

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

December 5, 2016

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Steve Bettinger 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: Steve Bettinger – present
Co-Chairman: John Hassen – present
Andrew Bick – present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the November 21, 2016 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, November Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

John Hassen made a motion to approve the November 21, 2016 minutes as presented, Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger- yes, Bick –yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (10261- 102684) were presented for approval:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments

FIRE:

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chief’s meeting on 11/30/16 in Rossford.

The hot water heater at the fire station went bad and had to be replaced. The cost will be \$2100,00 dollars plus labor.

The Feather party was successful: The Fire department along with the Trustees would like to thank the community for their support.

ZONING:

Zoning inspector Smith gave an update on zoning issues. Discussion was held on junk vehicles in the township.

Resolution: 120516-01 A resolution providing for the removal of junk motor vehicles in Richfield Township, Lucas County and the proper disposal, storage or impoundment of motor vehicles by implementing the procedures set forth in sections 505.173, 505.85, and 505.871 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Whereas, certain vehicles within Richfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio have been identified as junk motor vehicles; and

Whereas, these vehicles are located in residential areas and detract from community attractiveness and erode the economic health and safety of the Township, and

Whereas, the Board of Trustee of Richfield Township, pursuant to the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code Section 505.871, has the authority to address the removal of junk vehicles by electing to implement the provisions of the Ohio Revised Code Section 505.871; and

Whereas, June 6th, 2016 the Richfield Township Trustees adopted resolution number 060616-01 adopting the procedures under R.C. 505.871 for the removal of junk motor vehicles under certain circumstances;

Whereas, the Board believes it is in the best interest of the residents of the Township to have removed unsightly junk motor vehicles by implementing the required procedure to do so.

No Therefore, Be It Resolved by the Board of Township Trustees of Richfield Township, Ohio;

Section 1. That the following motor vehicle located at 3140 Kilburn Rd., Berkey, OH. 43504, Richfield Township OH within the incorporated areas of the township is a “junk motor vehicle” as defined in Section 505.173 of the Ohio Revised Code meeting all of the following criteria:

1. Three model years old or older
2. Apparently inoperable
3. Extensively damaged, including but not limited to, any of the following; missing wheels, tires, engine or transmission

Year: Unknown **Make:** Buick **Model:** Rivera **Color:** White **Plate:** No plate on front

Section 2. The Board shall provide for the removal of said junk motor vehicle from the property on which the vehicle is located, not sooner than fourteen days after the Board serves written notice of its intention to remove or cause the removal of the vehicle on the owners land or on any holder of the liens of record on the land.

Section 3. Upon proper notice, and failure of the property owner to remove said junk motor vehicle within fourteen days of service of notice the Board shall provide for removal of said junk vehicle and the expenses thereof shall be certified by the fiscal officer to the county auditor who shall place the expenses on the tax duplicate as a lien upon the property to be collected as other taxes and returned to the township general fund.

Vote: Trustee Bettinger:	yes
Trustee Bick	yes
Trustee Hassen	yes

Resolution passed.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Trustees had discussion on political signs still standing in the Township. Trustee Bick spoke with Prosecuting Attorney's office, John Borell who stated the township cannot impose durational limits for political signs tied to a specific election as it is unconstitutional. The Ohio Attorney General's office will be contacted for further guidance.

NEW BUSINESS:

TMACOG meeting on 1/30/17 will be attended by Trustees, Bettinger and Bick.

Trustee Bick will attend the Lucas Township association meeting

PUBLIC NOTICE:

Residents may call Norma Drennan at 419-829-6029 or 419-283-3424 to rent the town hall.

The following information can be viewed on the Richfield Township website at:
www.richfieldtwp.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, 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 John Hassen made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Bick: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

