

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

May 4, 2020

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by John Hassen at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom Virtual Meeting. 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 April 20, 2020, meeting and the Special Meeting held on April 23, 2020, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the April 20, 2020 minutes as presented. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Anderew Bick made a motion to approve the April 23, 2020 minutes as presented. Steve Bettingerr seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (11885 - 11894) 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:

Fuel receipts from April turned in.

EMS call volume increased.

Day crew staffing back to Monday through Friday 8 hour shifts (8:00 am to 4:00 pm) with two staff members.

Chief Clonch reported he started the process for the Safer Grant (adequate staffing grant) for \$150,000.00 per year at the direction of the Trustees; this would take us to 7 days a week staffing (2 personal) 10 hours a day, giving us money through the government until fire levy is placed on the ballot. First year funded by government, 2nd and 3rd year are reduced cost sharing.

Jerry Lumbrezer has asked to re-join the fire department he has been gone for less than one year; he is still an active employee for the maintenance department.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to re-hire Jerry Lumbrezer to the fire department. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

Zoning updates provided.

NEW BUISNESS:

Progressive energy (consultants for electric) contacted the township the contract has expired. Rates provided from three different companies, lowest rate from AEP energy for .05642, which would be an estimated \$232.00 savings per year.

Trustees agreed to contract with AEP.

Fiscal Officer reported BWC refunded premiums for \$23,693.00 due to financial issues from COVID 19.

ROADS:

Discussion on Strawser Construction bid for \$77,234.00, which is over the \$50,000.00 threshold requirement for bids; because Strawser is a member of the State CO-OP program, no bidding is required.

See attached resolution 050420-01 for the Strawser Construction project.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on the fire levy for staffing, Fiscal Officer spoke to auditor he advised we could run as a continuous levy.

See attached resolution 050420-02 “necessity of an additional tax fire levy for staffing” to be placed on ballot as a continuous levy.

Discussion on signage for the fire department levy as well as holding “town hall” meetings or on-line meetings for residents to educate/inform.

The township has been operating the fire department under the current operating levy which took effect in 19?.; there has never been an increase over the years.

Further discussion on the revised garbage contract with ARS, John Borell reviewed the contract and approved. Trustee Hassen suggested adding an addendum in the contract to allow residents who currently use another garbage provider the flexibility to stay with that provider. Fiscal Officer will forward revised contract with addendum to prosecutor’s office for final review.

The township will continue to pay for unlimited pick-up yearly.

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

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

