

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

January 4, 2021

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by John Hassen at 7:00 p.m. virtually. 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 21, 2020, meeting, current Cash Summary Report, November bank reconciliations, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the December 21, 2020, minutes as presented. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (12132- 12170) 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.

The Clerk requested nominations for Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Steve Bettinger nominated Andrew Bick. John Hassen seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. The Clerk confirmed that the nominations were closed. The vote for Andrew Bick as Chairman resulted as follows: Bick-yes, Bettinger – yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved. Andrew Bick was selected to serve as Chairman in 2021.

The Clerk requested nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees. John Hassen nominated Steve Bettinger. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. The Clerk confirmed that the nominations were closed. The vote for

Steve Bettinger as Vice Chairman resulted as follows: Bettinger-yes, Bick – yes, Hassen - yes. Motion approved. Steve Bettinger was selected to serve as Vice-Chairman in 2021.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

FIRE:

Chief Clonch presented information on the fire budget for 2021; discussion was held on placing \$20,000 per year aside for replacement vehicles.

Chief Clonch presented information on “Genesis Rescue Tool”. If the department were to purchase this tool they could equip the 1998 Red Engine with this tool and have two trucks equipped for Auto Accident Rescue. This would eliminate the need for the 1997 two person rescue truck that was purchased from Bedford Fire Department (this truck was purchased for \$50,000.00) this would sell for approximately \$50,000.00 today.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to purchase the Genesis Rescue Tool for approximately \$11,300.00. The Fire Department Association will pay one-half the cost and the township the other half. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

John Hassen 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). Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick- yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

Zoning inspector Smith gave an update on zoning issues.

OLD BUSINESS:

The Trustees were in agreement to not rent out the town hall for the month of January due to the pandemic with the exclusion of the twirler group that rents out twice a week. This will be reviewed on a monthly basis.

Trustee Bettinger spoke to Joe Eisel regarding putting up the LED lights on all outside lights in the township.

Trustee Bettinger will get an estimate on eaves trough for the town hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Hassen made a motion to have the Trustees take their maximum salary allowance for 2021. Steve Bettinger 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. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger -yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

John Hassen 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 Andrew Bick as our TMACOG representative. Steve Bettinger 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. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

010220-02 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.

Trustee Bettinger reported Kraig Gottfried (Road Maintenance Supervisor) is getting estimates on an overhead door for the maintenance building. The current door is not insulated, hard to open, and will not close all the way.

RECORDS RETENTION:

John Hassen 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 2020 records. Steve Bettinger 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 John Hassen made a motion to adjourn at 7:55 p.m., which was seconded by Steve Bettinger: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

