

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

December 7<sup>th</sup>, 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 December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Donald Eisel made a motion to approve the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 minutes as corrected. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (5491-5532) were presented for approval:

Arthur Nevers 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, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

The Lucas County Engineer's office submitted the 2009 bridge inspection report.

Discussion was held on the Trustee cell phones; the blackberry phones will be discontinued as of 1/1/2010. New cell phones will be ordered for Trustee Nevers and for the new zoning inspector; the cell phones will be a basic phone with 300 minutes per phone at a rate of \$27.99.

One application has been received for the zoning inspector position. The Trustees will discuss further at the next scheduled meeting.

Trustee Nevers and Trustee Eisel attended the Lucas County Township Association meeting in November.

Trustee Nevers reported Holy Trinity Parish is having a silent auction for a microwave, refrigerator, stove and dishwasher and he would like to pursue for use at the town hall or the fire station. Trustee Eisel stated the dishwasher could not be used at the town hall; Mr. Nevers will contact the church to see if the items will be auctioned off separately or as a group.

Discussion was held on replacing the single pane windows at the town hall. Mr. Ronau will obtain estimates on the windows.

Discussion was held on replacing the floor in the maintenance building. Trustee Nevers and Trustee Winn will obtain estimates.

The meeting dates for 2010 will remain the same; the first and third Monday of the month, if the meeting date falls on a holiday the meeting will be moved to the following Tuesday at 7:00 p.m. at the maintenance building. Notices will be placed in the paper and on the township website.

The Fiscal Officer presented Legislative alerts form the Ohio Township Association as follows:

1. HB 260 is a provision that adds new costs that counties could charge township and other entities that hold special elections. Specifically, HB 260 allows for counties to charge townships for the use of all equipment necessary to prepare for or conduct elections. The bill was passed by the Ohio House and now is before the Senate State & Local Government Committee.
2. Casino Revenue: Townships will not receive any revenue from the casinos. Money that is set aside for "local governments" go only to the 88 counties, casino host cities, and the largest city in each county only if the city has at least 80,000 people.
3. Estate Taxes: The revenue sharing of Ohio's estate tax (80% local/20% state) has been questioned lately. They encourage all officials to communicate to your legislators the importance of maintaining the 80/20 split in estate tax revenue.
4. Local Government Funds: The Ohio Township Association has alerted all townships that the Department of Taxation was estimating a 14% reduction in the local government funds in 2010.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Eisel spoke with Mayor Huff regarding contracting with the Village for police protection in the township. The Mayor will discuss as their next scheduled meeting.

Further discussion was held on the rescue vehicle in the maintenance building. The Trustees were in agreement to sell the vehicle to Central Avenue truck parts for \$750.00.

Continued discussion was held on the investment accounts; comparison was made on the Key Bank and Metamora State Bank 36 month CD accounts as follows:

Key Bank: 1.25%

Metamora Bank: 2.72%

Further discussion was held on the sweep account at Key Bank and the advantages of moving the checking account into a 'Now Account' for lesser monthly fees and an increased interest rate.

Trustee Winn made a motion to transfer \$100,000.00 from our Key Bank Account into a 36 month CD account at Metamora State Bank and to change our regular checking account at Key Bank into their Now Account. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

### **ROADS:**

Trustee Winn stated since we have not received any response from the property owners at 2701 Miller Road regarding the right-of-way to fill in the ditch the Trustees should pursue eminent domain. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John Borrell will be contacted.

Trustee Nevers has obtained the remaining signatures needed from property owners to have the ten mile creek cleaned out on Brint and Kilburn Rd.

### **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Hassen reported the majority of the drainage at Christ the Word Church is in. The dirt located on the south side of the property will be moved over the leach field.

Trustee Nevers reported the tiles located on the east side of the property are crushed; Mike Stormer at ODOT has been contacted.

Mr. Hassen has contacted John Walters (Lucas County Engineer) regarding the property at 10510 Bancroft and the request to fill in the wetlands. Trustee Winn stated there are laws pertaining to filling in wetlands. Further discussion will be held at the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion was held on the need for a permit to fill in flood plains; Mr. Hassen will contact Lucas County for further information.

### **FIRE:**

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chiefs meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Toledo Airport.

Lucas County has purchased new computers with a GPS system for the trucks; the township will have to pay for the installation of the computers.

The feather party was very successful.

Chief Tate requested the old MDT'S be removed off the inventory list.

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.

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Richfield Township Clerk

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