

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

November 1st, 2010

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Arthur Nevers 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 October 18th, 2010 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the October 18th minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen –yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (6201-6225) were presented for approval:

John Hassen 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, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Mike Morrin (Chairman of Zoning Board) attended the recent zoning trainings. He informed the Trustees if a barn is built on a vacant lot it has to be used immediately for agriculture purposes.

Mr. Morrin spoke with Ron Meyers Lucas County Engineer regarding the Kilburn Rd. paved shoulder project. Mr. Meyers stated they are not sure if tile is in place on Kilburn Rd. and they will not know until they do a survey; which would take place after the project is approved.

Mr. Morrin questioned how the metro parks can contribute to a project that is outside of the park. He further stated he was not in favor of the township spending \$155,000.00 on this project.

Don Reidler (zoning board) questioned if the township would be responsible for maintaining the road in future years. The Trustees informed him the township would be responsible for the maintenance of the road. He further questioned what the cost would be to maintain the road; Mr. Hassen provided estimates as follows:

2010	20 feet pavement	\$92,160.00 per mile
2021	20 feet pavement	\$130,000.00 per mile
2021	30 feet pavement	\$196,000.00 per mile

Mr. Morrin questioned what is the purpose of the project? Trustee Nevers stated the project will help with drainage, wider roads, safety and green.

A resident residing on Kilburn Rd. stated he is in favor of the project.

Doug Ronau questioned why accept the project when the township has over \$400,000 in the gas fund which could be used for road projects. He further stated there are several roads in the township that this money could be used for.

Scott Smith informed the Trustees he is still a member of the Volunteer Fire Department.

ZONING:

Mr. Smith gave an update on zoning violations in the township; he further reported he spoke with the prosecutor and the township can remove junk vehicles 14 days after the certified letter is sent to the owner.

Discussion was held on fire arms.

The Lucas county Township Association held a local zoning training recently; several members of the zoning board, the zoning inspector and bza member attended.

FIRE:

October gas usage was turned in.

An estimate was received for a cabinet in the dispatch room for \$606.00; discussion was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion was held on the siren in the Village of Berkey. Trustee Hassen spoke with John Borrell (Assistant Lucas County Prosecutor) and was informed there would be no liability for the township to have the sirens off in the village. Chief Tate stated the siren would be activated for weather alerts and for testing on Saturdays.

Further discussion was held on requesting a formal letter from Mayor Huff requesting the township silence the siren for emergency calls. Mr. Hassen will contact Ms. Huff.

NEW BUSINESS:

The estate tax check was received for \$306,000.00. Trustee Hassen stated he would like to see the money go back to the community and finish the interior of the fire station. Further discussion was held on contracting with an area resident to oversee the project; Mr. Hassen will contact this individual.

The Prosecutor will be contacted for guidance on the legalities of hiring contractors to complete the station.

Trustee Nevers attended the Lucas County Soil and Water conservation meeting.

Trustee Hassen attended the local zoning training provided by the Lucas County Township association.

The Trustees attended the memorial service for Roger Durbin held at the village cemetery.

Trustee Hassen reported a member of the fire department was upset due to getting reprimanded in front of co-workers and he would like an apology. Mr. Hassen advised all reprimands should be done in private; Chief Tate agreed and will make inquiries.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on replacing the concrete underneath the recycle bins; Mr. Ronau will write the specs and estimates will be obtained.

Discussion was held on police protection in the township. Trustee Hassen reported Mayor Huff is in the process of putting together an estimate of the cost. The fiscal officer reported she spoke with the prosecutor and was told a police vehicle can only be purchased from the general fund.

Trustee Nevers has contacted Sylvania and Springfield Township to get prices on police protection. Discussion was held on the Sylvania citizens patrol.

Trustee Nevers made a motion to approve the Kilburn Rd. paved shoulder project.

Mr. Morrin stated he was against the project because the majority of residents on Kilburn Rd. did not want the project.

Doug Ronau stated Kilburn Rd. will not need improvement for another 10 years and there were other roads in the township that need work such as Miller Rd. and the tile on Murd Rd.

Trustee Nevers stated the Miller Rd project was held up due to the property owner wanted to wait to see what the project would like after the county completed their portion of the road and the tile on Murd Rd will have to be repaired by the state; he will contact ODOT to discuss further.

Mr. Ronau suggested the township remove the one mill road levy since there is an excess of funds in the gasoline tax fund. A report will be given on the amount of money the one mill brings in at the next meeting.

Trustee Hassen stated he was against the project because he was put in office to abide by what the majority of residents wanted and the majority of residents on Kilburn Rd. did not want the project. He further stated 48 residents residing on Kilburn Rd. and 3 on Brint Rd. had turned in a petition stating they were against the project; there are 62 households on Kilburn Rd.

Trustee Eisel stated if the township does not use this grant money it will go to another township; he further stated they could reduce the paved shoulder from 5 feet to 4 feet. Mr. Eisel stated with a four foot shoulder no trees or leach fields will have to be moved.

Trustee Nevers stated in the township land use plan it states under transportation: Reduce dependence on cars by accommodating other forms of transportation, such as walking and biking.
Accommodate the development of hike/bike trails in areas that may connect/link to a regional network.

Resolution for a joint cooperation agreement for Kilburn Road Paved Shoulder Project.

110110-01 Arthur Nevers moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Township wishes to construct the Kilburn Road Paved Shoulder Project, hereinafter referred to as the PROJECT between Secor Metro park at Central Ave. to Sylvania-Metamora Rd. in a joint cooperation agreement between the County, the Township and the Park District, and

WHEREAS, the Lucas County Engineer's Office will cooperate to accomplish the design, environmental studies, programming and construction for the project, and

WHEREAS, to accommodate bicycle and vehicular traffic on Kilburn Road, improvements are needed to widen the pavement to construct paved shoulders, install pavement markings, and erect signage to guide users, and

WHEREAS, the Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments, has assigned Transportation Enhancement funds for the project, and

WHEREAS, the Township desires to participate jointly with the County, the Park District, and Engineer to develop detailed construction plans; to secure funding and to construct the project as designated in the estimate.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of the Township of Richfield, Lucas County, Ohio

That Richfield Township will enter into a Joint Cooperation Agreement for the Kilburn Road Paved Shoulder Project from Central Avenue to Sylvania-Metamora Rd. with the County and the Park District. (See attachment).

Donald Eisel seconded the resolution.

Roll call:	Nevers	yes
	Eisel	yes
	Hassen	no

Resolution approved.

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 Arthur Nevers made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

