

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

January 20, 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 - present
Arthur Nevers - present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the January 5, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, December Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the January 5, 2009 minutes as corrected. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (4888 - 4905) were presented for approval:

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

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Hassen reported a meeting was held at the Jack Mondale residence on Raab Rd. In addition to Mr. Mondale, Mr. Hassen, Mr. Mondale's attorney, Mary Ann Bernath, Trustee Art Nevers and Brian Miller (Lucas County Engineer) attended Mr. Mondale and his Attorney agreed to put in a swale and the drains will be capped off as recommended by the Lucas County Engineer.

Mr. Hassen reported he called the Lucas County Prosecutors Office regarding the possible commercial trucking business at 13423 Central Ave and has not received a call back at this time.

Trustee Nevers reported he spoke with John Borell (Assistant Lucas County Prosecutor) and was informed anyone can file a zoning complaint whether they live in the township or not.

Mr. Hassen reported he is currently working on a list of new addresses in the township for the Fire Chief.

There was discussion about fencing regulations. Mr. Hassen will research the regulations of other nearby Townships regarding fencing.

There was discussion on the property at 4216 N. Lathrop Rd. Trustee Nevers requested Mr. Hassen to research how long the property was vacant in-between ownership. Mr. Nevers stated the present owners have horses in the barn and are in violation; per the Richfield Township Zoning Regulations "Buildings, pens or enclosures used for housing animals shall be a minimum of 50 feet from all property lines and/or any dwelling unit on the site and at least 500 feet from existing dwellings on abutting parcels, including parcels across the street". Trustee Winn stated the property owner may be grandfathered in if the barn was continually used for horses from one ownership to the next. Trustee Nevers will contact the Lucas County Prosecutors Office for a legal opinion in writing.

Trustee Winn reported Molly Maguire (Lucas County Planning Commission) has contacted her per email and advised the Planning Commission has recommended approval for the Central Ave. overlay and the wind turbines. There was discussion on the changes made by the Trustees for the wind turbines as follows: Allow to service more than one resident, noise coming from wind turbine shall not exceed 65 dBA vs. 60 dBA, height of the tower shall not exceed 120 feet vs. 80 feet, and electric generator shall have a rated capacity of not more than 20 kw vs. 10 kw.

The zoning board has scheduled a public hearing on February 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the maintenance building for the Central Ave. overlay. All property owners on Central Avenue in Richfield Township will be notified of the public hearing.

The January 12th, 2009 zoning minutes were read.

NEW BUSINESS:

Lucas County Engineers meeting will be held on March 13th to discuss problems of mutual interest, and to review upcoming work on the County Road System.

A letter was received from Lucas County announcing the formation of the Toledo/Lucas County Commission on Disabilities effective January 1 2009; along with an application form for recommendations of individuals to represent the community.

Trustee Winn reported the employee manual has been sent to the Lucas County Prosecutors Office for a final review. There was discussion on sick time, vacation time and bereavement leave.

Trustee Nevers reported Ron Myers (Lucas County Engineer) called to notify the Township the bike trail on Murd Road has been approved. Mr. Myers will attend the next scheduled meeting to discuss further.

Lucas County Improvement Corporation meeting will be held on January 22nd, 2009. There was discussion on requesting there assistance on the Central Avenue Overlay.

FIRE:

Dispatcher John Farley reported the Chief has decided to keep the mannequin, Hylant Insurance will be notified.

There being no further business Arthur Nevers made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., which was seconded by Karen Winn. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Clerk

