

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

April 5th, 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. 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 March 15th, 2010 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Donald Eisel made a motion to approve the March 15th, 2010 minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen –yes, Eisel -yes. Motion approved.

Discussion was held on the minutes being too detailed. The Trustees were in agreement the minutes should be more general.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (5773 -57) were presented for approval:

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

PUBLIC HEARING:

Public Hearing: Amendment to the Richfield township Zoning Resolution regarding public election signs and action by Board of Township Trustees; amendment regarding landscaping setbacks for residential districts.

The public hearing was opened for the following zoning amendments:

1. Remove from section 7.12.2 “Signs pertaining to public elections may be erected for no more than 15 days prior to an election”.
2. A majority vote of the Board of Trustees is required to deny or modify the Zoning Commissions recommendation instead of a unanimous vote.
3. Addition to Section 7.26.1 Landscaping setbacks for residential districts general requirements: New trees and shrubs shall be planted with a minimum setback from the property line of at least one-half of the expected mature spread of the tree or shrub species or ten (10) feet, whichever is greater.

There were no public comments.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to remove from section 7.12.2 of the Richfield Township Zoning Amendment “Signs pertaining to public elections may be erected for no more than 15 days prior to an election”. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes, Hassen-no. Motion approved.

Donald Eisel made a motion to add the following zoning amendment to the Richfield Township Zoning Resolution: A majority vote of the Board of Trustee is required to deny or modify the Zoning commission recommendation instead of a unanimous vote. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the following Addition to Section 7.26.1: Landscaping setbacks for residential districts general requirements: New trees and shrubs shall be planted with a minimum setback from the property line of at least one-half of the expected mature spread of the tree or shrub species or ten (10) feet, whichever is greater. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

The public hearing was closed.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Smith as well as Trustee Eisel gave an updated report on zoning issues.

Revised plans were submitted for Tee-It Up on Central Avenue.

FIRE:

Chief Tate turned in gas usage for March.

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chiefs meeting on March 21st, 2010.

An ISO (Insurance Services Office) update was given.

Discussion was held on making both engines compatible in preparation for ISO inspection.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to make both engines LDH and N-Hose compatible in preparation for the ISO inspection not to exceed \$4700.00. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Eisel-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

Revised plans for Tee It Up were sent to Chief Tate.

Open burning laws were discussed.

Discussion was held on the volunteers and excessive speeding for fire calls. Chief Tate will discuss with the fire department.

NEW BUSINESS:

An update on Aries program was discussed. A training session for Aries will be held on April 26th at the Toledo Public Library.

The Township Association is forming a Health Department district advisory board.

A public meeting will be held on May 19th at Springfield Township to continue discussion on the increases the health department has requested.

Discussion was held on the town hall rental as well as the policy for serving alcohol at the township. Hylant Insurance will be contacted for further questions and information.

Skunks are tearing up the cemetery. Discussion was held on different ways to get rid of the skunks.

A price quote was obtained for the purchase and lease of a new copy machine.

Dj Mears (Lucas Soil & Water Conservation District) discussed cleaning out Butler Ditch.

OLD BUSINESS:

Public meeting dates were discussed for the bike trail and natural gas lines. The public meeting for the natural gas lines will be May 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the fire station.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

The following information can be viewed on the Richfield Township website at:
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 8:50 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

