

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

October 3rd, 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 21st, 2011 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, August Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the September 21st minutes as presented. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen – yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (6929-6961) 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:

There were no public comments.

BID OPENING FIRE TANKER:

Cahill-Eldotread Auto Parts: \$2852.00

There were no other bids submitted. Chief Tate reported a notarized affidavit is required by the buyer stating they will not use the vehicle for fire services or sell the vehicle for use as a fire vehicle. The Fiscal Officer will contact Cahill-Eldotread to inform them of the requirements.

Trustees will discuss further at the next scheduled meeting.

FIRE:

August gas usage was turned in.

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chief's meeting on September 28th in Rossford.

The FEMA grant for 2011 has been completed and submitted.

Flu Shots will be available to the public.

Carl Gillen gave an updated report on the interior work at the fire station. Mr. Gillen informed the Trustees there will be additional expenses for the speakers, computer wires and telephone updates. Trustees approved the updates.

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 will send a certified letter for the salt building violation on the property at 11515 Central Avenue.

Discussion was held on the signage in front of the property at 11535 Central Avenue; zoning law states "No portable signs shall be permitted, except for a one-time opening of a business but not to exceed 30 days". Mr. Smith will contact the property owner.

CEMETERY:

Trustee Eisel received an estimate from AJ Landscaping to hydro seed a portion of the Wolfinger Cemetery for \$2500.00; without water at the cemetery they are unable to proceed. Mr. Eisel spoke with Country Mark and will proceed in the spring.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Conley, Managing Director Public from Robert W. Baird & Co. presented information on refinancing the bond issue. The average interest rate would be reduced from 6% to 3% with an approximate net savings of \$90,094.44.

The bond would be refinanced through the Ohio CAF(Capital Asset Financing) program which is a financing cooperative offered by the Center for Local Government to Ohio communities as an alternative to cash purchases or forms of costly financing. The program allows multiple communities to combine their borrowing needs in a manner that enables them to obtain better interest rates and lower financing costs. It reduces interest cost and financing expenses because of credit enhancements and economics of scale gained from the issuance of a single large bond issue compared to smaller individual issues.

John Hassen made a motion to proceed with the refinancing of the present bond issue with the Ohio CAF program. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-here, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Mr. Farley turned in \$50.00 for the August town hall rentals.

Information was presented on the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission authorizing the necessary tax levies to the county auditor.

See attached resolution.

Township CD at Metamora State Bank is earning an interest rate of 2.23%. The \$100,000.00 CD will mature on March 19th, 2013. The present balance is \$103,401.38.

Trustee Eisel will attend the Lucas County Improvement Corporation meeting on October 13th.

Trustee Nevers presented information on energy funding programs.

Discussion was held on the Trustees attending National Township Convention in Washington DC yearly; Trustee Eisel stated the expense of attending national convention yearly is costly and recommended township policy be changed to attendance once per term. Trustee Nevers stated he feels it's important to attend as he is representing the township, county and state. Mr. Nevers turned in sessions attended at convention including information on the volunteer responder incentive protection reauthorization act.

OLD BUISNESS:

Trustee Hassen presented propane rates from Bexton's at \$1.85 per gallon and Lyons at \$1.84 per gallon. Fiscal Officer will contact Lyons LP gas to lock in rates at \$1.84 per gallon.

Trustee Hassen reported on July 5th all the Trustees went into executive session with the Fire Chief for discussion on reducing John Farley's hours and increasing Jim Crook's hours to full time to cover daytime fire calls.

Chief Tate stated the discussion was held to weigh out the options for the best protection in the best interest of the township residents.

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 8:45 p.m., which was seconded by Donald Eisel. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

