

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

November 16th, 2009

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

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the November 2nd, 2009 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 2nd, 2009 minutes as presented. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (5467-5490) were presented for approval:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Kate Fischer from Metamora State Bank presented information on various investment accounts. The Trustees will review and discuss at the next scheduled meeting.

Diana Murphy from Voice for Horses Rescue Network was present to discuss the property for sale at 10510 Bancroft Street. They are interested in purchasing the property and building a home and barn for their non-profit organization “Voice For Horses Rescue Network”. Ms. Murphy further stated they would like to start a program for under privileged children to work with the horses, in order to proceed with there mission they must have an indoor arena. The referrals would come from various schools in the district.

Zoning Inspector Hassen stated they could have one horse per acre. Discussion was held on the flood plain and whether or not they could fill that in; Ms. Murphy stated she had contacted Lucas County and they instructed her to contact the Richfield Township Zoning Inspector. Mr. Hassen will contact Lucas County for further information on the flood plain.

Mike Morrin stated he was upset because a Board member he spoke to in confidence repeated things he said to the individuals involved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Nevers spoke with Mr. Ronau and he would like to purchase a chain saw for use in cutting logs; in the past Mr. Ronau has used his own personal chain saw. The Trustees were in agreement to purchase the chain saw. Chief Tate stated the fire department could use the chain saw in the event there are emergency rescue calls involving trees down over the roads. In addition Mr. Ronau has suggested purchasing lifting forks for the tractor.

Mr. Nevers stated he contacted the Lucas County Board of Elections and Lucas County Assistant Prosecuting Attorney and was told he was not in violation for placing his township cell phone number on his campaign flyers.

The Fiscal Officer stated on a previous audit the auditor made it clear township cell phones should be used for township business only.

Further discussion was held on returning the blackberry phones and purchasing phones that are less expensive. Verizon will be contacted for information on various cell phone plans.

Trustee Nevers presented the service hours for the volunteers (Brittany Fritsch, Laura Venzke and Meghan St. John) for distributing the flyers for the new rubbish service in the township. A total of 23 hours was turned in. Mr. Nevers stated he has delivered flyers on Sylvania and Central Ave., further stating the remaining households on Lathrop, Washburn and Richfield Center Rd. would need flyers.

The Lucas County Engineers office has contacted property owners for the right-of-way to have the ten mile creek cleaned out on Brint and Kilburn Rd.; there are three remaining property owners who will need to be contacted prior to the cleaning of the ditch. Trustee Nevers will contact and present the documents for there signature.

Further discussion was held on the rescue vehicle in the maintenance building. Trustee Eisel spoke with Central Truck and they have reduced there offer to \$750.00 due to the condition of the vehicle. The vehicle is not operable at this time. The Lucas County Prosecutor stated the vehicle can be sold without going out for bid. Discussion was held on changing the title to a salvaged vehicle. Further bids will be obtained and discussed at the next meeting.

Discussion was held on police protection in Richfield Township and a possible contract with the Village of Berkey. Discussion was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Hassen reported the swale at Christ the Word Church has been moved further to the east side of the parking lot. There was further discussion on the catch basin; Trustee Nevers spoke with Brian Miller (Lucas County Engineer) and he will contact Mike Stormer at ODOT.

The November 9th, 2009 zoning minutes were read.

An ad has been placed in the Evergreen paper for the zoning inspector position which will run in December. An application was received for the position.

The Trustees will set the public hearing for the landscaping setbacks after the political sign review has been reviewed by the zoning board.

Trustee Winn per email sent a message asking the Trustees to address the Kilburn Rd. project; further asking if they would prefer to make a decision before or after year end. The Trustees will make a decision after the first of the year.

FIRE:

Chief Tate reported there has been continued unauthorized burning at the Haupright property. The Ohio EPA has been contacted as required by law.

Mr. Tate thanked the Trustees for pursuing the installation of the light on Gibbs Road as it has helped reduce the number of vagrants.

Mr. Tate received an application from Melinda Milliken for the vol. fire department.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to hire Melinda Milliken as a volunteer firefighter/EMT recruit contingent upon passing a background check, drug screen and physical exam with a one year probationary period. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

The Feather Party is November 20th, 2009.

There being no further business Donald Eisel made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., which was seconded by Arthur Nevers. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Clerk
