

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

January 19th, 2010

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Arthur Nevers at 7:00 p.m. at the Municipal Building, 3951 Washburn Road, Berkey, Ohio.

ROLL CALL: Trustee
Chairman: Arthur Nevers – present
Vice-Chairman: John Hassen- absent
Donald Eisel - present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the January 4th, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, December Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Donald Eisel made a motion to approve the January 19th, 2010 minutes as presented. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (5637-5663) were presented for approval:

Arthur Nevers 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, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Smith reported he will do a site visit to the property at 10909 Central Avenue accompanied by Trustee Eisel. The zoning violation letter mailed to the property owner at 13303 Sylvania Metamora Rd. was returned; Mr. Smith provided a new address and the certified letter will be resent. Mr. Smith did a drive by inspection on the three properties listed on the anonymous letter he received last week; he will attempt to contact the property owners regarding the violations.

Mr. Smith reported he received a request to inspect the following properties: Miller's Market for possible occupants; there is no septic system on the property. Mr. Smith has contacted the Lucas County Health Department. The second location is on Central Avenue near SR 295; it appears there is a camper trailer parked on the property and someone is living in it. Mr. Smith will contact the property owner.

The January 11th zoning minutes were read.

FIRE:

Chief Tate attended a Lucas County Fire Chiefs meeting on January 6th at Monclova to discuss County Wide Dispatching.

Mr. Tate presented the 2009 Fire Annual Report to the Trustees. The 2009 Annual Report Summary will be placed on the website at www.Richfieldtownshiplucascounty.com.

Discussion was held on purchasing six additional SCBA mask to cover all the firemen; at approximately \$370.00 per mask.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to purchase six SCBA mask for a total of \$2220.00. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

Discussion was held on ISO (Insurance Services Office) that serves insurance companies by providing information about risk as it relates to each fire district; the ISO staff visits communities to audit and gather information about their fire department's dispatching, fire alarm and communication systems', equipment testing and calibration records, firefighter training levels, equipment and their water supplies. The ISO analyzes the information and assigns a fire protection classification number to the department; the lower the number the better the rating which equates to better insurance rates for our residents.

Chief Tate reported if a fire hydrant is located within 1000 feet of your home you may receive a reduction on your homeowners insurance; further stating homeowners would need to contact their insurance company for the form and have the fire department complete for verification. Chief Tate also stated that he has already filled out several insurance verification forms already.

NEW BUSINESS:

The Fiscal Officer presented Blanket Certificates 1-45 to the Trustees.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approved blanket certificates 1-45 (see attachment). Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

Trustee Eisel presented a letter from State Representative Barbara Sears regarding the recent increases in the CAUV. Ms. Sears is currently researching possible solutions to these tax increases and will continue to advocate on behalf of our community's agricultural industry; she would like to hear the community's views on the CAUV increases by contacting her office at (614) 466-1731 or email at District46@ohr.state.oh.us or by mail to: State Representative Barbara Sears, at 77 @. High St. Columbus, OH 43215.

Trustee Eisel attended the LCIC meeting on January 11th, 2010. The LCIC is run privately now with no public officials involved. They have received 19 million in state and federal grants. Mr. Eisel is serving on the Board that meets once a year.

Trustee Nevers, Hassen and Eisel attended the Ohio Township Association annual dinner meeting.

Trustee Nevers attended a special meeting held in Springfield Township regarding the police/dispatching in Lucas County; only one township in Lucas County has signed a contract with the Lucas County Sheriff.

Discussion was held on the previous police contract held with the village of Berkey. The rate in 1995 was \$20.00 per hour for a total of 30 hours per month.

Trustee Nevers would like to hold a public meeting to discuss the proposed bike path on Kilburn Road. Further discussion was held on the amount the township would have to contribute for the project. The discussion was tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

The public hearing set by the Trustees on February 1st for the political signs was cancelled; the zoning board will hold a public hearing on February 8th to address the zoning changes first followed by a trustee public hearing at a later date.

The Fiscal Officer reported the Auditor's office called and stated the township will need to request the auditor certify the request for the fire operating levy prior to sending in the resolution.

Donald Eisel made a motion to rescind Resolution #010410-0 for the fire operating levy. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

011910-01 Arthur Nevers moved for the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, renewal of the existing fire operating tax levy is necessary to maintain the Richfield Township Fire Department.

WHEREAS, a request to the County Auditor for the total current tax valuation of the township and the dollar amount of revenue generated.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Township Trustees of the Township of Richfield, Lucas County, Ohio

A resolution requesting the county auditor to certify back to the Trustees the total current tax valuation of the township and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a 2.5 renewal fire operating levy for the May 4th, 2010 election.

Donald Eisel seconded the resolution. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes. Resolution approved.

ROADS:

Discussion was held on the eminent domain process for the property at 2701 Miller Road. Pat O’Boyle (Lucas County Engineer) suggested filling in the ditch in the area where all the work is within the existing right of way. Trustees Nevers reported he spoke to the property owner’s son and explained why the Township would like to proceed with filling in the ditch; at this time he has been unable to speak to the property owner. The Trustees agreed to not pursue eminent domain at this time.

Trustee Eisel reported Mr. Ronau has begun cleaning the ditches out; further stating for safety reasons there needs to be two people present when cutting the brush and trees in the ditches. Jerry Lumbrezer has approached Mr. Ronau and would be interested in helping him. Discussion was held on utilizing Jim Crooks to assist when Mr. Smith is not available.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to hire Jerry Lumbrezer for on-call to assist in cleaning the ditches for \$10.00 per hour. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Estimates for the floor in the maintenance building meeting room were presented as \$1100.00 and \$933.00. Further estimates will be obtained and presented at the next meeting.

There being no further business Donald Eisel made a motion to adjourn at 8:45 p.m., which was seconded by Arthur Nevers. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Clerk

