

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

March 16, 2009

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Karen Winn at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 3951 Washburn Road, Berkey, Ohio. The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The fiscal officer provided copies of the minutes from the March 2, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, February Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Karen Winn made a motion to approve the March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2009 minutes as corrected. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (4960 - 4982) were presented for approval:

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

**OLD BUSINESS:**

There was discussion on the progress of the employee handbook.

**ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Hassen reported Channel 11 action news contacted him regarding the property at 2611 Raab Rd.

Mr. Hassen spoke with Nancy Webb at Ohio Gas to follow up on the possibility of natural gas in the township. Ms. Webb reported there Engineers have made a decision to provide natural gas down Central Ave. vs. Sylvania Ave. Mr. Hassen explained to Ms. Webb along with the fire station on Sylvania Ave. there is the township buildings and a day care business; furthermore the 2008 and 2009 propane expenses were provided for Ms. Webb's information. The information will be forwarded to the Engineers office for there review

Mr. Hassen notified the Lucas County Engineers Officer that the catch basins on Raab Rd. needed to be cleaned along with the debris on the Rd.

Mr. Hassen spoke with the Architect for the church property located at 3400 Murd Rd.; advising him new site plans will need to be submitted. The Architect informed Mr. Hassen Lucas County advised the holding pond would have to be in front of the church because of the water flow.

The property at 10745 Central Ave. is putting an overhang in front of the building. Mr. Hassen will call Lucas County to see if a permit is required.

The property owner at 13030 W. Central has plans to put up a wind turbine, Mr. Hassen informed the property owner there is no zoning in place at this time for wind turbines.

The March 9<sup>th</sup> zoning minutes were read.

There was discussion on the recommendations from the Lucas County Plan Commission on the Central Ave. Overlay, Wind Turbines and Adult Oriented Businesses. The Trustees will hold a public hearing for the Richfield Township Zoning Amendments on Wind Turbines, Central Ave. Overlay, and Adult Oriented Businesses on April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station on 11450 Sylvania Ave. A public hearing notice will be placed in the Toledo Blade and posted on the township website at [www.richfieldtownshiplucascounty.com](http://www.richfieldtownshiplucascounty.com)

## **ROADS:**

A letter was received from the Lucas County Engineer's Office re: a residents concern about the Kilburn Rd. Paved Shoulder/Bike Lane Project and drainage concerns along the roadway. The Engineer's office advised they are currently attempting to secure possible Federal Stimulus funds to conduct a Drainage Improvement on Ten Mile Creek, which would reduce flooding.

The letter further referenced "the overgrowth that inhibits flow" in Butler ditch, the vast majority of Butler Ditch lies on private property and is the responsibility of the adjacent landowners. The Toledo Area Sanitary District works with citizens to improve flow in ditches, outside of the public right-of-way. M. Robert Neuber, Drainage Technician, has been informed and copied with the drainage concerns.

A resident voiced concerns over the recent closure of Central Avenue and the re-routing of traffic. A sign was posted "no thru trucks" on Miller Rd. and several trucks continued to go down the road.

There was discussion on cleaning out the ditches on Murd Rd.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to clean the ditches on Murd Rd. not to exceed \$5000.00. Karen Winn seconded the motion. Roll call: Winn-yes. Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Trustee Nevers and Doug Ronau attended the Lucas County Engineers meeting March 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Winn attended the Lucas County Township Association meeting on March 12<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Mark Drennan of the Lucas County Engineers Office was present to give some insight into funding for the State Issue II moneys.

The Lucas County Auditors Office will be attending a Trustee meeting in April 2009.

Trustee Nevers attended the Lucas County Health Department meeting on March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

A TMACOG meeting will be held on March 18<sup>th</sup>, 2009 with state representatives present to discuss the stimulus package

Unlimited Pick-up is scheduled for Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

The Township insurance contract expires in June 2009. Representative Becky Swisher from Hylant Insurance will be contacted to attend a meeting.

The rubbish contract expires in June 2009. Allied Waste Services will be contacted for information on reduction of the fuel recovery fee since the price of fuel has dropped over the past couple months.

### **FIRE:**

The Chief received an application from Brandon Moeller to join the volunteer fire department.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to hire Brandon Moeller as a volunteer fire fighter contingent upon passing a drug screen, physical and background check with a one year probationary period. Karen Winn seconded the motion. Roll call: Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

The Chief reported on March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at a fire call one of the Motorola portable radio's came up missing; he further stated the department is going back out to the site to do a thorough search for the radio. Hylant Insurance Company will be notified.

There are eighteen participants in the Fire Fighter 1 training class.

There was discussion on available grants for the fire department.

There being no further business Karen Winn made a motion to adjourn at 8:30 p.m., which was seconded by Arthur Nevers. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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