supervisor Ulrich stated that he saw over \$35,000 still to be collected on the Revenue/Expense Report. Treasurer Koski stated that the monetary figure was

actually funds that had been paid to the Township by Marquette County after April 1, 2017 to make us whole for any uncollected taxes from 2016 tax year. It is in fact Revenue, not an Expense. Treasurer Koski also stated that we have no delinquent Personal Property Taxes over 5 years old.

- k. Budget Amendments** – There are a few budget amendments that need to be made. Motion by Treasurer Koski, seconded by Clerk Brancheau to make the amendments.

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 to pay the bills.

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:

Patti Hiber
Carol Kellow
Jon Ison

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

Sworn and Subscribed to by:

Marilyn Brancheau, Clerk

Date