

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

January 20th, 2014

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:** Chairman: Donald Eisel– absent  
Vice-Chairman: Andrew Bick – present  
Stephen Bettinger – present

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, December Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Andrew Bick made a motion to approve the January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014 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 (8589-8667) 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:**

Frank Curtis, Zoning Board Chairman presented a map of the township. The Zoning Board would like to hang the map on the wall at the maintenance building. The Trustees approved the request.

Doug Ronau, Maintenance Supervisor informed the Trustees that he had received complaints that some of the county roads were not cleared during the recent snow storm. The county is responsible to remove snow on all county roads; many residents in the township are unaware of what roads are townships or county. A list will be posted on the website.

Further discussion was held on purchasing a new truck; the present vehicle was purchased in 2000.

**FIRE:**

Chief Tate attended the “Tender Task Force” meeting at the Air Guard base to discuss how those departments with large tenders could better serve western Lucas County.

The fire department has applied for two grants through the Ohio State Marshal office; one grant is for training and the other for equipment.

Further discussion was held on hiring a part-time fire fighter. Trustee Bettinger questioned what the protocol was for hiring an employee; Chief Tate explained they were currently looking for a Paramedic along with someone who can train the current volunteers. The discussion was tabled until all three Trustees are present.

Chief Tate informed the Trustees volunteer fire fighter Wayne Carter passed away this week. Mr. Carter volunteered as a firefighter and EMT with the Richfield Township Fire Department for 40 years.

**ZONING:**

Mr. Smith gave an update on zoning permits and violations.

Mr. Smith spoke with the property owner on Murd Road regarding the flooding on his property. A home has been built on the lot next door. Both properties have mounds and there is runoff causing flooding on the property. Mr. Smith reported that Sheila Nash (Lucas County Health Dept. Inspector) advised the property owner to put an overflow on his pond and both property owners have been advised to dig a swale between their properties to eliminate the flooding.

Discussion was held on appointing a new Zoning Board member. Mr. Lucarelli, an alternate on the zoning board was contacted; he will notify the Trustees of his decision in a couple weeks.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Blanket Certificates 1-2014 through 14-2014 were presented to the Trustees.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve blanket certificates 1-2014 through 14-2014. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

The 2013 annual bridge inspection report was presented to the Trustees.

Trustee Bettinger and Trustee Bick attended the Lucas County Township Association dinner meeting.

Discussion was held on doing some minor improvements at the town hall such as painting, new curtains, floor, etc. Tina Tipping had spoken with Trustee Bick in regards to the poor condition.

Trustee Bick and Trustee Bettinger will be attending the TMACOG (Toledo Metropolitan Area Council of Governments) meeting in January.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on the purchase of a bench for Wolfinger Cemetery. Trustee Bick spoke with resident Bill Murd who wishes to purchase the bench. The forms will be forwarded to Mr. Murd for his completion.

**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](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 Andrew Bick made a motion to adjourn at 8:25 p.m., which was seconded by Steve Bettinger: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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