

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

March 2, 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 February 17, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Karen Winn made a motion to approve the February 17, 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 (4960 - 4982) were presented for approval:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Eisel made a motion to correct the January 20th, 2009 minutes; the proposed bike trail is on Kilburn Road not Murd Rd. as reported. In addition the grant from TMACOG was approved for the bike trail; the bike trail project was not approved by the Trustees as reported. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Several residents were present to discuss the Kilburn Road Paved Shoulder Project. Trustee Eisel explained to the public no decisions have been made on the project and the project will need to be “let to construction” in 2013; further explaining the Trustees have not had a chance to review the plans yet as this project is in a preliminary status. The plans will need to be approved in 2011. Trustee Nevers stated the decision would be tabled for one year.

Several questions were addressed as follows:

1. Yes, the Trustees do have the authority to spend the grant money and township funds on the proposed project per the Ohio Revised Code. Trustee Winn will provide the ORC stating the authority.
2. The Trustees have the final approval or disapproval of the project.
3. All residents on Kilburn Rd. will be notified of the public hearing at least ten days prior to the hearing. In addition a public hearing notice will be placed in the Toledo Blade and on the Township website (www.richfieldtownshiplucascounty.com) at least ten days prior to the hearing. The Trustees have a responsibility to the entire Township to hold a public hearing and hear all views on the proposed bike trail.
4. The width of the paved berm is five foot, there is a possibility the berm could be reduced to four foot. This would be determined after the Trustees review the plans.
5. No, the Trustees have not looked into other roads for a bike trail. The application for the project was for Kilburn Rd. and not other roads; the decision was based upon the TMACOG bikeway long range plans. Several residents thought the bike trail would be better served on Sylvania Avenue or Brint Road.
6. The benefits of a bike trail would be as follows: decrease the number of accidents, improve safety, reduce roadway deterioration, eliminate rutting problems, drainage improvements to alleviate the flooding problems, and increase public health by providing exercise that is easily available to residents. Trustee Winn reviewed federal studies done on bike trails and they concluded that bike trails improve public safety, decrease accidents and increase the value of personal property. A resident suggested a local study be done on the number of accidents on Kilburn Rd. specifically.
7. No the federal grant money can only be used for the stated project. If the Trustees turn down the grant money it will be offered to another jurisdiction in the funding pipeline.
8. Yes there is a possibility that some of the ditches would have to be enclosed. Concerns were raised over increased flooding problems if the ditches were enclosed.
9. There is only one bike trail in Secor Park at this time. A resident stated with only one bike trail in Secor Park what would be the purpose of linking the bike trail to the park.

10. The Township would be responsible in maintaining the bike trail if approved.
11. A traffic light at the intersection of Central Ave. and Kilburn Rd. would have to be approved by the State of Ohio after a study is completed by Ohio Department of Transportation. Several residents were concerned over the safety of crossing Central Ave. into Secor Park without a traffic light.
12. Trustee Nevers spoke with the Lucas County Engineer and the paved berm would not have to be marked as a bike trail.
13. The long range plan is for the bike trail to loop from Sylvania Metamora Rd. to Kilburn Rd. into Secor Park. Trustee Nevers stated there is already a bike path on Sylvania Metamora Rd. east of Allen Rd. A resident questioned where the bike trail was on Sylvania Metamora Rd. further stating there was no such bike trail. Mr. Nevers stated there was a bike path and future plans are to continue the bike path to Kilburn Rd.
14. The federal study done on bike trails included economic benefits to businesses which are not relevant to the Township.
15. There are specific traffic laws pertaining to bicyclists per the Ohio Revised Code. Trustee Winn has contacted the Lucas County Sheriff for further information.
16. The Township may have to purchase the right of way on some properties; they will have more information after reviewing the site plans.
17. Yes the rails to trails representative were contacted, a TMACOG rails to trails committee member was present at a past meeting and commented in favor of the project.

Residents were concerned over the loss of yard space and removal of trees. In addition they were not in favor of the bike trail and stated they do not want the increase in people on there road.

Two residents were in favor of the bike trial and felt it would increase public safety, excellent idea for residents to walk. They encouraged residents to be open minded and look at the benefits of a bike trail.

ZONING:

Trustee Nevers attended the Lucas County Plan commission hearing on February 25, 2009 for the Central Avenue Overlay and wind turbines. The Lucas County Planning Commission recommended approval of the Central Avenue Overlay and Wind Turbines. (See attachments).

NEW BUSINESS:

The Fiscal Officer and Trustee Nevers provided a report on the winter convention sessions they attended.

Trustee Nevers and Brian Miller (Lucas County Engineer) met with the residents at 3445 and 3501 Murd Rd regarding the flooding problems, Mr. Miller advised putting in a swale on the north side of the property to alleviate the flooding. The property owner was in agreement to put in a swale.

Trustee Eisel reported the dump truck will need to be repaired.

Trustee Eisel attended the Solid Waste meeting. There was discussion on setting up a pick-up for electronic equipment, and tires on the same day as unlimited pickup.

There was discussion on the federal stimulus package available in the State of Ohio and projects that would be eligible for the funds.

In order to have the ditches cleaned in the township a petition would be required and signed by all property owners with an agreement to share in the expenses.

FIRE:

Dispatcher John Farley reported the siren is not working correctly and will need to be repaired. An estimate for the motor starter is approximately \$1462.00.

Karen Winn made a motion to repair the siren for approximately \$1462.00. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

The fire department has been awarded a grant in the amount of \$72,105.00 from FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) to be used for Personal Protective Equipment. The Trustees extended a thank you to Chief Tate, Dispatcher John Farley and volunteer firefighter Kevin Cross for working on the grant.

PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS:

030209-01 Karen Winn moved for the adoption of the following Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees for Richfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board or Trustees, during the period from March 2, 2009 until no later than December 31, 2009 the attached listing of sums be and same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said period as follows:

Donald Eisel seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Donald Eisel yes
Ms. Karen Winn yes
Mr. Arthur Nevers yes

Resolution adopted. (See attachments).

AMENDED APPROPRIATIONS.

030209-02 Karen Winn moved for the adoption of the following Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustee for Richfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board of Trustees, during the fiscal year ending December 31, 2009, the following sums be and they are hereby set aside and appropriated as follows:

That there be appropriated from the Fire Fund the sum of \$72,105.00 to the line item entitled Fire, Machinery & Equipment (2111-760-740).

Arthur Nevers seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Donald Eisel yes
Ms. Karen Winn yes
Mr. Arthur Nevers yes.

Resolution adopted.

Trustee Nevers made a motion to go into executive session at 8:55 p.m to discuss the discipline and or dismissal of an employee. Karen Winn seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

The executive session was adjourned at 9:20 p.m. Regular meeting was resumed.

There being no further business Arthur Nevers made a motion to adjourn at 9:25 p.m., which was seconded by Donald Eisel. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Clerk

