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RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Regular Meeting March 2, 2017

The Board of Trustees met for their Regular Meeting, which was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on March 2, 2017.

Roll Call:

Janet Jankura, Trustee
Jeff Shupe, Trustee
Robert Luther, Trustee

Also in Attendance:

Keith Morgan, Chief, Village of Richfield Police Department
Phil McLean, Chief, Village of Richfield Fire Department
Larry Fulton, Summit County Chief Deputy Engineer
Mindy Remec, Township Administrator
Amy Page, Zoning Inspector
7 additional residents/attendees

Approval of Minutes:

**February 9, 2017 Regular Meeting with Work Session
February 27, 2017 Special Meeting**

Dispensing with the reading of the minutes, Ms. Jankura requested comments from Trustees Luther and Shupe, who had no corrections or changes.

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Shupe to approve the February 9, 2017 Meeting Minutes as presented.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Luther (yea), Jankura (yea), Shupe (yea)

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Shupe to approve the February 27, 2017 Meeting Minutes as presented.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Luther (yea), Jankura (yea), Shupe (yea)

Department Head Reports:

Police:

Chief Morgan reported that the three new vehicles, video recorders for vehicles and body cameras for officers have arrived and will put into service after setup and training. Safety Town will be held June 23 and applications for volunteers can be found on the village website.

Fire:

Chief McClean provided a 2016 year-end report. Grant funds were received for medical supplies and a grant for new self-contained breathing apparatus has been applied for. The federal signal warning siren was installed in the Richfield Woods Park.

Ms. Jankura asked if siren testing would be conducted on Saturdays at noon. Chief McLean said yes, this is the national standard but it can be adjusted as needed.

Resident Mr. Jim Etzel asked if there are areas in the township not covered by the siren. Chief McLean said that there are areas not covered. This was a village purchased siren and information was provided to township trustees at that time. Mr. Shupe said that this was discussed last year and trustees elected to not move forward with an additional siren. Mr. Shupe offered to discuss this with Mr. Etzel.

Ms. Jankura asked about different option for sirens. Chief McLean said smaller sirens are available for more dense residential areas.

Zoning:

Ms. Jankura welcomed new Zoning Inspector Ms. Amy Page. Ms. Page reported on three ongoing properties whose owners have been contacted regarding their condition. At the February 20, 2017 Board of Zoning Appeals (BZA) meeting a request was denied for a temporary sign permit. The sign owner has been contacted to have the sign removed. BZA appointee Ryan Rawlings is resigning from the BZA which will leave open one board position and one alternate position. The next BZA meeting in March 20, 2017 with an application deadline of March 6. The next Zoning Commission meeting is March 9, 2017.

Fiscal: No Report

Parks and Recreation:

Mr. Luther reported that Chris Eastwood will resume work at the Rising Valley Park in March.

Ms. Jankura reported that both the township and the village filled vacancies on the Richfield Joint Recreation District (RJRD) Board. The RJRD also selected their seventh member and she looks forward to hearing about their progress.

Roads:

Mr. Luther reported that service department staff has been busy patching roads and clearing trees. He thanked Summit County for their quick response to a request for filling potholes on Alger Road.

Ms. Jankura recognized Mr. Fulton from the Summit County Engineer's office. Mr. Fulton stated that Everett Road will be repaved in a joint project with Richfield Village from Cleveland-Massillon Road to Revere Road.

Administration:

Ms. Remec reported attending a meeting for the ReWorks Community Recycle Access Grant and will work on completing the grant application.

The township received a new agreement to for online access to the Huntington National Bank account. The township had this same agreement in place with FirstMerit Bank and this is just a change in bank name. Ms. Remec requested a motion to accept the agreement.

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to accept the Huntington National Bank Business Online Access and Bill Pay Agreement.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Luther (yea), Jankura (abstain), Shupe (yea)

Old Business: None**New Business:**

Ms. Jankura opened the new business item for discussion on a request for a traffic noise analysis and asked Ms. Remec for background information. Ms. Remec said that homeowner Mr. Etzel on Whitethorn Circle requested a noise wall on I-271 due to traffic noise. Although Mr. Etzel's home was built after I-271, there are other homes on Whitethorn that predate the construction of I-271, which may qualify that area for a Type II retrofit noise wall. The procedure would start with a formal request from trustees to ODOT to conduct a traffic noise analysis on I-271 from SR77 to SR303. ODOT would determine where homes in the township along 271 may be eligible for this type of noise reduction analysis and proceed accordingly. All funding for the study and possible construction of a noise wall, if deemed necessary by ODOT, would be from ODOT.

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to request ODOT conduct a traffic noise analysis in Richfield Township on Interstate 271 from State Route 77 to State Route 303.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: none

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Luther (yea), Jankura (yea), Shupe (yea)

Announcements:

Trustee Jankura announced that she will represent the township at the visioning and planning sessions for the new Revere School buildings.

Citizens Forum:

Mr. Jim Etzel, 3642 Whitethorn, stated that he owns the water plant located at 3516 Streetsboro Road, but the address was changed. He said that he is having difficulty selling the property due to inaccurate information from the township. Mr. Etzel stated that he intends to lease the property to Jasper Engines and detailed the operations of this company.

Agenda Requests and Items for Follow-Up: None

Township Corner Article: Ms. Jankura offered to write the article for the April issue.

Adjournment:

MOTION by: Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to adjourn the meeting at 7:00 p.m.

FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE

MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY: Luther (yea), Jankura (yea), Shupe (yea)

Trustee

Secretary