



3038 Boston Mills Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141

## **RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Special Meeting June 27, 2019**

The Board of Trustees met for their Special Meeting, which was called to order at 6:30 p.m. on June 27, 2019.

#### **Roll Call:**

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

#### **Also in Attendance:**

Mike Swanson, Assistant Chief, Village of Richfield Police Department  
Eric Ellis, Lieutenant, Richfield Fire Department  
Mindy Remec, Township Administrator  
Laurie Pinney, Fiscal Officer and Zoning Inspector  
Bob Becker, Chairperson, Richfield Joint Recreation District Board  
8 additional residents/attendees

Ms. Jankura welcomed Mr. Bob Becker from the Richfield Joint Recreation District (RJRD), who gave a presentation on accomplishments made by the RJRD Board in the past year. Ms. Jankura commended RJRD Board for all of their hard work to make the park more sustainable, forming partnerships and generating revenue.

#### **Approval of Minutes:**

**May 2, 2019 Regular 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. Luther to approve the May 2, 2019 Meeting Minutes as presented.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

#### **Department Head Reports:**

##### **Police:**

Assistant Chief Swanson provided a written report on behalf of Chief Morgan. The Assistant Chief provided information calls for service and vehicle and equipment purchases.

##### **Fire:**

Lt. Ellis provided a report on behalf of Chief McLean. He gave information on calls for service and ongoing personnel training.

Ms. Jankura asked if there were any trends in calls for service for either department. Assistant Chief Swanson said many calls they receive are for identity theft scam calls for money to pay. Lt. Ellis said that distracted driving has contributed to an increase in vehicular accidents.

**Fiscal:**

Ms. Pinney informed attendees that reports have been posted on the township website.

**Zoning:**

Ms. Pinney provided a written report and said that the Columbia Road extension had been approved by the Summit County Planning Commission.

Ms. Jankura introduced a resolution to declare the vegetation at 3538 Medina Line Road a nuisance. Mr. Luther said that the property owner had died earlier this year. Ms. Remec said that an owner for the property had not been changed yet on the Summit County Auditor's website and title search would need to be conducted.

Trustees discussed the property to determine what area would need to have the vegetation abated. Trustees concurred to include in the Resolution that the conditions to be abated are the grass and weeds that exceed 8 inches in height in the area of the property from the front of the house to the road right-of-way. The area is approximately 120 feet in width extending 20 feet on either side of the house and the back yard extending 40 feet from the back of the house.

**Parks and Recreation:** No Report

**Roads:**

Mr. Luther reported that a drainage issue on Oviatt Road is in need of repair and recommended accepting a proposal from J&J Enterprise Services, Inc.

**MOTION by:** Mr. Luther and seconded by Ms. Jankura to approve the J&J Enterprise Services, Inc. estimate of \$8,720 to repair Oviatt Road with payment approved from the road fund.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:** none

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

**Administration:**

Ms. Remec reported that the next week for the township chipping program is the week of July 8 and the estimated start date for township road projects is July 15, however, this may be delayed because of weather.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Ms. Jankura asked Ms. Remec to provide information on Resolution 04-2019. Ms. Remec said the Resolution is for the Summit County's Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan. The mitigation plan is reviewed every 5 years and describes risks and vulnerabilities as well as long-term strategies and implementation approaches for reducing loss of life and property from natural disasters. Approval of a FEMA-approved hazard mitigation plan is a condition for receiving certain types of non-emergency disaster assistance.

**MOTION by:** Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to approve Resolution #04-2019 A Resolution Authorizing the Approval and Adoption of the Summit County Hazard Mitigation Plan

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:** none

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

**MOTION by:** Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther approve Resolution #05-2019 A to Declare the Vegetation at 3537 Medina Line Road, Parcel #48-00619, A Nuisance, amending the resolution to include the defined nuisance area.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:** none

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

Ms. Jankura asked Ms. Remec to provide information for renewing the township's health insurance plan. Burnham & Flower reported that increases are averaging between 17 and 20 percent. The township's policy came back with a 14.67 percent increase. Burnham & Flower sought quotes with other insurance companies and the increase was reduced to 10.01 percent. All the other plans came in significantly higher. One option to avoid an increase in premium would be to raise the Health Reimbursement Account (HRA) deductible to \$4,000 for singles and \$8,000 for families. Trustees discussed wanting to keep premium cost increases down and selected a higher deductible to potentially save the township \$11,000 per year.

**MOTION by:** Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to accept the Medical Mutual renewal for the health insurance plan and change the Health Reimbursement Account Deductible to \$4,000/\$8,000 with Burnham and Flowers as the administrators of the plan

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:** none

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

Ms. Jankura said that Rumpke asked to amend the trash contract for the remaining years to increase the cost to account for the increase in the gas tax. Ms. Remec reported that Rumpke came up with a formula that increases the cost by 9 cents per stop, which would amount to \$88.83 monthly. Village Council had not discussed approving the amendment to the contract at this time. Trustees concurred to table the discussion to the August 1, 2019 meeting.

**Announcements: None**

**Citizens Forum:**

Mr. Fleming, 2780 Columbia Rd.; and Ms. Vocaire, 5144 Hecker Dr. had comments and questions.

**Agenda Requests and Items for Follow-Up:**

The July 4, 2019 regular meeting has been cancelled and the next regularly scheduled meeting will be August 1, 2019.

**Township Corner Article:** Ms. Jankura will write the article for August.

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION by:** Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to adjourn the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE**

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