

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

August 2nd, 2010

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Arthur Nevers at 7:00 p.m. at the Maintenance Building, 3951 Washburn Rd., 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 July 19th, 2010 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

John Hassen made a motion to approve the July 19th minutes as corrected. Arthur Nevers seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen –yes, Eisel -yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (6052-6075) were presented for approval:

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

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Smith gave an updated report on all zoning violations and noxious weeds.

A property owner on Raab Rd. would like to put in a wind turbine; the property in question has a zoning violation and no permits can be issued until the violation is corrected. Zoning Inspector Smith will notify the property owner.

Assistant Prosecutor John Borrell recommended having a police escort if a property owner threatens to harm anyone who enters the property to correct a zoning violation; he further suggested filing a police report if there are any threats.

Discussion was held on a complaint of a resident having three large political signs in the yard. The Richfield Township Zoning Resolution 7.12.2 states political signs shall not exceed 12 square feet in total surface area or six square feet for any one sign, on any lot. A violation letter will be sent to the property owner as the signs are over the permitted size.

The Lucas County Planning Commission held a public hearing on July 28th, 2010 for an amendment to the Richfield Township Zoning Resolution regarding public election signs. The Planning Commission recommended an approval of the proposed amendment to the Richfield Township Zoning Resolution to strike the following from the resolution “signs pertaining to public elections may be erected for no more than 15 days prior to an election”.

The Trustees will hold a public hearing on August 16th, 2010 at 7:00 p.m. for an amendment to the Richfield Township Zoning Resolution regarding public election signs.

The BZA met on June 21st, 2010 to discuss a variance for the property on Central Avenue currently the site of tee it up driving range. The BZA granted the variance for the site plan.

Mike Morrin (Chairman of the Zoning Board) questioned the Trustees why there has been no follow up on the junk vehicle violations in the township. Zoning Inspector Smith and Trustee Hassen will inspect the township for junk vehicle violations this week and report back at the next scheduled meeting. A resolution will need to be made listing all the violations with a general description of the junk vehicle. John Borrell (Assistant Prosecuting Attorney) will be contacted for assistance.

FIRE:

Four bids were received as follows for the resurfacing and stripping at the fire station:

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| 1. | Jennite Company | \$2648.00 |
| 2. | Perrysburg Sealcoating | \$2790.00 |
| 3. | Toledo Paving | \$3098.50 |
| 4. | Allied Paving Co. | \$2826.00 |

Art Nevers made a motion to accept the lowest bid from Jennite Company for \$2648. Donald Eisel seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

TMACOG submitted a letter announcing the 2012-2015 Transportation Improvement Program cycle. Projects qualifying for the grants are ones that reduce congestion or decrease vehicle trips.

The deadline for OPWC applications for road projects is October 12th; Trustee Eisel will contact Doug Ronau for upcoming road projects.

Discussion was held on paying for Jerry Lumbrezer to obtain his Class B CDL; after lengthy discussion the Trustees were in agreement to pay for the CDL.

Trustee Hassen will contact all LP gas companies to check prices on propane.

Discussion was held on paying Ron Smith a salary based on 15 hours per week.

OLD BUSINESS:

Mr. Hassen reported 41 residents out of 105 signed up for the natural gas lines; due to the low numbers Ohio Gas will not install the natural gas lines.

Discussion was held on the Kilburn Rd. Bike Path project. Trustee Nevers stated it is a paved shoulder and drainage project not a bike path. The TMACOG application for the grant funding was written as the Kilburn Road Bike Path; the Joint Cooperation Agreement from Lucas County Engineers states “paved shoulder project”: further stating in the contract it will accommodate bicycle and vehicular traffic on Kilburn Rd.

Trustee Nevers spoke with Ron Meyers (Lucas County Engineer) regarding the Kilburn Rd. Paved Shoulder Project: Mr. Meyers stated it is a “positive drainage project” and by completing this project as well as cleaning the 3 ditches it will improve the drainage. He further stated the grant money is federal tax dollars that we have paid into and by accepting this grant we are getting our federal tax dollars back.

Discussion was held on changing the width of the paved shoulder from five to four feet.

Trustee Hassen stated since the majority of residents on Kilburn Rd. do not want the bike path he feels the Trustees should vote no since they were voted in to uphold what the majority of the residents want. Trustee Nevers stated this project is for the entire township and not just residents on Kilburn Rd. and there are residents in the township that want the bike path.

Mike Morrin stated he feels it is a disgrace to use this money since there are more important projects especially with the state of the economy that this money could be used for. The Trustees explained if Richfield Township turns down the grant then it will go to another township. Mr. Morrin questioned as to how many bikes actually go down Kilburn Rd., Trustee Nevers stated Ron Meyers did a study and there were many bikes on Kilburn Rd. He further stated Mr. Morrin could contact Ron Meyers for the numbers.

John Farley stated he was in favor of the project since it would improve the drainage.

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 8:45 p.m., which was seconded by Donald Eisel. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

