

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

September 16<sup>th</sup>, 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 September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, August Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Arthur Nevers made a motion to approve the September 2<sup>nd</sup> minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen –yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (6119-61) 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.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

There were several residents present to discuss the proposed Kilburn Rd. Bike Path/Paved Shoulder project.

There is a correction to the July 19<sup>th</sup> minutes: the minutes stated “anything existing in the ROW will be destructed with no reimbursement from the county” the correction is as follows: “anything purchased outside of the right-of-way will be destructed with no reimbursement from the county”.

Myra Condon reported she spoke with Ron Meyers (Lucas County Engineer) and he stated the following:

The Kilburn Rd. project is a 5 foot “paved shoulder project”, not a bike path. There is a similar project on King Road which is a 24 foot wide pavement with a 6’ paved shoulder.

The project will be paid for with “enhancement dollars”.

It is a joint cooperative agreement between the county, township, and Metro parks. Mr. Meyers stated that a paved shoulder project only focuses on drainage in the right of way, not beyond.

He said that they would create positive drainage. Although there are no guarantees that the flooding caused by a hard rain will be less or would not flood basements. He said that if the Butler ditch is cleaned together with the work that Sylvania Township has done on the 10 mile creek, the water flow will improve.

As far as he knew, the Trustees had not voted on the project. He said that applications for the enhancement dollars are turned in every 2-3 years and only 1/3 are funded. There are other townships waiting in line for these enhancement dollars. Mr. Meyers said ‘there was no “drop dead date” for the Trustees to approve/reject the funding.

He said the right of way on Kilburn Rd. is 30’/30’. Trustee Nevers quoted 25’ right of way. Anything existing within that right of way, (shrubs, trees, landscaping, and fencing) is public property and is at risk of removal/destruction. If the project could not be completed within 30’, the property owner would be made an offer to purchase additional frontage and be paid a portion of the current per acre value. Utility poles are generally set 1 foot in front of the right of way. Mr. Meyers said “the bridge over the 10 mile creek would not be widened but depending on what the survey showed, the other two may or may not need widening”.

The County has not done any work on this project. They would first do a survey, then a preliminary design and then there would be a public hearing. If the Trustees voted to go forth with the project today, it would probably be 2014 before the project would begin.

The survey would reveal whether an existing open ditch would remain open or if it would have pipe laid and then covered. The survey would reveal if existing pipe would be adequate or altered.

This 3 mile project would take about 2 months to complete. It is done in stages starting with underground work such as drainage, pipe and basins. Paving is part of the second stage and the third phase includes seeding, etc.

One side of the road will be done at a time. The road will not be closed.

The project has been under discussion since 2006. The minutes published in the Evergreen News leads us to believe that a vote of the Trustees will take place soon. The news also stated that 3 township residents attended a meeting earlier this summer in support of the project. We are here tonight to ask the Trustees if they intend to proceed with the project.

Trustee Nevers stated no decisions have been made at this time.

The residents in attendance stated the following:

Without tripling the size of the drainage they will continue to have flooding.

The bike path will benefit the residents of Sylvania not Richfield as there is very little bike traffic on Kilburn Rd. at this time.

It is a false statement to say the project would make the road safer; the roads are only as safe as its drivers.

There are no guarantees this will be a positive drainage project.

The drainage will not be improved until Sylvania Ave. is opened up to flow into the Ten Mile Creek.

The Ten Mile Creek needs to be cleaned first.

Flooding is only a concern of the county within the ROW.

The more asphalt, the less soil to absorb the water.

Over the course of 30 years the drainage problem has become worse.

If the bike path goes in and more flooding occurs will the residents be required to buy flood insurance?

Trustee Nevers stated he spoke to Ron Meyers and was told the project would help with the drainage; he further stated the ten mile creek will be cleaned out this fall by the Lucas County Sanitary Engineers. The township has started to remove the dead trees and log jams in the ten mile creek. Residents would not be required to purchase flood insurance.

A resident stated by removing the dead trees and log jams it will open up the erosion into the creek bed and create more problems with drainage. Trustee Eisel stated they would plant seeds to prevent the erosion.

Mike Morrin (Zoning Board Chairman) stated he called Ron Meyers as advised by Trustee Nevers to obtain the results of the study done by the county as to the number of bikes traveling on Kilburn Rd.; Mr. Meyers informed him no study was done.

A resident spoke to DJ Mears and she reported he said the only thing that will deter water from property along Butler Ditch would be a retention pond

### **ZONING:**

Mike Morrin (Zoning Board Chairman) questioned the Trustees if the letters were sent out to property owners with junk vehicles. The letters were sent per certified mail this past week.

Mr. Morrin questioned when the trees would be planted by the church on Murd Rd. to provide a buffer for the residents. The Trustees informed Mr. Morrin the church has agreed to plant the trees soon.

Discussion was held regarding political sign violations. Zoning Inspector Smith will contact the property owners and send violation letters. John Borrell (Lucas County Assistant Prosecutor) will be contacted on procedures for residents who do not follow zoning laws regarding political signs.

Mr. Smith gave an update on zoning violations in the township. New zoning books were received and distributed to the Trustees and Zoning Board.

### **FIRE:**

August gas usage was turned in.

The Chief gave an update on ISO (Insurance Service). The inspection site survey was completed and went very well. All equipment, training records, as well as all records were checked. He further stated there is a "five mile rule" which will allow a decrease in insurance premiums if your home is within five miles of the station further stating the majority of homes in Richfield Township were within a 5 mile range of the township.

The first phase will focus on hydrant areas; Mr. Tate recommended the township include Metamora on an automatic mutual aid agreement. The Trustees were in support of contracting with Metamora for fire only on automatic mutual aid. He further stated only one tanker and one engine would go out on a mutual aid call unless otherwise requested once on scene.

Chief Tate presented quotes on the large diameter hose for both engines as follows: Two-Thousand feet (five inch) LDH supply fire hose with two twenty-five foot fill lines for \$13,522.00. The hoses will provide better volume pressure. Discussion continued on the necessity of the hoses; Chief Tate stated it is a safety issue as the hoses they have now are not large enough and cannot provide adequate water supply during long lays.

Arthur Nevers made a motion to purchase 2050 feet of five inch LDH supply fire hose for \$13522.00. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

The Richfield Township Fire Department will hold a Fire Safety Open House on September 25<sup>th</sup>, 2010 from 12:00 to 3:00.

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Dispatcher John Farley turned in \$50.00 for August town hall rentals.

Trustee Nevers attended the National Township Convention in Washington DC and completed the National Leadership Academy. He provided information on available

grants for police protection and attended meetings on volunteer fire protection grants available in rural areas.

The 2008-2009 audits were completed. The Township was eligible for a short audit and the cost was reduced by one-half. The Auditor stated a 1.7% increase was not given to the Trustees and Clerk from 2008, 2009; he advised to back pay accordingly.

Trustee Eisel attended the LCIC meeting. A meeting will be held on the Butler Ditch Cleaning on Friday, September 24<sup>th</sup> at 5:30 p.m. at the maintenance building.

An estimate was obtained to tear out and replace the concrete pad under the recycle bins. The total estimate was \$1500.00. The Trustees were in agreement to proceed with the project.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

The following information can be viewed on the Richfield Township website at: [www.richfieldtownshiplucascounty.com](http://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 9:05 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen. Roll call: Nevers-yes, Hassen-yes, Eisel-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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