



3038 Boston Mills Road, Brecksville, Ohio 44141

## **RICHFIELD TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

### **Regular Meeting August 6, 2020**

The Board of Trustees met for a Regular Meeting. The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m. This meeting was held remotely via the Teams meeting software to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

#### **Roll Call:**

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

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

Mike Swanson, Chief, Village of Richfield Police Department  
Phil McLean, Chief, Richfield Fire Department  
Laurie Pinney, Zoning Inspector and Fiscal Officer  
Mindy Remec, Township Administrator  
17 additional residents/attendees

#### **Presentation:**

Jennifer Clark, Animal Ambassador Keeper with the Akron Zoo, gave a presentation on the programs and services offered to Summit County communities by the Zoo. In addition, Ms. Clark spoke the economic impact the Zoo has for the area and detailed how levy funds are used and requested support of the Akron Zoo's upcoming levy.

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

##### **July 2, 2020 Regular Meeting**

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

**MOTION by:** Mr. Shupe and seconded by Mr. Luther to approve the July 2, 2020, Minutes as presented.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

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

##### **Police:**

Police Chief Swanson provided a written report and gave numbers on calls for service. He informed trustees that Village Council adopted an MOU with Bath Township and Revere Schools to continue the School Resource Officer (SRO) program. Officer Scott Dressler, the SRO, will continue in that position and was awarded School Resource Officer of the year. A Richfield Police officer tested positive for COVID-19 and is back to work after quarantining at home. A community questionnaire was mailed to approximately 2,500 village and township residents and results will be shared. Chief Swanson congratulated Ms. Debbie Bluso Rogers on her retirement from the Village. He concluded his report by cautioning residents on putting credit card information, applications and personal documents in the trash and to call the police department if suspicious activity is observed.

##### **Fire:**

Chief Phil McLean submitted a written report and provided numbers for calls for service. He also congratulated Ms. Bluso-Rogers on her retirement and said she will be missed. He provided updates on capital purchases and projects, trainings, and updates to inspection processes. Chief McLean

reported touring the Richfield Heritage Preserve and complimented the joint recreation district board on the work they have done. The Chief introduced Fire Medic Kyle Janis who informed trustees on the long driveway marker project.

Ms. Jankura asked for an update on COVID-19. Chief McLean said decontamination and screening procedures are still in place and urged residents to follow mask mandates and limit exposure and travel.

**Zoning:**

Ms. Pinney submitted a written report and updated trustees on permits issued and upcoming meeting dates.

**Fiscal:**

Ms. Pinney provided trustees with changes to projected funding due to COVID-19. She requested a motion to make a change in appropriations.

**MOTION by:** Mr. Shupe and seconded by Mr. Luther to approve a reduction in the supplemental appropriations by \$3,243.01 in the general fund

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:** Ms. Jankura asked if this may be a trend due to COVID? Ms. Pinney said this should be accurate through the end of the year to the best of everyone's ability to project.

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

**Parks and Recreation:**

Mr. Luther said Rising Valley Park is in good shape and field are being used.

**Roads:**

Mr. Luther reported roadside mowing and ditch work is being done.

**Administration:**

Ms. Remec reported a donation was received from Ohio Elite Baseball as a thank you for use of the ball fields.

**MOTION by:** Ms. Jankura and seconded by Mr. Luther to accept a donation of \$50 from Ohio Elite Baseball to the general fund

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:**

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

Ms. Remec informed attendees that the Census Bureau will be ending the collection of data on September 30, 2020, instead of October 31, 2020 as originally scheduled.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:**

Mr. Shupe introduced and read Resolution 07-2020, a Resolution to Adopt the Ohio Deferred Compensation Roth 457 Plan.

**MOTION by:** Mr. Luther and seconded by Ms. Jankura to approve Resolution 07-2020 A Resolution to Adopt the Ohio Deferred Compensation Roth 457 Plan

**FURTHER DISCUSSION:**

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

**Announcements:**

State Representative Bill Roemer said he was happy to be able to present Office Dressler with the award naming him school resource officer of the year.

A resident from Burrwood Circle offered his thanks to emergency services when responding to an emergency call for his wife.

**Township Corner Article:**

Mr. Shupe will write the article for September.

**Agenda Requests and Items for Follow-Up:** None

**Adjournment:**

**MOTION by:** Mr. Luther and seconded by Ms. Jankura to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

**FURTHER DISCUSSION: NONE**

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

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Trustee

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Secretary