

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

June 7th, 2010

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Arthur Nevers at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station, 11450 Sylvania Ave., Berkey, Ohio. All present were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 May 17th, 2010 meeting, June 3rd, 2010 water meeting, current Cash Summary Report, May Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Donald Eisel made a motion to approve the May 17th minutes as corrected and June 3rd, 2010 minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen –yes, Eisel -yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (5891-5935) 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: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

The Trustees opened the floor for discussion on the proposed Kilburn Rd. Bike Path.

Trustee Nevers stated the estimated funding amounts and percentage of the total project cost are as follows:

County	\$157,000	(7.7%)
Park District	\$75,000	(3.7%)
Township	\$155,000	(7.6%)
OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission)	\$345,000	(16.9%)
TMACOG (Tol. Metropolitan Council of Government)	<u>\$1,308,800</u>	<u>(64.1%)</u>
	\$2,041,000	(100.0%)

The above estimate was from 2009 and Mr. Nevers stated the projected cost for the township is now at approximately \$60,000 or less due to the decrease in fuel prices and the state of the economy per the Lucas County Engineers Office.

The project would include Kilburn Rd. from Sylvania-Metamora Rd. to Central Avenue with a five foot paved shoulder on each side of the road. Included in the project would be drainage improvements to address flooding problems on Kilburn Rd. Mr. Nevers explained the paved shoulder would improve safety; reduce flooding, improve drainage, and promote green (less driving).

The grant was obtained through funds available for a bike trail, a study was completed and Kilburn Road was chosen for the project because of the 2035 TMACOG transportation study.

Several residents residing on Kilburn Rd. were present and stated they were not in favor of the project. A petition was submitted from several residents living on Kilburn Rd. with 38 signatures against the bike path. There were concerns over decrease in property values, loss of privacy, increase in noise, traffic, litter, crime, racing of cars due to a wider road and the loss of land due to the five foot shoulder. Some residents felt this would be of no benefit to township residents and would only benefit residents of Sylvania. In addition there were concerns regarding the safety of people crossing Central Ave. into Secor Park.

Trustee Nevers stated the bike trail would add value to the single family residential properties; further stating it will enhance the safety of the roadway for use by bicyclists and pedestrians.

There were a few residents present who were in support of the bike path stating they felt it would improve safety, decrease accidents, improve flooding issues and improve public health by providing exercise easily available to residents.

A resident questioned if the Trustees had the authority to spend the money on the proposed project per the ORC. Trustee Nevers stated per ORC 557.1 the Trustees do have the authority.

Some residents felt the bike trail would be better served on Sylvania Ave. or Brint Road.

A resident questioned if the grant money could be used for another project in the township. The Trustees explained the money can only be used for this project, if the township votes against the project the grant money would be offered to another jurisdiction that had applied for the grant.

Some of the residents expressed concern over widening of the ditches which would cause the water to flow faster and possibly increase flooding. Questions were raised if the Trustees could guarantee if the project moves forward that this would solve their flooding issues. One resident stated she has flooding now in her yard and if the road and ditches are widened this will push the flooding closer to her home.

A resident stated grant money is federal dollars that we the tax payers have contributed to and it is not free money.

A request was made to do a comparison study on the cost of fixing the drainage problems on Kilburn Rd. vs. the bike path.

A resident questioned if there were no ditches or tile in front of his home now would the bike path require a ditch or tile be put in. Trustee Nevers reassured him this would not happen.

Some residents felt if the 10 mile creek was cleaned out it would improve the flooding on Kilburn Rd. The Trustees stated the 10 mile creek was presently being cleaned out and there are plans for the Butler Ditch to be cleaned out in the future.

Discussion was held on holding a vote to see the number of residents against/for the project. Trustee Nevers suggested placing the issue on the ballot.

Trustee Eisel made a motion to place the proposed bike path on the November 2010 ballot. Trustee Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-no, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

Discussion was held on noxious weed violations in the township; Zoning Inspector Smith will provide a list of residents in violation to the Fiscal Officer.

Discussion was held on permits for pools; no permits are needed for soft sided pools as they are not permanent structures.

Further discussion was held on zoning violations in the township.

Resolution No. 060710-01

Any owners of land may not accumulate vegetation, garbage, refuse and debris and if the same is found on the owners land then it is declared a nuisance and order to abate may issue pursuant to O.r.c. 505.87

Be It Resolved by the Board of Township Trustees Richfield Township that the following described properties:

Parcel #57-20897 at 3537 Murd Rd. is in violation of debris on the land.

Parcel #57-16524 at 3949 N. Berkey-Southern Rd. is in violation of debris on the land

Parcel #57-04011 at 9945 Sylvania-Metamora Rd. is in violation of debris on the land.

Parcel #57-30231 at 2901 N. Berkey-Southern Rd. is in violation of debris on the land.

located in Richfield Township, Lucas county, state of Ohio be and hereby is declared to be a nuisance in the following respects: refuse and debris on all properties, The Board has further determined that the owner's maintenance of such vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris constitutes a nuisance and that the abatement, control, or removal of vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris from land in the township is necessary.

It is therefore the order of the Board of Trustees that the property owners immediately abate said nuisance by removing from the property all noxious vegetation, garbage, refuse, and other debris including with particularity the following:

Parcel #57-20897 at 3537 Murd Rd – remove stone, debris, vegetation

Parcel #57-16524 at 3949 N. Berkey-Southern Rd – remove old barn structure

Parcel #57-04011 at 9945 Sylvania-Metamora Rd. – remove debris from property

Parcel #57-30231 at 2901 N. Berkey-Southern Rd. – remove stone, debris, vegetation

The Board directs the fiscal officer to provide notice to each landowner and to each lien holder by certified mail that if, within seven days after notice is given, the owner of the land fails to abate, control, or remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse, or debris, or no agreement for its abatement, control, or removal is entered into to abate said nuisance, the board of township trustees shall provide for the abatement, control, or removal and may employ the necessary labor, materials, and equipment to perform the task. All expenses incurred shall, when approved by the board, be paid out of the township general fund from moneys not otherwise appropriate, and that all said monies shall be reported to the county auditor to entered upon the tax duplicate, are a lien upon the land from the date of the entry, and shall be collected as other taxes and returned to the township and placed in the township general fund.

Adopted this 7th day of June, 2010.

Trustee Nevers – yes

Trustee Hassen – yes

Trustee Eisel - yes

FIRE:

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chiefs meeting on May 26th, 2010.

May gas usage was turned in.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to amend the bid opening date for the tanker on July 6th, 2010 to June 21st, 2010 at the Richfield Township Fire Station at 7:00 pm. John Hassen seconded the motion. Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

Discussion was held on a individual taking water out of the fire hydrant on Sylvania-Metamora Rd.

The ice guards on the roof need to be repaired.

Discussion was held regarding the volunteer fire department assisting in the disaster in Lake Township; the Trustees were in support.

OLD BUSINESS:

The political sign issue will have to be re-done per Molly MaGuire (Lucas County Plan Commission) and Karlene Henderson (Prosecutors Office). The Zoning Board will set a date for a public hearing at their next meeting.

Trustee Hassen reported Ohio Gas will be sending out letters this week to residents regarding the natural gas lines; they have been getting measurements in the township.

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 9:15 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

