

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

February 17, 2009

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

ROLL CALL: Trustee
Chairman: Donald Eisel – absent
Vice-Chairman: Karen Winn - present
Arthur Nevers - present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the February 2, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, January Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Karen Winn made a motion to approve the February 2, 2009 minutes as presented. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (4931-4959) 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: Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

Ron Myers (Lucas County Engineer) was present to discuss the Kilburn Road Paved Shoulder Project. Mr. Myers stated the estimated funding amounts and percentage of the total project cost are as follows:

County	\$157,000	(7.7%)
Park District	\$75,000	(3.7%)
Township	\$155,000	(7.6%)
OPWC (Ohio Public Works Commission)	\$345,000	(16.9%)
TMACOG (Tol. Metropolitan Council of Government)	<u>\$1,308,800</u>	<u>(64.1%)</u>
	\$2,041,000	(100.0%)

The project would include Kilburn Rd. from Sylvania-Metamora Rd. to Central Avenue with a five foot paved shoulder on each side of the road. Included in the project would be drainage improvements to address flooding problems on Kilburn Rd. Mr. Myers further explained the paved shoulder would improve safety; reduce roadway edge deterioration, and eliminate rutting problems.

The grant was obtained through funds available for a bike trail, a study was completed and Kilburn Road was chosen for the project because of the 2035 TMAcog transportation study..

Several residents residing on Kilburn Rd. were present and stated they were not in favor of the project. There were concerns over decrease in property values, loss of privacy, increase in noise, traffic, litter, crime and the loss of land due to the five foot shoulder. Several residents expressed they moved out to the country to get away from the city life and feel the bike trail will bring more people out to the country. Some residents felt this would be of no benefit to township residents and would only benefit residents of Sylvania.

A resident questioned if the power poles would have to be moved back, Mr. Myers stated it is a possibility.

Trustee Winn explained to the residents the Township will have to pave the shoulder on Kilburn Rd. in the future and the bike trail grant was a creative way to obtain grants for the paved shoulder project.

A Monclova Township resident was present and stated bike trails improve safety and reduce accidents.

A resident questioned whatever happened to the alternate bike trail designed for the township. The Trustees will research further.

Mr. Myers stated studies have been done and bike trails add value to the single family residential properties; further stating it will enhance the safety of the roadway for use by bicyclists and pedestrians. He further stated widening improvements can result in a decrease in the rate of normal roadway edge degradation, thus increasing road longevity

There were concerns regarding the safety of people crossing Central Ave. into Secor Park, a resident questioned if a light or signal would be installed at the intersection of Central and Kilburn. Mr. Myer stated a traffic light would require a study completed by the Ohio Department of Transportation.

A vote was obtained as to who was for the paved shoulder project and who was against the project. Four residents raised their hands in support of the project and the majority (approximately 35-40) residents were against the project.

The Trustees will continue discussion on the project at the next scheduled meeting.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Hassen reported the resident at 11625 Sylvania Ave. has requested a permit from Lucas County for his home improvements.

Mr. Hassen reported he spoke to Nancy Webb at Ohio Gas and was informed a study is being put together regarding the installation of gas lines down Sylvania Ave. to State Route 295, Washburn Rd., and Richfield Center Rd. Ms. Webb will report back to Mr. Hassen when the study is completed.

Mr. Hassen reported the Lucas County Inspector is putting findings together regarding the properties at 3302 and 3304 Washburn Rd. He has recommended the Fire Chief do a visual inspection of the structure and go forward from there.

The property at 4090 Washburn Rd. is owned by State Bank and has a new realtor (Sulphur Springs). Mr. Hassen has contacted State Bank and informed them the property needs to be cleaned up.

Mr. Hassen reported the property at 13423 Central Ave. is not in violation for a commercial trucking business; per 5.2 j article 1 of the Richfield Township Zoning Resolution: one legally insured and plated commercial vehicle, 12,000 pounds or greater in weight or with a carrying capacity of over 6,000 pounds, may be parked on the parcel. No commercial vehicle as herein defined shall be stored or parked in an "A" or "A/R" district, excluding vehicles in an "A" or "A/R" district which are stored in an enclosed building or vehicles used in agriculture which are an integral part of the on-site agricultural business. The property owner has not hauled any commercial items in the past six months and has only one truck parked in the driveway. Mr. Hassen stated the property owner is not in violation and therefore will not be sending a zoning violation letter.

There was discussion on the property at 3501 Murd Rd. and the flooding problems. Trustee Nevers has contacted Brian Miller (Lucas County Engineer) and he will get back with Mr. Nevers regarding the flooding issues.

The February 9th, 2009 zoning minutes were read.

A letter was received from National Survey Service regarding the amendment to the Richfield Township Zoning Regulations Central Avenue Overlay. Mr. Opaczewski offered his assistance in reviewing the Central Avenue overlay.

Mr. Hassen reported the property owners at 10745 Central Avenue have obtained a permit for a pole barn and they are 170 feet from the center line.

FIRE:

Chief Tate presented the 2008 annual fire report to the Trustees.

ROADS:

A letter from the Lucas County Road Maintenance Department was received stating the inventory of treated salt has been depleted. Due to weather conditions and because of logistics the rest of the townships prepaid salt order will be filled with untreated rock salt.

The Ohio Department of Transportation's recent analysis of road salt suggests that public agencies should participate in their rock salt Co-op purchasing program to improve inventory management and communications. The Lucas County Engineer's Office concurs with ODOT's philosophy and is recommending that the township participate in the ODOT Co-op program.

021709-01 (See attached resolution to participate in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Contract for Rock Salt)) Karen Winn moved for the adoption of the resolution. Art Nevers seconded the resolution. Roll call: Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Resolution adopted.

There being no further business Arthur Nevers made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., which was seconded by Karen Winn. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Clerk

