

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

March 5, 2019

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: Steve Bettinger – absent
Co-Chairman: John Hassen – present
Andrew Bick: present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the February 19, 2019 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Andrew Bick made a motion to approve the February 19, 2019 minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger- absent, Bick –yes, Hassen- yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (11366- 11377) 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-absent. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

William Harbert, Lucas County Plan Commission addressed residents and their concerns with the LaValley property on Sylvania Metamora road. Mr. Harbert explained Lucas County's issues with the proposed property split that would include twelve new lots, the lots do not meet the zoning resolution laws including required frontage. Mr. Harbert met with the Township Trustees at the last scheduled meeting; they agreed to have the county plat out the property that would include the possibility of five lots instead of twelve.

Residents expressed their concerns with livings quarters above the barn built with an agricultural exemption, along with a well and septic / leach system installed without the proper permits. Mr. Harbert will contact Lucas County Health Department along with the Lucas County Building Department to investigate.

Further concerns were raised regarding the legality of having a business with riding stables and boarding horses. The Township will get an opinion from the Lucas County Prosecutors office.

Zoning Inspector Smith will issue a zoning violation letter for the living quarters in the barn; a hold will be placed on future zoning permits (on the parcel where the barn is located) until all violations are rectified.

FIRE:

Fuel usage for Feburary turned in.

The tarp was repaired on Engine 58 from wind damage.

Chief Tate attended Lucas County Fire Chiefs meeting in Perrysburg.

ZONING:

Zoning inspector Smith gave an update on zoning issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

Trustee Hassen spoke with Chad from Ohio Gas; their Engineers are developing a plan to bring natural gas to the entire Township, however they have no date.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Bick and Road Maintenance employee Kraig Gottfried attended the annual Lucas County Engineers Road Meeting on Feb. 22, 2019. Discussion was held on roads that will need repairs in 2019.

A informational letter from the Lucas County Engineers office was received in regards to Governor DeWine's proposed 18 cent per gallon increase to the current 28 cent per gallon Ohio Motor Fuel Tax yet this tear plus annual increases ties to the CPI after 2019. The township portion of the revenue would only be used for roads and bridges.

Unlimited pickup scheduled for Saturday, June 8, 2019.

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 8:05 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Bick: Roll call: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-absent, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

