

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

January 21, 2020

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 2, 2019 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the January 2, 2020 minutes as presented. Andy Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (11745- 11795) 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:

No public comment.

FIRE:

Chief Clonch announced 911 consolidation has been approved.

Chief Clonch recommended support for Chief Barry Cousino, Springfield Township Fire Chief for 911 Board at upcoming annual Lucas County Township meeting.

Met with Sylvania Township Fire Chief, they are submitting a grant proposal to build a new training tower that we also could utilize.

Discussion on mutual aid with Sylvania for structure fires and all runs.

Chief Clonch submitting two grants one for personal protective equipment and one for a new fire truck.

Chief Clonch has received his certification and is the only certified volunteer Fire Chief in the state of Ohio.

Ally Sturt has passed paramedic certification.

Tyler Omev has turned in his letter of resignation.

John Hassen made a motion to accept Tyler Omev's resignation from the fire department. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved

ZONING:

No zoning report.

ROADS:

Lucas County 2020 bridge report presented to the trustees.

Pavement Tech Inc. submitted a bid for \$16,192.00 to apply reclaimite asphalt rejuvenator to preserve Kilburn Rd.

Andrew Bick made a motion to accept the bid for \$16,192.00 to apply reclaimite asphalt rejuvenator to preserve Kilburn Rd. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Estimate obtained on "no loitering signs" from Osburn Associations for \$178.00 (6 signs) for Gibbs Rd. bridge. Further discussion held on using "no standing, no stopping" signs versus the no loitering signs which would be enforceable by the police.

RESOLUTION 012120-01, RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING A NO STOPPING, NO STANDING ZONE AT GIBBS RD. BRIDGE.

WHEREAS the Richfield Township Board of Trustees has established a “no stopping, no standing zone” on Gibbs Rd. bridge location.

WHEREAS, the Richfield Township Board of Trustees has determined the necessity of the no stopping, no standing zone signs to preserve and safeguard the public health, safety, and welfare of the residents.

WHEREAS, Gibbs Rd. Bridge has been designated as the location for the placement of the No Stopping, No Standing signs.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Richfield Township Board of Trustees has determined the necessity of placing No Stopping, No Standing road signs at the Gibbs Rd. Bridge location to preserve and safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of the residents.

John Hassen made a motion to adopt Resolution #012120-01; seconded by Steve Bettinger. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes, Bick-yes.

Resolution adopted.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on Town hall rental rates to cover the cost of hall expenses; tabled until the next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on the rising cost of refuse pickup with possible options, refuse pickup has increased \$9000.00 over the last 5 years. Richfield Township is the only local Township that pays for refuse pickup for the residents.

Discussion held on the increased cost for Lucas County dispatching services. The County has passed the consolidation of the county’s eight current emergency-services call centers into one. This will be an increased cost of approximately \$8000.00 per year.

Further discussion held on the loss of revenue for the fire department (loss of rent from Mercy Mobile stroke unit, decrease in EMS transport revenue), and the cost of staffing. Discussion held on placing an additional levy on the ballot to cover the cost of dispatching services along with covering cost of fire department paid staff. There has been a decrease in volunteers over the years; the lack of volunteers requires the need for paid staff to cover emergency services.

Batanian's Tree Service has volunteered to cut/trim trees in Wolfinger Cemetery. The Trustee's all agreed to have Batanians cut/trim trees in Wolfinger Cemetery.

Trustee Hassen will attend waste management policy meeting on 1/22/20.

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

