

Republic Township Board Meeting

February 27th 2025 at 7:00p.m.

1. **Call to Order-** Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.
2. **Salute to the Flag**
3. **Roll Call of Board Members-** John Dulek, Tina Koski, Duane Saari, Irene Dishno, Anna Griepentrog
4. **Approval of Previous Board Meeting Minutes 1/23/2025-** Motioned by John to approve the meeting minutes from 1/23/2025, seconded by Irene. Motion passed.
5. **Approval of the Agenda-** Motion made by John to approve the agenda, seconded by Anna. Motion passed.
6. **Public Comment-** Jim Brennan
7. **Officers Reports:**
 - A. **Treasurer Koski-** February 28th is the last day for taxes collection for 2024 taxes. The brush truck for the fire department has been paid off.
 - B. **Clerk Griepentrog-** No report
 - C. **Trustee Dishno-** Highline Internet may be coming to the area.
 - D. **Trustee Saari-** Wetesa is working on their budget at this time.
 - E. **Supervisor Dulek-** Budget is being worked on and will be approved at the 6:45p.m. meeting on 3-27-2025
 - F. **Assessor McLaughlin-** Good report
8. **Committee and Other Reports**
 - A. **Planning Commission-** Irene D. said the PC has been working on the ordinances for rental/Airbnb's for the township.

B. Recreation Committee- Daniel Roberts requested \$6,000 to purchase new baskets for the Disc Golf. This will be discussed at the March board meeting.

C. Zoning/Enforcement- L. Schultz reported that 2 new zoning applications have been received. This is 2 year to date at this time.

8. Unfinished Business

A. Crimmins Spillway Property- Jim B. spoke on the spillway project and the history of the dam. He also went over the funds that the Michigamme River Basin Authority had. Craig VanBeek spoke on working with the DNR and all of the work that went in to the spillway project. Tony Hoffman spoke on TIFA and their development plan and what can be done on the property. Frank Haslip spoke on not supporting the spillway land purchase. There was a motion made by John to deny purchase of spillway property, seconded by Tina. Roll call vote 3-2. Motion failed.

9. New Business

A. IOHT- Articles of Incorporation- Bob Hendrickson- Motion made by John to accept the Articles of Incorporation for IOHT, seconded by Duane, Motion passed.

B. Labor Day Front Street Closure for Pine Grove- Motion made by John to table the Pine Grove request of street closure, seconded by Anna. Motion passed.

C. MDOT Performance Resolution- Motion made by John to accept the MDOT Performance Resolution, seconded by Tina, Motion passed.

D. UPPCO Informational Meeting- There will be an informational meeting with UPPCO on March 13th 2025 from 3p.m. to 7p.m. with a presentation at 5:00p.m. for a potential solar project.

10. Payment of Bills- Motioned by Irene to accept the payment of bills, seconded by John, motion passed.

11. Public Comment- Matt Trudeau, Jim Brennan, Frank Haslip

12. Adjournment- Motioned by John to adjourn the meeting at 7:45p.m., seconded by Anna, motion passed.

Anna Griepentrog, Clerk

Approved