

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

July 6, 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. The meeting opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

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 June 15th, 2009 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the June 15th, 2009 minutes with a correction that Trustee Nevers was part of being instrumental in getting the swale put in at 2585 Raab Rd. Karen Winn seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel – yes, Nevers-yes, Winn-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (5155 - 5234) were presented for approval:

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

ZONING:

Mr. Hassen reported he spoke with Ohio Gas and the cost per resident to run the natural gas lines will be \$2547.00 per resident, the gas line would run from Kilburn Rd. to 11865 Sylvania Avenue. Ohio gas suggested the township and fire department donate money towards the gas lines to lower the cost per resident; the Lucas County Prosecutors office has been contacted for a legal opinion on the donation.

Mr. Hassen has contacted Representative Marcy Kaptur to investigate possible stimulus funds that may be available for the project.

Trustee Winn suggested investigating the possibility of the township putting in the gas lines and collecting the transmission fees to lower the cost for the residents..

Trustee Eisel will contact Lucas County Improvement Corporation for there assistance; in addition Trustee Nevers will contact TMACOG for there suggestions and assistance.

The new site plan from Christ the Word Reformed Presbyterian Church was received. Mr. Hassen retrieved the original plan and changes have been made. Mr. Hassen forwarded all to Molly Maguire at the Lucas County Plan Commission for her review. One of the changes was the location of the pond. The original plan placed the pond behind the church to the north, the revised plan places the pond in front of the church just 45 feet from the centerline of Central Avenue. Mr. Hassen reported that the County Engineer proposed the change; in addition he also noted that the pond depth is 13 feet deep which is considerably deeper than a typical retention pond, raising safety issues.

Trustee Winn requested Chief Tate investigate the turn around.

Mr. Hassen investigated the O.R.C. boundary fencing laws and suggested not including boundary fencing in the zoning resolution. The Trustees recommended eliminating the zoning board recommendation for manufactured fencing installed one foot inside the property line; Trustee Winn recommended that we limit tree plantings to ½ of the expected mature spread of the tree species but no less than 10 feet from the property line.

Mr. Hassen will follow up on the noxious weed notices sent to property owners to check for compliance.

FIRE:

Chief Tate attended the Fire Chiefs meeting in Swanton Township on June 24th.

The EMS grant in the amount of \$3000.00 from Ohio EMS was received.

The FEMA grant for the station completion was submitted.

Two applications were received for the volunteer fire department. Discussion was held on the applicants.

Karen Winn made a motion to hire James Case and Ryan Victor to the Richfield Township Fire Department contingent upon passing the drug screen, background check and physical with a one year probationary period. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Winn-yes, Nevers-yes. Motion approved.

The turnout gear bid recommendations were as follows: Fire Safety Services for the turnout gear for a total of \$66,064.35 and United Fire Apparatus for the super gloves for \$2805.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Eisel reported the glass on the maintenance building door needs to be replaced; further stating he priced the glass and it is cheaper to replace the entire door.

Trustee Winn reported the township zoning signs need to be replaced, Mr. Ronau will be notified.

Chief Tate thanked Mr. Nevers and Ben Nevers for his community service project in completing the building manuals for the fire department.

Mr. Farley turned in \$25.00 in town hall rentals for the month of June.

Discussion was held on the probability that police service provided by Lucas County will end January 1, 2010; to continue services in Richfield Township the County will charge approximately \$142,590.00 per year for sheriff's patrols.

Further discussion was held on contracting with the Village of Berkey or Sylvania Township for police services or the possibility of having a combined EMT/Sheriff on staff in the township.

Trustee Nevers reported a meeting is being held at Swanton Township on July 9, 2009 at 7:00 p.m. to discuss the new policy being implemented by Lucas County.

Chief Tate reported he will be attending a meeting with Lucas County Fire Chiefs regarding centralized dispatch in Lucas County.

ROADS:

The OPWC application for financial assistance was received from the County Engineers office. Discussion was held on potential projects including storm water, culverts and roads. The deadline for the application is October 13th.

The property owner at 13208 Sylvania Ave. reported the ditch needs to be cleaned out, along with repair of the tile. Trustee Eisel contacted Lucas County and reported all property owners would have to sign a petition agreeing to share in the cost of having the ditch cleaned.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion was held on the disciplinary process for employees.

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

Richfield Township Clerk

