

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

December 21, 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 December 7, 2020, meeting, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, November bank reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the December 7, 2020, minutes as presented. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen - yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (12092 - 12114) 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 comments.

FIRE:

Cares Act fund has been exhausted. Fire department purchased 10 sets PPE gear, 25 EMS pagers, 2 disinfectant sprayers, UV disinfectant , 40 Covid test, various PPE sup-

plies. There is a possibility of additional COVID act funding in 2021, the Chief would like to use these funds if received for a down payment on a new ambulance so we could retire our 18 year old ambulance.

Truck repairs as follows:

- Engine 58 gauges are going out and will need to be replaced.
- Medic 58 exhaust fell off and was repaired.

Grant updates: AFG submitted for PPE gear (25 sets) as well as a new engine.

Chief has applied for the State Fire Marshall grant for equipment (fire hose, nozzles, 4 gas meters) for \$10,700.

Received EMS grant reimbursement for EMT class (Chase Linquigal) for \$1500, cost of class was \$1700.00.

Thomas Yunker passed all required pretest, Keith Bryant passed FF 1 class.

Lieutenant position posted, received 3 applications.

Received two fire fighter applications: Johnathon Hart, Brandon Rosebrock.

John Hassen made a motion to hire Johnathon Hart & Brandon Rosebrock to the Richfield Township Fire Department contingent upon passing drug screen, background check and physical with a one year probationary period. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

No zoning report.

Andrew Bick made a motion to re-appoint Don Reidler, Doug Ronau to a 4-year term on the zoning board commencing 1/1/2021. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick –yes, Bettinger –yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

NEW BUSINESS:

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS:

122120-01 Andrew Bick moved the adoption of the following Resolution: BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees for Richfield Township, Lucas County, Ohio, that to provide for the current expenses and other expenditures of said Board or Trustees, during the period from January 1st until no later than March 31st, 2021 the attached listing of

sums be and same are hereby set aside and appropriated for the several purposes for which expenditures are to be made for and during said period as follows: Steve Bettinger seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows: Mr. Andrew Bick yes Mr. Steve Bettinger yes Mr. John Hassen yes Resolution adopted. (See attachments).

Andrew Bick made a motion to renew the current board members of the Volunteers Fire Fighters Dependent fund to year 2021. Current Board members are as follows: Stephen Bettinger (Chairman) Andrew Bick, Jerry Lumbrezer, Wallace Ford, Carl Gillen, and Linda Decker (Secretary). John Hasen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved. Discussion on annual raises.

Discussion was held on salaries for 2021.

- Chiefs salary: Chief respectively declined any increases.
- Road Maintenance Supervisor: Majority of salary comes out of Road Fund, he receives no benefits.
- Volunteer, part-time, full-time fire fighters. Due to the current fiscal crisis in the fire department fund there will be no increases at this time. The Trustees were in agreement to revisit this when the funds from the current levy are received.

John Hassen made a motion to increase road maintenance supervisor salary to \$1.00/hour as of 1/1/21 for a hourly wage of \$22.00 per hour. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

ROADS:

Kilburn Road Phase 2 (Sylvania Avenue to Brint Road) bids opened by Lucas County Engineers office. The engineer's estimate for this phase of the project was \$1,171,463.50. The low bid on the project is Geddis Paving & Exc., Inc. with a bid of \$1,056,990.50.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to hire Geddis for the Kilburn Rd. Phase 2 project to Geddis Paving & Exc., Inc. for \$1,056,990.50. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Steve Bettinger- yes, Andrew Bick - yes, John Hassen - abstained. Motion approved.

Trustee Bick attended virtual Lucas County Township Association meeting, he provided the following highlights:

- LCTA financial report 7583.00 ending balance.
- Toledo Edison has a crew that changes out street lights (LED) for \$207.00 per street light. There is a 3-6 month waiting list. The Trustees will look into for all outside lights in the township.

- Lucas County new Sheriff Mike Navarre will be invited to the next LCTA meeting.
- All current officers reelected.
- Barry Cousino spoke on 911 dispatch issue, he is currently on the TMACOG BOARD and was reelected to a 4 year term. The 911 county dispatching is set to take place in the 4th quarter of 2021. The township fees will be phased in over a 4 year period.

OLD BUSINESS:

Further discussion on the FFL (federal firearms license) license request from a local resident. Trustee Bick worked with Zoning Inspector Smith as well as the Prosecutors office on the legality of a resident buying/selling guns in his home. It was determined there is nothing in place in the zoning resolution to prevent anyone from doing this as long as he receives the license and follows all rules. Trustee Bick will notify the resident.

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 7:52 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Bick: Roll call: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer
