

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

December 21st, 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 December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, November Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Karen Winn made a motion to approve the December 7<sup>th</sup>, 2009 minutes as corrected. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (5433-5567) were presented for approval:

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

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Nevers received a call from Jim Shaw (Lucas County Sanitary Engineer) and reported they are close to coming to an agreement regarding the water with the City of Toledo for Township residents on Sylvania-Metamora Rd.

Trustee Eisel attended the Solid Waste Management meeting and reported they are close to breaking even now on recyclables.

122109-01 REQUEST **FOR ADVANCE OF TAXES COLLECTED**

Karen Winn moved the adoption of the following Resolution:  
To the Auditor of Lucas County, Ohio:  
Toledo, Ohio, December 21, 2009

***YOU ARE HEREBY REQUESTED*** to issue your warrant upon the County Treasurer of said County, in favor of Linda Johnston as Fiscal Officer of Richfield Township in said County for township Dollars, of the current collection of taxes assessed and collected for and in behalf of said Richfield Township which shall be held and treated as an advance payment on the current collection of taxes due said Richfield Township at the ensuing settlement, 2010, as provided by law.

*Pursuant to a Resolution adopted by the Richfield Township Board of Trustees.  
Adopted December 21, 2009. Resolution No. 122109-01*

Arthur Nevers seconded the resolution. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Winn-yes, Eisel-yes.  
Resolution approved.

Discussion was held on employee wages for 2010. The Trustees were in agreement to freeze wages for 2010.

Karen Winn made a motion to continue Doug Ronau's employment under the same provisions as 2009 for 2010. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

122109-02 Donald Eisel submitted the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS it is a benefit to the Trustees, Clerk and Zoning Inspector or Zoning Board Members to attend State Conventions and National Conventions of the Township Trustees and Fiscal Officers Association and Township related meetings and informational seminars: and,

WHEREAS, it has been determined the need and priority of attending these meetings and seminars will benefit the Township with better informed Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Zoning Inspector or Zoning Board Members therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenses, such as fees, reservations, rooms, food, parking and travel at the effective IRS rate per mile be authorized to attend winter, summer, and national conventions, meetings and seminars. Furthermore, any other travel outside the Township on Township business shall be paid at the rate of effective IRS rate per mile. No room and board will be paid for seminars where location is within a 50-mile radius of the township.

A report is to be given after attending any seminars, conventions or meetings. Arthur Nevers seconded the resolution. Roll call: Winn-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes; Resolution approved.

Karen Winn made a motion to set the mileage rate for 2010 at the effective IRS rate per mile. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion carried.

Donald Eisel made a motion to re-appoint Cliff Williams to the Zoning Board and Jim Fritsch to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a five year term, commencing 1/1/10. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Two applications were received for the zoning inspector position. The Trustees reviewed the applications. Further discussion was held on wages for the position.

Karen Winn made a motion to appoint Ron Smith as the Richfield Township Zoning Inspector. Once a month attendance at a Board of Trustees meeting is required. He will be paid \$12.00 per hour not to exceed twenty hours per week. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Winn-yes, Eisel-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

Discussion was held on fixing the computer in the maintenance building for the zoning inspectors use. Prices will be obtained for the repairs.

Mr. Ronau reported Mr. Smith had contacted poison ivy on the job and had to go to the Doctor.

Discussion was held on logs removed from ditches and placed on an owner's property. Trustee Eisel advised in the above circumstances the logs belong to the property owner where they have been placed.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Further discussion was held on selling the old blackberry phones, Trustee Eisel and Trustee Nevers were in agreement to sell all three phones for \$75.00.

Mr. Ronau will obtain prices for the windows at the town hall.

Trustee Nevers reported the microwave at the Holy Trinity silent auction can be split from the other appliances. Further discussion was held on purchasing appliances at Lowe's at the scratch and dent section for the town hall. The Trustees will obtain prices and present at the next scheduled meeting.

Further discussion was held on replacing the floor in the maintenance building. Prices will be obtained and presented at the next scheduled meeting.

Trustee Eisel spoke with Mayor Huff regarding contracting with the Village for police protection in the township; the price for contracting would be \$80 to \$100.00 per hour. Further discussion was held on contracting with the county for police protection.

The rescue vehicle in the maintenance building was sold for \$750.00 to Central Avenue Truck Parts.

### **ROADS:**

Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John Borell was contacted regarding the township pursuing eminent domain at 2701 Miller Road for the right-of-way to fill in the ditch; Mr. Borell stated the township has the authority to pursue eminent domain, however if filling in the ditch causes flooding the Township would be liable for any damage caused by the flooding. The Trustees will contact Brian Miller and Mr. Early regarding the drainage pipes and plans for filling in the ditch.

Trustee Eisel reported Secor Metro Park would not sign the right of way to clean out Gowen Ditch; all property owners signed except the park.

Trustee Winn questioned Mr. Ronau if he had ever contacted the County about splitting the north-south and east-west roads for snow removal. Mr. Ronau stated he had and the County was not interested.

Trustee Nevers questioned if Mr. Smith is to assist Doug in plowing the fire station and town hall. Trustee Eisel stated yes.

Discussion was held on purchasing a winch for the tractor.

### **ZONING:**

The Zoning Board has requested violation letters be sent out to the following property owners:

13303 Sylvania Metamora Rd. "storage of disabled vehicles and blight".  
4022 N. Berkey Southern Rd. "blight" (stones and other non-agricultural substances)  
3140 Kilburn Rd. "storage of disabled vehicles and blight". Second notice.  
10919 Central Ave. "storage of disabled vehicles and blight"

All letters were sent per certified mail.

Eleven permits were issued in 2009.

Mr. Hassen reported Mr. Hanley called regarding the lots he owns on Miller Road; a prospective buyer was interested in purchasing for a commercial business. Mr. Hassen informed him Richfield Township is zoned agricultural/residential at this time.

Trustee Eisel stated the property at 10510 Bancroft Road is not wetlands, although a portion of the property is located on a flood plain. Jim Walters (Lucas County Engineer) will be contacted regarding the requirements for hauling in dirt to fill in the floodplain.

The December 14<sup>th</sup> zoning minutes were read.

There was discussion on zoning resolution section 7.12.2 which read: "Signs pertaining to public elections may be erected for no more than 15 days prior to an election. Signs shall not exceed 12 square feet in total surface area or six square feet for any one sign, on any lot." Trustee Nevers would like to amend this resolution allowing the signs to be erected for a longer period of time prior to the election date.

The Zoning Board finds no reason to Amend Section 7.12.2. Trustee Nevers stated he had spoken to Assisting Prosecutor John Borell and he stated this is unconstitutional and is in violation of freedom of speech. Mr. Nevers will contact Mr. Borell to get his opinion in writing.

**FIRE:**

Chief Tate was absent.

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

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Richfield Township Clerk

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Discussion was held on the need for a permit to fill in flood plains; Mr. Hassen will contact Lucas County for further information.

**FIRE:**

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chiefs meeting on November 25<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at Toledo Airport.

Lucas County has purchased new computers with a GPS system for the trucks; the township will have to pay for the installation of the computers.

The feather party was very successful.

Chief Tate requested the old MDT'S be removed off the inventory list.

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