

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

September 21st, 2011

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by John Hassen 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 - John Hassen- present
Co-Chairman Donald Eisel – present
Arthur Nevers – present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the September 6th, 2011 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Donald Eisel made a motion to approve the September 6th 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 (6913-6928) 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: Hassen –yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A petition was presented from members of the volunteer fire department to keep dispatcher John Farley at forty hours per week. Concerns were expressed regarding going to Lucas County EMS for dispatching.

The Trustees stated it was never their goal to get rid of our dispatcher and they do not want to jeopardize the township. The goal is to have a full time fire fighter during the day so there is daytime coverage for calls. Chief Tate would like to increase Jim Crook's hours to forty hours per week to provide that coverage; Trustee Hassen will look into the fire budget.

Further discussion was held on Mr. Farley's wages compared to the county dispatcher; Mr. Farley's wages include other responsibilities other than dispatching including the town hall rentals.

Mr. Farley implemented the soft billing system bringing in approximately \$20,000.00.

Discussion was held on what the job duties are for the maintenance department at the fire station.

Discussion was tabled until the next meeting when Chief Tate is present.

A resident questioned the condition of Wolfinger Cemetery in particular the weeds and grubs; Mr. Lumbrezer informed the Trustees the cemetery has been seeded several times, new top soil and is being mowed weekly.

The Trustees will contact Lucas County Water and Soil or a private landscaper for their opinion.

FIRE:

No Fire Report.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Smith will pick up the Swanton Key and distribute to businesses in the Village of Berkey at Country Mark, Jerry's Marathon, Ott's Implement and Keeler's Corners every Monday for residents.

Mr. Smith reported the property at 3304 Washburn Road has been condemned by the Lucas County Health Department; it is a three year process to demolish the home. Mr. Freeze from the Lucas County Environmental Health Department has sent a letter to the property owners. Mr. Smith received a copy of Lucas County's Building Regulations regarding Unsafe Buildings from Tim Dewitt, Sylvania Township Zoning Inspector.

A complaint was voiced regarding the mound of dirt at the former Tee It Up property; the mound is 3.6 feet high.

A property owner on State Route 295 has contacted Mr. Smith to place more antennas on his tower; permits are not required.

Mr. Smith will contact the Lucas County Prosecutor for assistance in the salt building violation on the property at 11515 Central Avenue.

An updated report was given on the interior work at the fire station; final inspection will take place on October 15th.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Nevers attended the National Township Association meeting in Washington DC; Marcy Kaptur would like to do a livestock auction at the farmers market in Lucas County. Discussions were held on proposals and legislation.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Hassen presented information on propane gas rates as follows:

Lyons LP Gas	\$1.84
Bextons	\$1.85 with 10% up front
Amerigas	\$2.49

ROADS:

Miller Road Resurfacing Project bids were reviewed by the Lucas County Engineers office; a spread sheet was provided for the Trustees.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to reward the Miller Road Resurfacing Project to Geddis Paving and Excavating Inc. for \$48,080.90. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

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 John Hassen made a motion to adjourn at 8:15 p.m., which was seconded by Donald Eisel. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.


Richfield Township Fiscal Officer



