

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

October 6, 2008

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Arthur Nevers at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 3951 Washburn Road, Berkey, Ohio.

ROLL CALL: Trustee
Chairman: Arthur Nevers – present
Vice-Chairman: Donald Eisel -present
Karen Winn - present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the September 15th, 2008 meeting, current Cash Summary Report and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Donald Eisel made a motion to approve the September 15th, 2008 minutes as presented. Karen Winn seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Winn-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (4655 – 4682) were presented for approval:

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

NEW BUSINESS:

Barbara Sears (State Representative) presented a newsletter containing articles on many of the issues.

Ms. Sears discussed Issue #2 (Clean Ohio). Clean Ohio is NOT a tax increase State bonds will be sold to investors and repaid with existing state revenue. Issue 2 will provide for the continuation of the Clean Ohio Fund bond program designed to improve the quality of life for all Ohioans by preserving natural areas and farmland, protecting waterways and redeveloping urban areas to foster economic growth.

Ms. Sears presented information on Funding available for renewable energy programs thru the Ohio Department of Development Ohio Energy Office; she also presented an Ohio Historic Preservation Tax Credit program summary. The tax credit is available for owners of historical buildings – excludes state agencies or political subdivisions.

There was discussion on Issue 6. Issue 6 seeks to bring a resort casino to southwest Ohio near Wilmington. The casino is intended to keep money in Ohio rather than in surrounding states where gambling is legal, and aims to open 5,000 new jobs.

Ron Myers (Lucas County Engineer) presented the Transportation Enhancement Application for the Kilburn Road Bike Lanes for the year 2013. The project consists of construction of 5' bike lanes on Kilburn Rd between the Secor Metropark at Central Avenue and Sylvania-Metamora Rd., a length of 2.94 miles. The Kilburn Rd bike lanes will connect with the Lucas County Engineer's proposed Sylvania-Metamora Rd bike path. The bike path will provide access for Richfield Twp., Sylvania Twp. and the City of Sylvania to the northwestern portion of Lucas County. Secor Metropark has agreed to contribute \$75,000.00 to the project.

The estimated costs are as follows:

1. Requested TMACOG federal funds	\$1,308,800.00
2. Richfield Township	\$155,000.00
3. Lucas County Engineer	\$157,000.00
4. Ohio Public Works Commission	\$345,200.00
5. Metroparks System	\$75,000.00
Total:	\$2,041,000.00

The application has been submitted and will be ranked. The project is relying on funds from Ohio Public Works Commission. If the project is approved the preliminary plans will be presented at an open house. An informal and formal public hearing will be held in the event the application is accepted.

John Farley turned in \$180.00 of town hall rentals.

The Fiscal Officer reported a plaque was presented to Merlin Wapshall at his home for thirty-seven years of dedicated service on the Richfield Township Board of Zoning Appeals.

There was discussion on the possibility of installing natural gas lines in the Township.

The Resolution Accepting the Amounts and Rates as Determined by the Budget Commission was presented to the Trustees.

100608-01 See attached RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector John Hassen was absent.

ROADS:

A letter was received from Lucas County Engineer's Office regarding the shortage of salt and the price increases.

There are no updates on the estimates from Toledo Edison for the street light at the corner of Gibbs Rd. and Sylvania-Metamora Rd.

FIRE:

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chiefs meeting on September 24th, 2008 in Oregon, Ohio.

Ben Eisel has turned in a resignation letter from the volunteer fire department.

Karen Winn made a motion to accept the resignation of Ben Eisel from the volunteer fire department. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

The sirens will go off on October 8th, 2008 at 7:00 p.m. for the Ohio Safe Kids Coalition; for families to practice their escape plans. The Ohio Safe Kids Coalition advocates the importance of practice when it comes to escape plans.

Flu and Pneumonia shots will be given at the Fire Station on Monday, October 27th, 2008 from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. The shots will be available to anyone except infants.

The Lucas County Emergency Management Advisory Committee will meet on Thursday, October 14th at 7:00 pm. at the Springfield Township Office and on Thursday, October 21st at 7:00 pm. at the Washington Township Fire station.

Six Sunoco gas cards were given to Chief Tate for the fire department; two additional cards will be requested.

There was discussion on the maintenance of the generator located at the fire department. Trustee Nevers presented an estimate from Bridgeway Cummins in the amount of \$786.00 for a yearly maintenance fee.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to hire Bridgeway Cummins for the yearly maintenance of the Fire Department generator for approximately \$800.00 per year. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Winn-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

There was discussion on a problem with the well at the town hall. The Trustees will contact a repairman for the problem.

There being no further business Arthur Nevers made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., which was seconded by Donald Eisel. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Clerk

