

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

November 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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.

**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 October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the October 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 minutes as presented. Karen Winn seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (5441-5466) were presented for approval:

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

**PUBLIC HEARING:**

The Public Hearing was opened at 7:05 p.m. for the: Revised Site Plan for Christ the Word Church, 10640 W. Central Avenue.

The Site Plan Review from the Lucas County Engineer's Office was read as follows:

1. An access permit application has been reviewed and approved for the proposed Murd Road access.
2. Revised storm drainage calculations have been reviewed and approved as submitted.
3. Show **required** signing setbacks from Central Ave. and Murd Rd.
4. Include an ODOT standard stop sign located at the stop bar for the proposed driveway.
5. Murd Rd. Pavement Widening:
  - a. Add dimension labels for proposed pavement width at beginning, end and radius returns.
  - b. Indicate a minimum widening width of 2 feet at the southerly end of pavement widening.
6. Include cross sections along Murd Rd. to show proposed shoulder, swale and grading slopes north and south of the driveway.
7. Proposed gas service is shown connecting to edge of pavement. No existing gas lines are shown along Murd Rd. If proposed location is unknown at this time, stop gas service line short of right of way and indicate on plan future gas line location unknown at this time. Recommend coordinating with gas company new line extending up Murd Rd. prior to construction of driveway.
8. Show centerline ditch elevations for westerly and easterly ditches.
9. Murd Road Typical Section:
  - a. Item 3: add “, for Intermediate Course” after Tack Coat
  - b. Item 4: Prime Coat application rate is (0.40 Gal/ S.Y.)
  - c. Item 5: Add “Subgrade Compaction” before As Per Plan
  - d. Existing pavement dimension should extend to include 2 ft. pavement removal.
10. The construction entrance to the north should be removed to avoid damage to Murd Rd. and minimize construction traffic near the neighboring residential homes. Central Avenue to Murd Rd. should be utilized as the primary route for heavy construction vehicles and traffic.
11. Temporary Sediment Basin Detail:
  - a. Four inch underdrain outlet will have to be rerouted at Headwall 2 because the headwall will be into the pipe

12. One set of revised plans addressing the previous items shall be forwarded to the Lucas County Engineer's Office for final review. Upon approval, nine (9) sets of plans should be provided to our office prior to issuance of zoning and building permits.

Trustee Winn questioned the methods of fire suppression; Tucker Fredrickson, PE, of the Mannik & Smith Group, stated the water for the fire suppression has two means: the pipe along with the dry hydrant.

Further discussion was held on the static water level. Trustee Winn requested a written report be provided to the Board on the static water to ensure proper water static level for all seasons.

Matt Miklovic, Christ the Word Church, stated the building was designed specifically by the fire code.

Trustee Nevers questioned the depth of the pond. The pond is 18 feet deep and is one and one-half acres.

Discussion was held on the drainage and the conduit under Central Avenue. Mr. Miklovic stated there will be no impact on the drainage at the intersection; further stating they are not changing the grade of the road. There will be a four foot expansion on the east side of Murd Road.

Dave Fisher, 3214 Murd Road stated a resident at 3130 Murd Road has his sub pump draining into the ditch on Murd Rd.. Mr. Fredrickson stated they will tie in the sub pump if necessary.

Bob Fenicle, 3149 Murd Road has concerns regarding the elevation of the church and surrounding property which is four foot higher than his property; he is concerned about flooding.

Mr. Fredrickson stated the elevation is temporary as there is a minimum standard for the contractor to follow for construction.

Trustee Winn questioned the turn off radius off of Central Avenue over the catch basin and had concerns for safety.

Mr. Fredrickson stated the intersection is an existing problem and they are not doing anything with the intersection.

Trustee Winn questioned if they are aware they cannot cut into the farm tile if it has been in place over twenty-one years, further stating in the event they did cut into the tile they would have to redirect the tile.

Discussion was held on contacting ODOT regarding recommendations on the catch basin.

The septic system was relocated from the northwest corner to the southwest corner of the site.

Mr. Fisher and Mr. Fenicle raised concerns over the lighting in the parking lot. Mr. Frederickson stated they have no lighting plans at this time. The church is willing to work with the property owners to minimize lighting concerns.

Trustee Nevers questioned the plans showing the trees being planted in the middle of the swale. A member of Christ the Word Church in attendance states that once the swale was in place, the trees would be planted on the top of the swale.

Further discussion was held on the landscaping and fence options for privacy. Mr. Fenicle and Mr. Fisher stated they did not want a fence and would prefer the trees. Mr. Fredrickson stated they would be willing to work with the neighbors on the landscaping design.

Mr. Fenicle stated the dumpster is located close to his home and he wants it moved. Mr. Fredrickson stated it would be costly to move as the dumpster is located on a heavy duty concrete pad and a heavy duty asphalt approach; further stating they could possibly move it to the northeast corner next to the fire pump house.

Construction will begin approximately in the Spring of 2010.

Trustee Winn questioned Christ the Word Church representatives if they were in agreement to all the recommendations from the Lucas County Engineers and the following additional recommendations from the Board of Trustees:

1. Tie in the sub pump for the resident at 3130 Murd Rd..
2. Provide a written report on the static water to ensure proper static water level for all seasons.
3. Request recommendations from ODOT on the catch basin.
4. Relocate the dumpster to the northeast corner next to the pump house.
5. No plans for lighting in the parking lot at this time; all plans will need to come before the Board of Trustees.
6. Minimum of a thirty foot landscaping strip.
7. Two rows of staggered trees for the border landscaping.
8. Church will meet with the neighbors on the landscaping design and submit final plans to the Board of Trustees.
9. In the event the field tiles are cut they will be rerouted if they have been in place over twenty-one years.
10. Provide standard pipe dry hydrant and six inch NST thread for the dry hydrant.
11. Septic system relocated and is closer to the building.

Mr. Fredrickson and Mr. Miklovic stated yes they were in agreement to the recommendations from the Board of Trustees and the Lucas County Engineers.

Karen Winn made a motion to approve the revised plans as submitted with the list of requirements from the Lucas County Engineer and the Board of Trustees. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

The public hearing closed at 8:10 p.m..

#### **PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Mike Morrin questioned Trustee Nevers if the phone number on his campaign flyer he placed in the Evergreen newsletter was his personal or township cell number. Mr. Nevers stated it was his township cell number. Mr. Morrin stated he contacted the Ohio Ethics Commission and this is a violation of ethics law. Mr. Nevers was unaware that this was not permissible.

Mr. Morrin questioned Trustee Winn if she was a resident of Richfield Township. Ms. Winn stated all her possessions were at 2645 Lathrop Rd., further stating she had contacted the Board of Elections and was advised her address is where her personal possessions are.

Mr. Morrin stated he would like to see tougher penalties regarding illegal burning in the township.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on the Trustee's cell phones and their usage; the present contract allows for 200 minutes per phone. At this time there are only 2 cell phones in use by Trustee Nevers and Trustee Winn. The October invoice was over the allotted minutes. Verizon will be contacted for rates on other plans.

Trustee Nevers provided information on signage from Sylvania and Springfield Township. Mr. Nevers would like to see the zoning resolution: 7.12.2 (g) "Signs pertaining to public elections may be erected for no more than 15 days prior to an election" changed. Mr. Nevers stated they were denied their rights of the constitution of the First Amendment, Freedom Of Speech for not being allowed to place their political signs up prior to the 15 days. Mr. Hassen will present to the zoning board at their next scheduled meeting. Trustee Winn suggested the entire section be removed. The Prosecutors office will be contacted for recommendations

Trustee Nevers spoke with Jim Shaw (Lucas County Sanitary Engineer) regarding the payment plan for water for Richfield Township residents on Sylvania Metamora Road. Mr. Shaw informed Mr. Nevers they are close to coming to an agreement.

Mr. Nevers reported he spoke with John Borrell (Lucas County Prosecutor) regarding "at will employees"; Mr. Borrell informed him the Trustees can change hours, job descriptions, and dismiss an employee at will anytime.

Mr. Nevers spoke with Bryan Miller (Lucas County Engineer) and Mike Stormer (ODOT) regarding the conduit on Murd Road and was advised they will research further following the next time it floods.

The Lucas Soil and Water Conservation District will hold a meeting on the cleaning of Schmitz Ditch on November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 6:00 p.m. at the Berkey Village Hall. Notices have been sent to all property owners involved.

Trustee Eisel contacted Metamora State Bank regarding the township investment accounts. A representative will present at the next scheduled meeting.

Discussion was held on the old truck in the maintenance building. Trustee Eisel spoke with Central Truck and they offered \$1500.00 for the vehicle. The vehicle is not operable at this time. The Lucas County Prosecutor will be contacted for counsel on the sale of the vehicle.

### **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Hassen attended the zoning session in Blacklick, Ohio. Mr. Hassen reported under no circumstances is the zoning inspector allowed to enter onto anyone's property unless requested by the property owner. In addition the zoning inspector should always wear an ID badge. The session provided demonstrations on zoning software called "Zone Pro". Mr. Hassen reported the Trustees must refrain from being involved in any zoning issues until everything is finalized.

### **FIRE:**

Chief Tate explained the invoice from Mick Electric Company is for materials needed to wire in the hose and gear dryer that Sylvania Fire Department donated to us last year. A Licensed Electrician is willing to donate his time to properly install an additional circuit needed. The association will pay for the scissor lift.

Chief Tate reported they are in the process of removing all gear older than eight years as required by the FEMA grant and will donate to the Junior Fire Fighters in Metamora.

The Association has paid for the decaling on the helmets.

Discussion was held on purchasing seven additional helmets at the same discounted price. The costs of the additional helmets are \$1127.00.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to purchase seven helmets for \$1127.00. Karen Winn seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

There being no further business Donald Eisel made a motion to adjourn at 9:20 p.m., which was seconded by Arthur Nevers. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Clerk

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