

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

February 6, 2017

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the January 17th, 2017 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the January 17, 2017 minutes as presented, Andy Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger- yes, Bick –yes, Hassen- yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (10378- 10406) were presented for approval:

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

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comment.

**FIRE:**

Chief Tate attended the Lucas County Fire Chiefs meeting on January 25th, 2017 at the American Red Cross.

January fuel usage was turned in.

Two applications for the volunteer fire department were presented to the Trustees.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to hire Jacob Przeniczny and Wes Bandy to the volunteer fire department pending a background check, physical and drug screen with a one year probationary period. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Discussion was held on ten hour shifts at the fire station to provide more coverage at high peak times. Discussion was tabled.

Chief Tate presented the 2016 Fire Dept Annual Report to the Trustees.

#### **ZONING:**

Zoning inspector Smith gave an update on zoning issues.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Lucas County changed the speed limit sign to 55 mph on Sylvania Avenue.

Trustee Hassen contacted Ohio Gas for updates on the natural gas lines; waiting on a return call at this time. Further updates will be presented at the next meeting.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

The 2017 Bridge report from the Lucas County Engineers Department was presented to the Trustees for their review.

The Trustees and Fiscal officer provided an overview of sessions attended at the Ohio Township winter convention.

Discussion was held on the reimbursement of health insurance per Ohio Revised Code 505.60 for township officers and full time employees. Congress passed the 21st Century Cures Act in December, 2016 allowing townships to reimburse for health insurance effective January 1st, 2017.

020617-01 Andrew Bick submitted the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the township has chosen not to procure a health care plan and has chosen instead to reimburse its trustee, fiscal officer and all full time employees along with their dependents for each out of pocket premium for their health insurance and out-of-pocket costs for medical care attributable to the coverage provided for them for insurance benefits.

WHEREAS, the yearly maximum amount for each trustee, fiscal officer, and full time employee's along with their dependents is \$4950.00 per person.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer , all full time employees and their dependents are entitled for reimbursement of the maximum amount of \$4950.00 per person per year for the reimbursement of health insurance premiums and out of pocket costs for medical care. John Hassen seconded the resolution. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes.

Resolution approved.

Trustee Bick and Trustee Bettinger attended the TMACOG General Assembly on January 30th, 2017.

The Trustees and Fiscal Officer attended the Lucas County Township Association Annual meeting in January, 2017.

#### **ROADS:**

Trustee Bick contacted ODOT regarding a residents request to have a street light on the corner of Central Avenue and Washburn Road due to accidents. ODOT reviewed the crash pattern from 2011 to 2016 as well as reviewing the site conditions of the intersection. The crash pattern for the intersection indicated there were zero crashes over the six year period. As a result of their review they will not be installing street lighting at the intersection at this time as there is no identifiable crash correction to be mitigated at the this time.

#### **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](http://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 8:45 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Bick: Roll call: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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