

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

February 1, 2021

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Andrew Bick at 7:00 p.m. virtually. All present were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the January 19, 2021 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

John Hassen made a motion to approve the January 19, 2021, minutes as presented. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (12198-12225) were presented for approval:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve payment of the attached listing of invoices and the corresponding pending warrants. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments.

**FIRE:**

Chief Clonch reported the fire department has been very busy with calls, including a couple structure fires in the township as well as surrounding areas.

Received the ODNR (Ohio Dept. Natural Resources) grant for a skid unit. The grant requires a 50% match of \$5,612.00 in which the funds will come from the sale of the old brush truck and fire association. The Richfield Township Fire Department was the only one to receive this grant in Ohio.

Batavian tree service was notified per Chief Clonch they could not burn brush on the property. The recent fire on the property took three days to put out.

The department will be selling old fire pagers, old radios and the old brush truck to recoup expenses on recent items.

Fiscal Officer spoke to prosecutor's office regarding the lease of the 2008 Ford Expedition from Chief Clonch to the township for \$1.00. Prosecutor advised it would be a conflict of interest, further advising he could donate to the township with a clause when the township no longer uses it would be returned to him. The Trustees were in support of the donation with the clause to return to Keith Clonch when it is no longer being used.

Further discussion was held on the selling of the 1947 jeep. The trustees agreed to sell the jeep, as the department needs the funds. It was agreed to attempt to sell locally first, if nobody purchases then it would be placed on govdeals.

## **ZONING:**

The Board of Zoning Appeals met on January 27, 2021, for discussion on an application to put a pond and barn up prior to building a home on Murd Rd. The Board approved the variance (pond/barn prior to building home) with stipulations that the building of the house has to be started by August 1, 2021.

Discussion was held regarding the request at 11460 W. Central Ave. for improvements on the property for a small office or shop. William Harbert at Lucas County Planning Commission was contacted for guidance; Mr. Harbert stated if the building has been vacant or unused for a period of 24 months then it would need to come into compliance with the uses outlined in the A/R Zoning District. If it has not been vacant and lost this non-conforming status then a change of non-conforming uses should require documentation from the township BZA. If found to be allowed to continue then any expansion of the floor area for the non-conforming use should not be permitted pursuant to Section 9.5(1).

Trustee Bick would like to see the property improved, discussion was held on there would be little parking available as well as since the property does not meet current zoning regulations it cannot be approved. Information will be forwarded to the zoning inspector so he can notify the owner.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Cleaning personnel was notified to hold on cleaning during the pandemic due to only one renter at this time. Ms. Johnston volunteered to clean the bathroom periodically with no pay.

Joe Eisel will start the filling of the old cistern at the town hall when the weather clears.

The tree on the corner of Central Avenue and Raab Rd. in the ROW has been removed.

Estimate was received from Darkinson Doors on repairing the overhead door at the maintenance building along with repairing the back door.

- Front Door Repair \$275.00
- New Door \$2490.00
- Dalton Door \$2390.00
- Opener \$1140.00
- Backdoor Repair \$225.00

Trustees agreed to have the front/back overhead doors repaired for \$500.00.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

Trustee Bick provided updates on COVID-19 in Ohio as well as in Lucas County from the Toledo Lucas County Health Department weekly updates.

## **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.richfieldtp.com](http://www.richfieldtp.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 7:35 p.m., which was seconded by Steve Bettinger: Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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