

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

June 15, 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. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**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 June 1st, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, May Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2009 minutes as presented. Karen Winn seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (5124 - 5154) were presented for approval:

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

**BID OPENING TURNOUT GEAR:**

The bid opening for the structural firefighting turnout gear commenced at 7:05 p.m. The following bids were received and recorded.

| <u>Company Name</u>              | <u>Price per set</u> | <u>Total for 33 sets</u> |                        |
|----------------------------------|----------------------|--------------------------|------------------------|
| <b>Warren Fire</b>               | \$2029.00            | \$66957.00               | (no hood bid)          |
| <b>Finley Fire</b>               | \$2060.22            | \$67,987.26              |                        |
| <b>Fire-Safety Services</b>      | \$2035.20            | \$67161.60               |                        |
| With boot option                 | \$2091.95            | \$69034.35               |                        |
| <b>United Fire Apparatus Co.</b> | \$1940.85            | \$65142.00               | (no light bid)         |
| With helmets                     | \$1974.00            | \$65142.00               |                        |
| <b>Phoenix Safety Outfitters</b> | \$1864.00            | \$61,508.70              | (no hood or light bid) |
| <b>W.F. Smithers</b>             | \$1978.85            | \$65,319.05              |                        |
| Turnout gear style 2             | \$1827.85            | \$60319.05               |                        |
| <b>Fire House</b>                | \$220.25             | \$7268.25                |                        |
| Bid only on helmets and lights   |                      |                          |                        |

Chief Ron Tate will review all bids for compliance and present at the next scheduled meeting.

**ZONING:**

Mr. Hassen reported the property owner at 2585 Raab Rd. has put in the swale between his property and the property at 2611 Raab Rd, the overflow on his pond will be rerouted as well. Trustee Nevers was part of being instrumental in getting the swale put in.

Letters were mailed to area property owners advising them to cut noxious weeds. Area residents will be given five days to cut noxious weeds per Ohio Revised Code 5579.05 (If the owner, lessee, agent or tenant having charge of private land fails to comply with the notice, the board of township trustees will arrange for the weeds to be cut or destroyed as permitted by the Ohio Revised Code. They will employ the necessary labor, materials and equipment to perform the task. All expenses incurred will be reported to the county auditor to be entered upon the tax duplicate, and will be entered as lien upon the land, to be collected as other taxes).

The plans for Christ the Word Reformed Church were received. The plans will be reviewed by the Zoning Commission at there next scheduled meeting. Discussion was held on the detention pond, including the depth, use as a dry hydrant, and safe set back from Central Avenue. The Lucas County Engineers office has recommended the Church put in a detention pond.

The owner of the preschool at 11445 Sylvania Avenue would like to rent out the church on Sunday's to a non-denominational church. The Trustees advised Mr. Hassen she would have to go to the Board of Zoning Appeals to apply for another special use permit.

The property at 11490 Bancroft has removed the boat and vehicles from his property.

Discussion was held on adopting a Township noise resolution; the Trustees discussed the difficulties in initiating a noise resolution in an agricultural area with farm implement noise, grain dryers and other noises associated with a rural community. The Trustees were not in favor of adopting a noise resolution at this time.

The June 8, 2009 zoning minutes were read.

Discussion was held on fencing. The Zoning Board has recommended the following: Manufactured fencing should be installed (1) one foot inside the property line. Livestock fencing is required to be (5) five feet from the property line. Trees, evergreens, shrubs and like plants should not be planted closer to the property line than (10) feet.

Trustee Winn stated that setting the manufactured boundary fencing one foot inside of the property line may conflict with the O.R.C. boundary fencing laws. Mr. Hassen will investigate the Ohio Revised Code fencing laws and discuss further at the next scheduled meeting. In addition Trustee Winn recommended that we limit tree plantings to one-half of the expected mature spread of the tree species but not less than ten feet from the property line.

**FIRE:**

The State Fire EMS Board grants will reimburse the following checks:

|                          |            |
|--------------------------|------------|
| #5139 Channing Bete      | \$1146.63, |
| #5140 Physio Control     | \$2289.00, |
| #5141 Bound Tree Medical | \$1171.68. |

Karen Winn made a motion to authorize Chief Ron Tate authority to spend funds that are reimbursable from fire grants. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Chief Tate is currently working on the FEMA grant to finish the fire station. Mr. Tate advised more points will be given if it is a cost sharing project. Discussion was held on a dollar amount the Township can contribute to the project. The Township will set funding aside for approximately ten percent of the estimated construction cost.

Discussion was held on ordering seven pagers to replace the old ones.

Karen Winn made a motion to purchase seven pagers for approximately \$2850.00. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

The irrigation pump at the fire station is not working. Greg Bettinger will obtain estimates for a new pump.

Discussion was held on the privatization of EMS in Lucas County. Lucas County Commissioner Ben Konop proposed to create a scholarship program at the University of Toledo funded in part by the privatization of the existing Lucas County Emergency Medical Service.

061509-01 Karen Winn moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

Whereas, Richfield Township has an EMS infrastructure in place;  
And Whereas, Richfield Township has EMS soft billing;  
And Whereas there is not sufficient evidence that services would improve for our rural community.

Therefore be it resolved by the Board of Richfield Township Trustees that they are opposed to privatization of EMS services.

Arthur Nevers seconded the resolution. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Resolution approved.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Eisel attended the Solid Waste Management District meeting on June 8<sup>th</sup>, 2009. Discussion was held on the cost of recycling.

Trustee Nevers will obtain estimates to replace the windows in the garage at the maintenance building.

**ROADS:**

The Murd Rd. conduit has been repaired.

There being no further business Karen Winn made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., which was seconded by Donald Eisel. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Clerk

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