

**RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP  
LUCAS COUNTY, OHIO  
BOARD OF RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES  
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

January 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2013

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Donald Eisel at 7:00 p.m. at the Maintenance Building, 3951 Washburn Rd., Berkey, Ohio. All present were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Trustee  
Chairman: Arthur Nevers - present  
Vice Chairman: John Hassen – present  
Donald Eisel- present

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

John Hassen made a motion to approve the January 5<sup>th</sup>, 2013 minutes as presented. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (7961-7960) were presented for approval:

Donald Eisel made a motion to approve payment of the attached listing of invoices and the corresponding pending warrants. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

A resident discussed possibilities of having an energy audit done at the fire station to help reduce utility expenses.

**FIRE:**

Fire Department applied for 2 state fire marshal grants for equipment and training.

They are currently holding a Fire Fighter One Class.

**ZONING:**

January 14<sup>th</sup> minutes were read.

Property owner on Miller Road wants to split six acres; he was directed to Lucas County Plan Commission. The property will need to be surveyed.

Discussion was held on the progress of cleaning up the property at 10909 W. Central Avenue, it is currently in the Sylvania Court system. The EPA has been contacted about the possibility of soil contamination at the property.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Eisel spoke with Lucas County Engineer Keith Early regarding reducing the speed limit on Washburn Rd. between Central and Richfield Center Road. Mr. Early advised a resolution would have to be passed by the Trustees requesting the County to proceed with a study.

**REQUEST FOR SPEED ZONE STUDY ON WASHBURN ROAD BETWEEN CENTRAL AVENUE AND RICHFIELD CENTER ROAD.**

Arthur Nevers moved to adopt the following resolution 012213-01:

WHEREAS, Washburn Road serves an increasingly number of residents due to an increase in homes being built, and

WHEREAS, Washburn Road has a history of past motor vehicle accidents, and

WHEREAS, a reduced speed limit is believed to be in the best interest of residents for their safety, now

THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Richfield Township Board of Trustees request an engineering/traffic study to determine if a reduced speed limit is reasonable and safe for Washburn Road between Central Avenue and Richfield Center Road.

Donald Eisel seconded the resolution.

Arthur Nevers	yes
John Hassen	yes
Donald Eisel	yes

Resolution approved.

Trustee Nevers spoke with Matt De Temple President of the Ohio Township Association and they are doing a study on large and small local government entities. The report called the "Cox Report" will show that townships spend less, tax less and incur less debt than other local governments in the same population categories. The Fiscal Officer will forward the requested financial information to Mr. De Temple.

Trustee Nevers after reviewing the revenue and expenditure reports discussed cutting overtime for employees to reduce expenditures in 2013. Trustee Hassen requested the Fiscal Officer pull overtime reports for 2010, 2011 and 2012 and present at the next meeting.

012213-02 Arthur Nevers submitted the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the township has chosen not to procure a health care plan and has chosen instead to reimburse its trustees and fiscal officer for each out of pocket premium attributable to the coverage provided for them for insurance benefits.

WHEREAS, the yearly maximum amount for each trustee and fiscal officer is \$500.00 per person.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Trustees and Fiscal Officer is entitled for reimbursement of \$500.00 per person per year for the reimbursement of health insurance premiums.

John Hassen seconded the resolution. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Resolution approved.

Donald Eisel made a motion to approve Blanket Certificates 1-61. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

The Metamora CD will mature in March, 2013. CD rates will be obtained in February for comparison rates.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

The County is currently working on the plans for the Murd Road drainage project.

The Fiscal Officer presented an email from the Prosecutors office stating "any recordings made by a trustee are not public records because a trustee is not responsible for minutes".

Further discussion was held on the disposal of records. The Records Retention Schedule list all records that can be disposed of after a certain length of time, procedure must be followed in the disposal of the records. According to the Richfield Township Records Retention Schedule recordings can be disposed of after one year.

The following information can be viewed on the Richfield Township website at:  
[www.richfieldtownshiplucascounty.com](http://www.richfieldtownshiplucascounty.com).

1. Trustee minutes
2. Zoning minutes
3. Zoning including: fees, applications, complaint forms, and the zoning book.
4. Meeting dates and times
5. Contact information for Trustees, Zoning Board and Board of Zoning Appeals.
6. Wolfinger Cemetery information including cemetery fees and rules & regulations.
7. Fire and Rescue
8. Town hall rental rules and fees
9. Roads and Maintenance
10. Rubbish Contractor information for garbage pickup
11. Community Links.

There being no further business John Hassen made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., which was seconded by Donald Eisel. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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