

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

October 17th, 2011

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by John Hassen 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 - John Hassen- present
Co-Chairman Donald Eisel – present
Arthur Nevers – present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the October 17th, 2011 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Donald Eisel made a motion to approve the October 17th minutes as presented. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen – yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (6962-6979) 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: Hassen –yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

David Klein questioned the fiscal officer as to where the EOB's (Explanation of Benefits) for the soft billing are being sent as they have not received any in the past year; further stating they have billed over ten times for Medicare since the first of the year and haven't heard a word from Medicare. Mr. Klein stated there have been refusals from Humana and the runs are not verified or payable because Medicare is refusing them.

The Fiscal Officer informed Mr. Klein all EOB's are sent to the fire station as they have been for the past three years. The Fiscal Officer will research all ten plus claims from this year and report back at the next scheduled meeting.

FIRE:

Donald Eisel made a motion to award the bid for the 1978 tanker to Cahill- Eldotread Auto Parts for \$2852.00. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Hassen-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Chief Tate presented an application from Jennifer Talbott to join the Richfield Township Fire Department.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the application from Jennifer Talbott to join the Richfield Township Fire Department contingent upon a background check, physical, and drug screen with a one year probationary period. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Estimates were obtained for appliances (washer, dryer, refrigerator, dishwasher and ice maker) in the fire station living quarters as follows:

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| 1. | Sears | \$3220.00 |
| 2. | Appliance Center | \$2650.00 (Add \$400.00 energy efficient appliance) |

Arthur Nevers made a motion to purchase the appliances (washer, dryer, refrigerator, ice maker, and dishwasher) for the living quarters at the fire station; not to exceed \$3000.00. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Smith will pick up the Swanton Key and distribute to businesses in the Village of Berkey at Country Mark, Jerry's Marathon, Ott's Implement and Keeler's Corners every Monday for residents.

Mr. Smith reported a zoning complaint form was received regarding the property at 3930 Richfield Center Rd. with a violation of blight and a RV with expired tags on the property. The property owner was contacted.

A verbal complaint was received regarding the size of some political signs in the township; the zoning resolution states political signs cannot exceed 12 square feet. The signs in question are larger than 12 square feet; Mr. Smith notified the owner of the signs and he reduced the size to comply with the zoning laws.

Mr. Smith will look into complaints received regarding noxious weeds.

The well drilling rig on Miller Road will be removed by the owner after the election.

A complaint was received regarding a vehicle without plates at 11920 Sylvania Ave.; Mr. Smith reported the plates are current on the vehicle.

The owner of the Roadhouse discussed the ongoing zoning violations at 11515 W. Central Avenue in regards to the landscaping operation run from their home. He has filed several complaints over the past two years with the Board of Trustees and is questioning when the Trustees will act on these violations. He further voiced concerns over the odors coming from a truck on their property filled with grass clippings which is affecting his business with customers getting sick while they are trying to eat.

Mr. Rosinski stated the truck is full of mulch and leaves and is left on his property overnight; the contents are then disposed of at another location in the morning. He further explained when the drivers get back it is dark and they are unable to dispose of in the dark therefore they wait until the morning.

Mr. Rosinski voiced complaints over the noise from the bands at the Roadhouse, he further stated the bands are playing late into the evening which is keeping his children awake when they have school in the morning.

Mr. Kadri stated the bands play from 6:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. on Thursdays and Sundays from 5:00 p.m. 9:00 p.m. on the outside patio.

There is no noise ordinance in the township zoning laws. The Trustees will contact neighboring townships regarding their zoning laws regarding noise levels and review at a future meeting. In addition they will contact the Zoning Board to establish a noise ordinance.

Mr. Kadri questioned why there was no follow up on the zoning violation letters sent to 11515 W. Central Avenue regarding non-conforming use in 2011 and a letter in 2009 regarding a violation letter sent regarding “no odors can be emitted”.

Zoning Inspector will contact the Prosecuting Attorney for guidance in handling the situation.

The October 11th zoning minutes were read.

CEMETERY:

Trustee Eisel reported he spoke with Jim Shaw (Lucas County Sanitary Engineer) and he will see if the township can use city water for watering the grass at the cemetery.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Nevers attended the Ohio Township Association meeting on October 13th, 2011. The storm water advisory group will meet quarterly with the next meeting scheduled on November 2nd at Springfield Township, Trustee Eisel will attend.

Trustee Eisel and Zoning Inspector Smith will attend the health department meeting on October 25th.

The volunteer Fire Department will hold a ceremony on November 13th at 1:00 p.m. to dedicate the tribute site in honor of our local Police, fire/EMS & Veterans. Public is invited to attend.

Discussion was held on the progress of the repair and installation of the stove in the fire station.

Trustee Nevers questioned the Fiscal Officer if the Medicaid application for soft billing was done from three years ago. Chief Tate informed Mr. Nevers a decision was made to not complete the Medicaid application due to the low reimbursement rate.

Lucas County is hosting a Veterans Day Appreciation Day on November 11th at the University of Toledo.

OLD BUISNESS:

Discussion was held on cleaning the ditches out in Richfield, Trustee Eisel reported previously Secor Park would not give permission to clean out the ditch therefore they may have to start on Miller Road and work from there.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

The following information can be viewed on the Richfield Township website at: 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 8:35 p.m., which was seconded by Donald Eisel. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

