

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

October 4th, 2010

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 September 16th, 2010 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the September 16<sup>th</sup> minutes as corrected. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen –yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (6151-6174) were presented for approval:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

DJ Mears (Lucas Soil & Water Conservation District) was present to discuss the flooding issues on Kilburn Rd. Mr. Mears stated by cleaning the Butler Ditch, Ten Mile Creek as well as improving the drainage on Kilburn Rd. it would improve the flooding on Kilburn. He further stated by cleaning the ditches out they would retain more water and improve drainage.

He further stated he was misquoted at a prior meeting and would not recommend a retention pond; the pond would have to be very large and the cost would be excessive.

Discussion was held on cutting trees from the ditches and erosion problems. Mr. Mears stated cutting the trees in the ditches would not cause any erosion; he further stated if the stumps and roots were removed then there could be an erosion problem.

Richfield Township residents with questions may contact Mr. Mears at 419-893-1966 or by email at [dmears@co.lucas.oh.us](mailto:dmears@co.lucas.oh.us).

A resident was present to discuss a zoning violation letter he received due to a large political sign on his property. Zoning Inspector Smith had informed the resident per the "Richfield Township Zoning Resolution 7.12.2 g) 2. Public election signs shall not exceed 12 square feet in total surface area or six (6) square feet for any one sign, on any lot." The resident stated he has been putting up these signs over the last several years and it has not been a problem. Mr. Smith explained he had received a complaint and therefore issued the letter.

John Borrell (Assistant Lucas County Prosecutor) was contacted and advised "unless the signs could be construed as blight, the Township cannot go in and remove them. If the signs were a threat to public safety (such as restricting the view of traffic at an intersection), we could ask a Court to order the signs removed. The zoning inspector could cite the property owner every day the signs are up."

Further discussion was held on changing the size restrictions on political signs. The discussion was tabled.

A resident stated he feels there are more important issues in the township other than the size of political signs; he further stated he is concerned over the recent break-ins within the township and would like additional police protection.

Discussion was held on the recent break-in's in the township. A resident questioned whether or not the township had police protection. The Trustees informed the public the township has police protection with the Lucas County Sherriff; they further stated they were looking into contracting with another jurisdiction for additional police protection. The Trustees will attend the next scheduled meeting at the Village of Berkey; Mr. Hassen will contact the Village to be placed on their agenda.

Discussion was held on placing the crime report in the Evergreen newsletter.

## **FIRE:**

September gas usage was turned in.

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chiefs meeting on September 29<sup>th</sup> at Jerusalem Township Fire Department.

The Fire Association has paid for one-half of the struts.

The three Fire Station building manuals will be kept at the fire station, chief's office and in the maintenance building.

Dispatcher John Farley stated the yellow pages have the fire number (829-2222) listed for emergency calls. Chief Tate stated the number should remain in place in the event 911 goes down residents could then use the 829-2222 number for emergencies. Mr. Tate advised all residents to call 911 first for all emergencies.

#### **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Smith gave an updated report on zoning violations in the township. Mr. Smith will follow up on the zoning violation letters that were sent out regarding junk cars and report at the next scheduled meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The resolution for tax rates and the corresponding amounts for calendar year 2011 were presented to the Trustees.

100410-01 See attached resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the budget commission and authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the county auditor.

Trustee Hassen reported he contacted ODOT (Ohio Department of Transportation) due to the stop light on Central Avenue not working correctly and the blinking light at the intersection of Sylvania Ave. and State Rt. 295 was not working. The timer was adjusted on Central Avenue and the problem was corrected as well as the blinking light was repaired on Sylvania Avenue.

The Fiscal Officer went over the township cell phone policy; Township officials and employees should make every effort to avoid using Township issued communication devices for personal use. Any charges incurred by the official or employee above and beyond the regular monthly service charge, must be reimbursed to the Township.

She further stated the Auditor advised if any employee goes over the monthly service charge they should reimburse the township for that amount.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on the Kilburn Road Bike Path/Paved Shoulder Project. Trustee Nevers stated if the township turns down the grant money for the project they will have to pay for the road repairs in future years. Mr. Nevers stated he felt the project would make the roads safer.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to accept the Kilburn Rd. paved shoulder project.

There was no second on the motion. The motion was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

The following information can be viewed on the Richfield Township website at: [www.richfieldtownshiplucascounty.com](http://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 Arthur Nevers made a motion to adjourn at 8:40 p.m., which was seconded by Donald Eisel. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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