

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

August 3, 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 July 20, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Karen Winn made a motion to approve the July 20, 2009 minutes as presented. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Winn-yes, Eisel – yes, Nevers - yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (5291 - 5316) were presented for approval:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mike Beazley (Lucas County Administrator) was present to discuss the Lucas County Commissioners desire to cut Lucas County Sheriff patrol services in Richfield Township.

Mr. Beazley explained the decision to cut the sheriff's budget in 2010 was a result of decreases in sales tax, property tax and investment income. Up to now the Sheriff's office has provided services at no additional cost to those townships without police. The Ohio Revised Code does not require the county to provide police protection to township residents.

Lucas County deputies will no longer provide patrols to eight townships in Lucas County unless townships pay for the service. The services will be cut as of January 1, 2010. Currently, 32 deputies patrol eight townships. In Lucas County, three townships pay for their own police departments.

Mr. Beazley further stated the county has to reduce spending; they have already taken a significant number of major steps to reduce spending – closing the Lucas County Recreation Center and turning it over to a non-profit organization along with the Area Office of Aging, and reducing the work force. For 90 percent of Lucas County’s population, police protection is paid for at the local level. The county is operating a service for \$5.1 million to benefit 10 percent of the population.

Mr. Beazley added the best option for the townships, which is the cheapest, is to pay the sheriff’s department for patrols. Lucas County pays approximately, on average, \$110 per resident for patrols by deputy sheriffs, less than what other communities pay.

Trustee Winn questioned if the township would be charged for dispatching if they choose an alternative for police protection. Mr. Beazley stated “no, the township would not be charged for dispatch services if they choose to have their own police protection or contract with another entity”. Mr. Beazley encouraged the Trustees to invite the Lucas County Sheriff out for further questions; in addition he advised the contact person at the Sheriff’s office is Jim O’Neil.

Discussion was held on the slow response time the township is presently receiving from the Lucas County Sheriff. Mr. Beazley stated once the services have been terminated the Lucas County Sheriff will continue to respond to 911 calls, there will be no sheriff assigned to the area which could lengthen the response time.

A resident questioned how much sales tax revenue from Richfield Township goes to the County. Mr. Beazley stated there is no way to break down where sales tax money comes from in the county.

#### **ZONING:**

Nancy Webb (Ohio Gas) sent 45 survey letters to residents on Sylvania Ave. regarding the installation of natural gas lines and the cost per resident. The results of the survey were as follows: 21 – yes, 18 – no responses, 7 – no. Mr. Hassen will research possible funding including grants for the installation of the natural gas lines. Trustee Winn discussed the option of the township installing the transmission lines to reduce the cost per resident.

The new zoning books were received.

Mr. Hassen reported he has received complaints of noxious weeds on Lathrop Rd. and will follow up. In addition a complaint was received regarding blight at 3304 Washburn Rd. The property owners were taken to Sylvania Courts and were fined \$200.00 with instructions to clean up the property. Lucas County cannot condemn the property unless they can enter the home, the property owners presently have a no trespassing sign posted.

Mr. Hassen will research the present legislation regarding condemning or boarding up homes.

Discussion was held on fining the residents.

Mr. Hassen received a complaint of residents burning garbage. Chief Tate stated there are burning laws in the State of Ohio, if a resident is in violation, call 911 for an illegal burn.

Mr. Hassen turned in \$25.00 in zoning permits.

Township zoning sourcebooks will be ordered for the BZA and Zoning Board.

The Lucas County Township Association is providing one day training for the zoning board, inspector and Board of Zoning Appeals. All information has been forwarded to the board members.

#### **FIRE:**

Greg Bettinger reported he has repaired the circulator pump at the fire station.

Resignation letters were received from Adam Lee and Joe Okos from the volunteer fire department.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to accept the resignation of Adam Lee and Joe Okos from the volunteer fire department. Karen Winn seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

There was discussion on the water lines to the Village of Berkey. Chief Tate is requesting a contact person at the village for emergency purposes. Further discussion was held on the verification of the line sizes, maintenance on the hydrants, and if there will be a charge for other jurisdictions using water outside the township.

Mayor Barb Huff will be contacted for the above information.

Discussion was held on selling a rescue vehicle. Chief Tate will look into placing the vehicle on the government auction site. The Lucas County lettering will be removed.

Estimates were presented for the windows in the back of the maintenance building. Trustee Eisel presented an estimate of \$275.00 per window from H & S Construction for double hung windows; Trustee Nevers presented an estimate of \$473.00 per window from Twin Heart Builders for solid glass block windows. Jim Crooks will provide an estimate for the installation of the windows.

Estimates will be obtained for the maintenance building door at the next scheduled meeting.

Trustee Nevers reported he received a call from a concerned resident regarding the field fires that occur every year. A suggestion was made to start a block watch in the township.

There was discussion on repairs needed for the salt shed.

Mr. Ronau has requested to attend the snow & ice control training.

Trustee Nevers reported there are residents using the dumpster in back of the maintenance building. Suggestions were made to place a motion light in back.

Trustee Eisel reported the concrete by the dumpster is in need of repairs.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on the rubbish service bids. There was discussion on locking in the fuel service charges and adding in the contract the township will not be charged for dump fees for hauling outside of the county. In addition based on possible budget reductions the Trustees were in agreement to add in the contract “the unlimited pickup service will be based upon the present budget”. Tare slips will be required for the unlimited pickup.

The contract will be forwarded to the Lucas County Prosecutors office for their review.

080309-01 Karen Winn moved for the adoption of the following resolution.

#### **RESOLUTION TO AWARD RUBBISH SERVICE CONTRACT**

**WHEREAS**, Richfield Township will provide garbage and rubbish collection services; and

**WHEREAS**, the Richfield Township Trustees of Lucas County has determined that such collection shall be done by contract with private haulers; and

**WHEREAS**, the current contract with the private haulers has expired; and

**WHEREAS**, Richfield Township has advertised for bids for garbage collection within the Township with ARS being the lowest and best bid for such service; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, be it RESOLVED** by the Richfield Township Trustees that the rubbish service bid will be awarded to ARS, Option A and Option D based upon a mutual satisfying contract.

Contractor Name: A.R.S. Refuse Service Inc.  
200 Taylor Parkway, Archbold, OH 43502

Option  
A

Monthly collection			\$12,855.77	per year
Semi-monthly collection			\$14,692.31	per year
Two on-site receptacles			\$0.00	per year
<b>TOTAL COST PER YEAR</b>			\$27,548.08	
<b>Unlimited rubbish collection</b>			\$100.00	per ton

Option  
D

Preferred Provider Service

		3 container limit		Unlimited containers	
0-99	households	\$3.59	per week	\$5.38	per week
100-199	households	\$3.59	per week	\$5.38	per week
200-299	households	\$3.59	per week	\$5.38	per week
300-399	households	\$3.59	per week	\$5.38	per week
400+	households	\$3.59	per week	\$5.38	per week

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

There being no further business Donald Eisel made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m.,  
which was seconded by Karen Winn. Roll call: Winn-yes, Eisel – yes, Nevers - yes.  
Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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