

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

December 19, 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 – absent
Andrew Bick present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the December 5, 2016 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Andrew Bick made a motion to approve the December 5, 2016 minutes as presented, Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger- yes, Bick –yes, Hassen-absent. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (10285- 10315) were presented for approval:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident questioned the status of cleaning up the junk vehicles at the property on Central Avenue. The Trustees will contact John Borell for his opinion on the status of the property being grandfathered in.

A resident on Sylvania Metamora Rd. asked for an extension on demolishing the old house.

CEMETERY:

Discussion was held on increasing the price for cemetery lots at Wolfinger Cemetery; prices were obtained from various cemeteries in Lucas County for a comparison study.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to increase cemetery prices as follows, effective January 1, 2017.

Residents

Non-Residents

Grave	\$400.00	\$550.00
Internment Adult	\$350.00	\$450.00
Child 3-5 foot vault	\$300.00	\$350.00
Infant under 3 foot	\$200.00	\$300.00
Cremation & Service	\$175.00	\$275.00
Cremation No Service	\$100.00	\$200.00
Exhumation	\$400.00	\$500.00
Footers per sq. ft.	\$40.00	\$55.00
Saturday services: Additional	\$100.00	
Sunday & Holidays: Additional	\$150.00	

Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

FIRE:

The Local Government Safety Capital grant will be completed this month; grant writer will submit in January, 2017.

Chief Tate would like to extend a “thank you” to resident Carl Gillen for assisting.

The plow was repaired on the old pickup truck.

Discussion was held on cleaning the tile, carpet at the fire station. Chief Tate presented estimates as follows: Coit: \$1800.00, Stanley Steamer: \$1100.00.

The Trustees were in agreement to have the tile, carpet cleaned at the fire station for approximately \$1100.00 per Stanley Steamer.

ZONING:

Zoning inspector Smith gave an update on zoning issues.

Discussion held on political sign time limits in the township. The Ohio Attorney General's office advised the township cannot impose durational limits for political signs tied to a specific election as it is unconstitutional.

Andrew Bick made a motion to appoint Doug Ronau to the Zoning Board effective January 1st, 2017 for a 4 year term and Rick Eisel to the Board of Zoning Appeals effective January 1st, 2017 for a 4 year term. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

The dump box on the old pickup truck will be sold on govdeals.com.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Bick attended the TMACOG meeting. Mr. Bick presented information on the approval to connect Secor Park to Wiregrass Lake Park in the future.

Discussion was held on wages for 2017; the Trustees will discuss further at the next scheduled 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 8:20 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Bick: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

