

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

January 20th, 2015

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Andrew Bick 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:

Andrew Bick – present
Stephen Bettinger – present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the January 5th, 2015 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Andrew Bick made a motion to approve the January 5th, 2015 minutes as presented. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Bick -yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (9302-9325) were presented for approval:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve payment of the attached listing of invoices and the corresponding pending warrants. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

FIRE:

Chief Tate met with Buckeye Telesystems for a quote on phone and fax lines; a quote of \$205.55 per month was obtained. This would be a savings of approximately \$60.00 per month. This would include a dedicated fiber optics line to the fire station which would include faster internet speeds, and more reliable phone service. The Trustees will obtain quotes for the township building as well.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to change the phone system at the fire station to Buckeye Telesystems for \$205.55 per month with a five year contract. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Discussion was held on hiring a second part time person at the fire station for an additional 16 hours per week to provide 2 person immediate response crew during daytime hours Monday through Friday. The Trustees made it clear that the second Firefighter/EMT position would be staffed using part time employees. The revenue from the soft billing would support the additional fire fighter.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the hiring of an additional fire fighter for 16 hours per week, to allow for a 2 person immediate response crew during daytime hours Monday through Friday. Trustees will review in six months to reevaluate. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Chief Tate presented a resignation letter from Zach Ford from the volunteer fire department.

Andrew Bick made a motion to accept the resignation of Zach Ford from the fire department. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

An application from Devin Barnaby to join the volunteer fire department was presented to the Trustees.

Andrew Bick made a motion to hire Devin Barnaby to the volunteer fire department contingent upon passing a background check, drug screen and physical with a one year probationary period. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Smith will send a certified letter to the property owner on Fulton Lucas Rd. notifying he has until March 1st, 2015 to demolish the old house on the property. The property owner had agreed previously to have done by December 31st.

The January 12th, 2015 zoning minutes were read.

Mr. Smith will visit a couple property owners in the township with zoning violations this week and report back to the Trustees at the next scheduled meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

The 2014 bridge report was presented to the Trustees for their review.

Trustee Bick and Trustee Bettinger will be attending the TMACOG Summit on January 21st. The Trustees and Fiscal Officer will attend the Ohio Sunshine Law Training at the winter convention in January.

Discussion was held on increasing the pay of Jim Crooks.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to give employee Jim Crooks a .50cent raise effective February 1st, 2015. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on the request of using the Wolfinger Cemetery for a wedding has been tabled until the next scheduled meeting.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Residents may call Tina Tipping at 419-973-2706 to rent the town hall.

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 Steve Bettinger made a motion to adjourn at 9:00 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Bick: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

