

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

March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2014

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Donald Eisel at 7:00 p.m. at the Fire Station, 11450 Sylvania Ave., Berkey, Ohio. All present were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the February 18th, 2014 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Andrew Bick made a motion to approve the February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2014 minutes as presented. Stephen Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick -yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (8714-8743) were presented for approval:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Lucas County Auditor's office did a presentation on "Understanding your property tax rates & the Tax Revenue process".

Updates were given on the Homestead Exemption; beginning in 2014, new participants in the Homestead Exemption program will be subject to a means test. The exemption will only be available to those otherwise eligible taxpayers with household incomes that do not exceed \$30,500.00, as measured by Ohio adjusted gross income for the preceding year. Existing homestead recipients will continue to receive the credit without being subject to the income test.

**FIRE:**

February gas usage was turned in.

Much discussion ensued regarding using the revenue generated through EMS soft billing to staff a “second” FF/EMT during the daytime hours Monday thru Friday; everyone agreed this is our most critical time when almost all of our volunteer FF/EMTs are away working their regular jobs.

It was further recognized that Ohio law requires those funds generated through the soft billing process can only be used for EMS purposes such as wages. Chief Tate pointed out that using these funds for staffing during our most critical times would greatly improve the services that the fire department provides our residents without using any tax dollars.

Chief Tate further pointed out that the part-time position would also be utilized for daytime training, fire prevention programs and many administrative tasks. This individual would also share the responsibilities with our current daytime person regarding regular equipment checks, inspections, repairs, calibrations, cleaning and building improvements. The chief also pointed out that this would allow for immediate response during the day/week with, much of the time having Advanced Life Support (ALS/Paramedic) whenever available.

Donald Eisel made a motion to authorize the Fire Chief to staff an additional Firefighter/EMT during the daytime hours Monday thru Friday not to exceed (24) hours/week in accordance with the fire department’s employee guidebook definition of a “Part-Time Paid Firefighter”. The Trustees will review this position in December and analyze whether it is a successful program and also monitor the revenue generated through EMS soft billing in order to determine if we should continue the schedule as is or increase the hours or discontinue the program. Stephen Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Eisel-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Discussion was held on the proper hardware that is needed for Rescue 58 vehicle for water supply. Approximate cost \$1952.90; Trustees were in agreement to purchase the hardware.

**ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Smith gave an updated report on zoning permits issued and zoning issues.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Discussion was held on purchasing a new engine for the old mower versus purchasing a new mower.

**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 Donald Eisel made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Bick: Eisel-yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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