

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

June 4th, 2012

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Donald Eisel at 7:00 p.m. at the Maintenance Building, 3951 Washburn Rd., Berkey, Ohio. All present were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

ROLL CALL: Trustee
Chairman: Donald Eisel – present
Vice Chairman: Arthur Nevers – present
John Hassen- present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the May 21st, 2012 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the May 21st, 2012 minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen –yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (7479-7515) were presented for approval:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

FIRE:

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chiefs meeting on May 30th in Washington Township.

May fuel usage was turned in.

Volunteer Fire Fighter Pete Ball turned in a letter of resignation.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to accept the resignation of Pete Ball from the Volunteer Fire Department, granting him exempt membership. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Nevers- yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

Further discussion was held on hiring a grant writer to assist in writing grants for the fire department. Chief Tate presented a contract; fees would include a \$600.00 flat fee per grant with an 8% fee up to a maximum of \$3000.00.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to hire a grant writer for the volunteer fire department. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

Inspector Smith is checking all properties for noxious weeds and will follow up after the June 10th, 2012 deadline.

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John Borell faxed a letter addressed to the owner of the Road House for existing zoning violations. The letter will give him twenty days to file a variance with the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Mr. Smith reported that the owner of 5521 Kilburn Road had not complied fully with the removal of clippings and a commode on the property. Mr. Smith will contact the owner again. The Fire Department has spoke to the property owner regarding burning laws in the township.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Hassen presented a survey from the Ohio Department of Transportation to gather input on trainings the township would like to see in place.

Two quotes were received for the pavement project at the maintenance building. The Trustees will discuss further at the next scheduled meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Further discussion was held on putting a noise ordinance in place. Trustee Eisel spoke with Assistant Prosecutor John Borell and he stated "Townships may regulate noise by establishing restrictions based on the time of day. However, Townships noise resolutions may regulate noise that is generated only at premises to which a D permit has been issued by the division of liquor or areas zoned for residential use. Therefore, unlike the Holland/Springfield ordinance, the Trustees cannot regulate noise generated in area zoned commercial.

Mr. Kadri questioned since Central Avenue is zoned a commercial area then the Trustees cannot regulate noise generated at the Road House.

Trustee Eisel spoke with area townships who informed him noise ordinances are difficult to enforce. Further discussion was held on “disturbing the peace” laws instead of putting in a noise ordinance. Prosecutor’s office will be contacted for additional information on disturbing the peace laws and the legality of putting a time limit on noise.

The Rosinski’s turned in a petition with five signatures that were in favor of putting a noise ordinance in place. They further stated there are concerns over noise coming from the church when they have festivals or from other commercial businesses in the future.

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 8:00 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

