

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

January 2, 2020

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.

John Hassen was sworn in as Richfield Township Trustee per the Fiscal Officer.

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

The Clerk requested nominations for Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Steve Bettinger nominated John Hassen. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. The Clerk confirmed that the nominations were closed. The vote for John Hassen as Chairman resulted as follows: Bick-yes, Bettinger – yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved. John Hassen was selected to serve as Chairman in 2020.

The Clerk requested nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees. John Hassen nominated Andrew Bick. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. The Clerk confirmed that the nominations were closed. The vote for Andrew Bick as Vice Chairman resulted as follows: Bettinger-yes, Bick – yes, Hassen - yes. Motion approved. Andrew Bick was selected to serve as Vice-Chairman in 2020.

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the December 16, 2019 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, October & November bank reconciliations, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the December 16, 2019 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 (11725- 11777) 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-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Dave Turk has concerns with his family property on Central Ave. next door to the Stoll property. He reports more junk cars now added to the property and he believes they are now encroaching on their property. Zoning Inspector Smith will contact Lucas County Prosecutor regarding the above.

Several residents were in attendance voicing concern over the loitering, noise, trash, graffiti, safety, etc. at the Gibbs Road Bridge location and possible remedies. The trustees have contacted Lucas County but have not received a call back at the time of the last meeting. Conversation held on possibly putting up signs, lights, and remote camera's. The Trustees will contact the county to see if a guardrail can be installed along the road to negate the parking along the edge of the road. Trustee Bick reported Gibbs Road Bridge is next on the list for Lucas County to update; Gibbs Rd. Bridge is owned by Lucas County.

FIRE:

Fuel usage for December was turned in.

Chief Klonch presented the Trustees with the second of three annual payments from Richfield Township Firefighters Association to help offset the cost of the power cots recently installed in both rescue squads.

Chief Klonch presented an applications from Joshua Ostrander and Thomas Tray to join the volunteer fire department.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to hire Joshua Ostrander and Thomas Tray to the Richfield Township Fire Department contingent upon passing a drug screen, physical and background check with a one-year probationary period. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettingeryes, Bick-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

See attached resolution for Springfield Township dispatching service.

Review fire department budget.

ZONING:

Zoning inspector Smith gave an update on zoning issues.

ROADS:

Discussion on Crack Seal for Murd road and Washburn road.

Discussion on wage increase for maintenance employee on hold until further review of the budget in the second quarter of 2020.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrew Bick made a motion to have the Trustees take their maximum salary allowance for 2020. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger – yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to have Andrew Bick oversee the operations of the Township buildings, John Hassen is in charge of the cemetery and Steve Bettinger oversees the road maintenance. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger -yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to appoint Steve Bettinger as our representative to the Health District, John Hassen as our representative to the Solid Waste Management District and LCIC representative, and Andrew Bick as our TMACOG representative. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger – yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved

Andrew Bick made a motion to appoint Linda Decker as the Sunshine Law Representative. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

010220-01 Steve Bettinger submitted the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS it is a benefit to the Trustees, Clerk and Zoning Inspector or Zoning Board Members to attend State Conventions of the Township Trustees and Fiscal Officers

Association, National Convention, Township related meetings and informational seminars.

WHEREAS, it has been determined the need and priority of attending these meetings and seminars will benefit the Township with better informed Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Zoning Inspector or Zoning Board Members therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenses, such as fees, reservations, rooms, food, parking and travel at the effective IRS rate per mile be authorized to attend winter, summer, and national conventions, meetings and seminars. Furthermore, any other travel outside the Township on Township business shall be paid at the rate of effective IRS rate per mile. No room and board will be paid for seminars where location is within a 50-mile radius of the township.

John Hassen seconded the resolution. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes. Resolution approved.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the presented Blanket Certificates 1-57. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved. (see attachment).

RECORDS RETENTION:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to appoint Andrew Bick as chairman of the Records Retention Committee, Linda Decker as secretary of the Records Retention Committee and to retain all 2019 records. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger –yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

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 Steve Bettinger made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

