

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

November 15<sup>th</sup>, 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 November 1st, 2010 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, October Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the November 1st minutes as corrected. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen –yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (6226-6251) 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: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments.

**FIRE:**

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chief's meeting on October 27<sup>th</sup> at the Lucas County Emergency Service Building.

An estimate was received for a cabinet in the dispatch room for \$546.00. The Trustees were in agreement to purchase the cabinet.

A letter was received from Berkey Village Council requesting the siren located in the Village of Berkey be used exclusively for severe weather warnings and not for fire or rescue calls.

John Hassen made a motion for the siren located in the Village of Berkey to be used exclusively for severe weather warnings and testing; not for fire or rescue calls. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

The Feather Party will be held on November 19<sup>th</sup>.

Discussion was held on finishing the fire station. A meeting will be set up with the Prosecutor for guidance on the legalities of hiring contractors to complete the station.

### **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Smith gave an updated report on zoning violations in the township.

Sheila Nash (Lucas County Health Department) contacted Mr. Smith regarding a property owner in the township who is building an addition and has not pulled a permit from the county. Mr. Smith reported no building permit was issued from the township either. He further reported the building will be red tagged by the county if the property owner does not pull the permit and pay the fines.

The November 8<sup>th</sup> zoning minutes were read.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Mr. Farley turned in \$150.00 for October town hall rentals.

The OSU Extension office in Lucas County has requested a sponsorship in the Consumer & Urban Horticulture Program in the amount of \$180.00. They have had reductions in funding over the years, and are unable to provide the same level of service. The program is an educational resource and they assist residents with issues related to local foods, managing invasive species, and protecting our environment. The following programs are available to Lucas County residents at no charge:

1. Soil sample drop off day
2. Free green waste composting
3. Tree inventory and benefit analysis
4. Plant to Plate Pointers
5. Community Garden Education
6. Diagnostic Site Visits
7. Custom programs to meet the needs

The Trustees were in support of sponsoring the program for \$180.00 per year.

Hylant Insurance has a new health insurance program and will be providing information.

Dispatcher Farley reported a resident contacted him regarding placing a notice on the fire station sign for the upcoming "Free Thanksgiving Day dinner at Holy Trinity Church". The Trustees were not in support of placing the notice on the board.

Discussion was held on placing a concrete pad underneath the fire station sign to keep the area dry. Mr. Farley changes the sign frequently and has to walk through mud or water. John Lumbrezer volunteered to place temporary tiles on each side of the sign until the concrete can be completed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on replacing the concrete underneath the recycle bins. The Trustees were in agreement to hire John Lumbrezer to replace the concrete.

Discussion was held on contracting with another jurisdiction for police protection in the township. The Trustees are waiting on estimates from the Village of Berkey and Sylvania Township.

Further discussion was held on placing a levy on the ballot for police protection, which would bring in approximately \$36,000 per 1 mill. A suggestion was made to stop the garbage pick-up for residents which cost the township approximately \$35,000.00 per year in exchange for hiring police protection. Trustee Hassen suggested doing a survey in the township to see if residents were in support of a police levy or not.

### **ROADS:**

Discussion was held on the 1 mill road levy that is currently in place. The 1 mill road levy brings in \$36,400.00 per year and is placed in the Road & Bridge Fund; this fund is used for the maintenance building (utilities, upkeep) and for purchase of any road equipment. There is \$49,510.00 in this fund; the Trustees were in agreement to keep the 1 mill road levy in place.

The Gasoline Tax Fund money is received from a portion of the state gasoline tax collected on each gallon of gas sold; this fund can be used for the construction, repair, and maintenance of roads and bridges in the township. There is \$432,000 in this fund; this fund will be used for the townships portion of the Kilburn Rd paved shoulder project and for future maintenance on the township roads.

### **PUBLIC NOTICE:**

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

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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