

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

March 15th, 2010

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

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 March 1st, 2010 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, February Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

John Hassen made a motion to approve the March 1st, 2010 minutes as presented. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen –yes, Eisel -abstained. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (5748 -5772) 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.

ROADS:

Mr. Ronau reported he attended the Lucas County Engineer's Road Meeting. Discussion was held on the Miller Road Drainage project. The Lucas County Engineer has completed the revised project limits to construct the drainage work only in the existing right-of-way, north of the curve. The project can be scheduled to advertise for bids once the utility work is determined. There is at least one utility, an underground telephone line that will need to be relocated. The revised construction cost for the project is \$61,683.00.

Discussion was held on the drainage project on Murd Road. ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) will be consulted for possible funding. Further discussion was held on applying for an OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission) grant for this project.

In addition Mr. Ronau reported the County discussed exchanging a township for a county road for snow plowing only; Lathrop Road in exchange for Langenderfer Road to assist in better planning.

ZONING:

A resident reported it appears the Road House is currently constructing an addition on the patio. Zoning Inspector Smith will contact Lucas County to ensure a permit has been pulled.

Mr. Smith reported that Sheila Nash accompanied him to inspect the property at 11460 W. Central Avenue. Mr. Smith presented pictures of the trailer located behind the market as well as pictures of the outhouse and compost bin which appears to hold waste from the outhouse. Mr. Smith spoke to the people there and informed them they cannot live in the trailer. The Lucas County Health Department will send them a letter.

Mr. Smith spoke to the property owner at 10909 Central Avenue regarding the unlicensed vehicles on the property. The property owner stated he would be removing the vehicles without tags and taking them to Lyons.

A permit has been issued for the barn on 5026 Kilburn Road.

Mr. Smith reported the property owner at 10136 Sylvania Metamora Rd. has made improvements on the property and has agreed to remove the junk vehicles after the mud clears.

The March 8th zoning minutes were read.

A public hearing will be held on April 5th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for an Amendment to the Richfield Township Zoning Regulations regarding public election signs, action by Board of Township Trustees, and landscaping setbacks for residential districts. The public hearing will be held at the Maintenance Building at 3951 Washburn Rd. Public notices will be placed in the Toledo Blade and on the township website.

FIRE:

Chief Tate attended a Special Communication's Meeting with area Fire Chiefs on March 11th, 2010 in Monclova. Discussion was held on consolidating dispatch services for efficiency and safety.

The Fire Renewal Operating Levy will be on the May 4th ballot.

Mr. Tate presented prices for a new computer for the fire department. The approximate cost for the computer, additional memory, burner, set up and training is \$1200.00.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to purchase a computer for the fire station not to exceed \$1200.00. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Permits in the township to sell alcoholic beverages expire on June 1, 2010. The Trustees had no objections in the renewal of the liquor licenses.

Trustee Eisel presented estimates on a new salt shed for \$79,000.00; further estimates will be obtained. Discussion was held on joining the Ohio DAS Cooperative Purchasing Program which allows participants to buy supplies and services through state government contracts. Mr. Eisel will research further.

PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS:

031510-01 Donald Eisel moved 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 15th, 2010 until no later than December 31st, 2010 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:

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

Mr. Donald Eisel	yes
Mr. John Hassen	yes
Mr. Arthur Nevers	yes

Resolution adopted. (see attachments).

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on holding a public meeting to discuss the proposed bike trail on Kilburn Road. Trustee Nevers suggested all residents of Richfield Township be notified of the meeting so that all residents can vote on the project. Mr. Nevers stated the project will help with drainage on Kilburn Rd. and promote safety.

Further discussion was held on the additional cost to maintain the road.

A resident stated previously at a public meeting the majority of residents on Kilburn Road did not want the bike trail; Mr. Nevers stated the township as a whole should have a vote.

Ms. Johnston presented prices on placing a full page ad in the Evergreen Newspaper for the township minutes to ensure they would be in there every month. The cost of the ad is \$434.00 for a full page.

Mr. Hassen obtained prices on a bulk mailing to residents; 442 residents for \$194.84. Mr. Farley stated the 442 residents do not include residents with a Swanton, Sylvania or Holland address and there would be approximately 150 additional mailings.

Further discussion was held on placing a box outside of the meeting room with minutes so residents can pick up a copy anytime. All minutes are posted on the website: www.richfieldtownshiplucascounty.com .

Trustee Hassen had a conference call with Ohio gas as well as a lawyer from Columbus and a representative from Barbara Sears's office. Nancy Webb from Ohio gas stated 75% of the residents must be in favor of the project in order to proceed. There are no grants available at this time.

Discussion was held on sending out letters to residents or holding a public hearing to poll how many would be interested; the cost of the natural gas lines would depend on how many residents would be obtaining.

Further discussion will be held at the next scheduled meeting. A suggestion was made to hold a public meeting for the Kilburn Rd. bike trail and natural gas project on the same date and time.

Discussion was held on the continuation of cleaning out the Ten Mile Creek; Trustee Hassen presented information on a contractor who cleans out the ditches in Fulton County. Mr. Hassen stated it would be in the best interest of the township to hire an outside contractor due to safety and liability reasons. Further discussion was held on the cost of hiring an outside contractor.

Trustee Nevers stated if we hire an outside contractor or use the Lucas County Engineers to clean the ditches we would have to put it on a tax levy due to the high cost according to Lucas County Engineer Brian Miller. In addition Mr. Nevers stated the township employees have been cutting trees for many years; Mr. Ronau and Mr. Lumbrezer have over 30 years experience as well as Mr. Smith works for a tree trimming Service Company.

Further discussion was held on sending the employees to a safety program as well as a chipper and chain saw course before continuing with the project. Mr. Hassen questioned if the employees had the proper equipment; Mr. Ronau stated he does have the proper gear although the township would need to purchase additional gear for other employees.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

The following information can be viewed on the Richfield Township website at:
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 9:00 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

