

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

August 5th, 2013

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the July 15th, 2013 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the July 15th, 2013 minutes with the following correction: A correction was made to the number of days political signs previously could be put up; the number was changed from 50 days prior to 30 days prior to elections. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen –yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (8266-8320) 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: Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Gary Meyers informed the Trustees his house was sold at a Sherriff's sale on April 3rd, 2013 and the Attorney's said after 30 days he had no responsibility on the property. Since that time there has been an issue with the Judge signing the papers, he has hired an attorney to resolve the issue. Mr. Meyers was agreeable to have the township cut his grass and informed the Trustees to have whoever cuts the grass notify him prior to doing so.

FIRE:

Fuel usage for July was turned in.

Chief Tate reported he received an application from James Case to re-join the fire department.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to reinstate James Case to the volunteer fire department after passing a drug screen, physical and background check without a one year probationary period. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

Chief Tate read a resignation letter from John Farley from the fire department.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to accept the resignation from John Farley. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

The Toledo-Lucas County Health Department did an inspection of the sewage treatment system at the fire department. There were no signs of failure or surfacing. Recommendation was to continue regular pumping and maintenance of the system. Chief Tate provided a report for the township.

Trustee Nevers questioned the Chief regarding the loss of volunteer fire fighters due to the required trainings for EMT's and Fire Fighter One classes. Mr. Nevers stated some of the volunteers want to do fire only and some EMS only; he has looked at the numbers and if we are losing volunteers because of this he would rather have them trained in either EMS or as a Fire Fighter.

Chief Tate reported we have 25 volunteers at this time with a couple new pending applications. He further stated by having the volunteers cross trained there is less exposure to liability for the township in addition to ensuring the safety of both the volunteers and citizens. In addition by having a cross trained department it increases our chances for successful grants. Chief Tate reported the few volunteers that have resigned were not active, the Chief advised Mr. Nevers to read the annual fire department report which reflects the number of hours of activity of each fire fighter and he will find the ones that have resigned have very few activity hours.

Mr. Nevers suggested recruiting volunteers that are graduating from high school. Chief Tate stated unfortunately history shows most of the 18 year olds that join the department do not stay; many go on to college.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Smith turned in \$650.00 in zoning fees.

Mr. Smith gave an updated report on compliance with noxious weeds in the township.

Mr. Smith received a call from a member of the Farley Methodist Church and was informed he will be tearing it down. He was advised no demolition permit would be needed by the township and to contact Lucas County for a permit.

Discussion was held on the parking of cars in the grass at the Road House; Mr. Nevers questioned if a letter was sent from John Borell to the property owner advising he cannot park cars on the grass. Trustee Eisel informed him a letter was sent from the Lucas County Prosecutor's office to the owner of the Road House's attorney.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the contract for Tina Tipping to handle the town hall rentals; Ms. Tipping would like the language changed in the contract. John Borell (Assistant Prosecuting Attorney) advised the township needs to have a contract in place for liability issues. Trustee Hassen will speak to Ms. Tipping regarding the language of the contract and contact Mr. Borell for assistance in revising the contract.

Bids were presented on the sandblasting and painting of the dump truck as follows:

- Ramirez Sandblasting & Painting: \$3282.00
- B&B Restoration Services \$2740.00
- Macco \$1600.00
- Central Truck \$3500.00

Trustee Nevers made a motion to accept the bid of \$1600.00 from Macco for the restoration of the dump truck. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

Trustee Nevers reported Mike Carter requested records from the Health Department on the Road House. Mr. Nevers contacted the Health Department and these are public records, he obtained the records and was advised per John Borell that copies of these records should be kept at the township. Copies were made and given to Mr. Carter per Trustee Nevers.

Trustee Eisel reported they have fixed the tile on Murd Road.

Trustee Nevers reported the law suit Gary Meyers filed against him has been thrown out of court as a frivolous case.

Trustee Hassen reported he spoke to the representative at Ohio Gas and they are looking at the spring of 2014 for natural gas in the township.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Eisel received an estimate on the fire station sign for \$2500.00; further estimates will be obtained.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

The following information can be viewed on the Richfield Township website at:
www.richfieldtownshiplucascounty.com.

Residents may call Tina Tipping at 419-973-2706 to rent the town hall.

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 8:00 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

