

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

September 4, 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 August 17, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, August Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Karen Winn made a motion to approve the August 17, 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 (5332 - 5366) were presented for approval:

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

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Hassen reported he has received calls stating he was condemning leach fields and wells in the township. Mr. Hassen has not condemned any leach fields or wells; that is the responsibility of the Lucas County Health Department.

Discussion was held regarding the property at 3304 Washburn Rd. Mr. Hassen called the Court House and there was no hearing on August 20th.

Mr. Hassen spoke with Matt Miklovic from Christ the Word Church regarding the site plans for Christ the Word Church, the pond has been relocated to the back of the church. Mr. Hassen met with Molly Maguire (Lucas County Plan Commission) to review the site plans, there was concern over the parking area in front which is 33 feet from the centerline of Central Avenue, the zoning resolution states it must be 50 feet from the centerline of Central Avenue. The pond depth will be 18-20 feet.

Trustee Winn spoke to John Walters (Lucas County Engineer) regarding the fire suppression for the retention pond at Christ the Word Church.

FIRE:

Discussion was held on the remaining funds from the PPE (Personal Protective Equipment) grant. Chief Tate reported \$5000.00 of the grant money can be used in the same category for different items; further stating he would like to purchase mask as an "NFPA Standard" was passed in 2007 stating all personnel must have their own mask. The remaining \$1800.00 can be used for fire prevention.

Karen Winn made a motion to purchase 15 SCBA's for approximately \$5550.00 of which \$5000.00 will be used from the FEMA grant. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Chief Tate reported the Fire Association has purchased shelving for the old gear and spent \$660.00 for flags on the new turnout gear, along with several cleaning supplies.

Discussion was held on the old turnout gear. The Chief reported FEMA requires anything 8 years and older must be removed from the department; further stating he would like to donate the old gear to the Metamora Junior Firefighters.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to donate the old turnout gear that is older than 8 years of age per FEMA requirements to the Metamora Junior firefighter's, providing all exterior ID is removed. Karen Winn seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

The Chief reported engine 1 is in need of tarp repairs; further requesting permission to pay Jim Crooks minimum wage to take the vehicle in for repairs and remain with the vehicle until completion. The Trustees were in agreement to pay Mr. Crooks minimum wage for his time in taking the vehicle in for repairs.

There was discussion on automatic mutual aid with Spencer Fire Department. Trustee Winn was concerned over coverage in the township in the event Richfield was responding to a call in Spencer Township. Chief Tate stated one vehicle would remain in the township for response.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Eisel spoke with Mr. Ronau regarding the rubbish contract with ARS. Letters will be sent out to all residents notifying them of the change in contractors. ARS will provide the letter and the township will pay all postage.

Trustee Eisel and Trustee Nevers attended the Butler Ditch clean out meeting hosted by Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District on August 31st. Methods of drainage improvement were discussed and the group decided to proceed with the private ditch bottom clean out, with the option of reconstruction of banks. A second public meeting will follow to discuss the project further.

OLD BUSINESS:

Further discussion was held on the personnel manual and job descriptions. The Trustees reviewed the manual and job descriptions.

Trustee Nevers spoke with the Lucas County Engineers office and they will send out letters to residents for the right of entry by the township to begin cleaning out the log jams and dead trees in the ditches. The project will start on Brint Rd
Residents with log jams can contact Trustee Nevers.

Discussion was held on possible projects for the OPWC (Ohio Public Works Grant).

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

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

