

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

January 19, 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 4, 2021, meeting, current Cash Summary Report, December bank reconciliations, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

John Hassen made a motion to approve the January 4, 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 (12132- 12170) 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 recognized Caroline Hinde for her outstanding work on a recent rescue call.

Discussion on the vacant Lieutenant position on the fire department; three applications were received. Upon reviewing all applications, it was recommended that Andrew Lumbrezer be appointed as Lieutenant to the Richfield Township Fire Department.

Andrew Bick made a motion to appoint Andrew Lumbrezer as Lieutenant to the Richfield Township Fire Department effective February 1, 2021. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

Chief Clonch purchased a 2008 Ford Expedition response vehicle with his personal funds, he would like to lease to the township for \$1.00 per year. The Officers would sign up for shifts on weekend, and have the vehicle at their home residence for emergency calls. This will give the township an additional rescue vehicle, faster response time. The Trustees agreed to lease the vehicle for \$1.00 per year and provide the insurance.

The 1947 jeep at the department is in need of maintenance, the cost to repair would be costly at approximately \$20,000.00. Discussion was held on selling the vehicle on gov-deals.com or donating to the Toledo Fire Museum. The vehicle is presently valued at approximately \$15,000 to \$20,000; if sold the funds would be set aside for a new rescue vehicle. The Trustees tabled the discussion until the next meeting.

ZONING:

Zoning inspector Smith gave an update on zoning issues.

The Board of Zoning Appeals is meeting on January 27, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the maintenance building for discussion on an application to put a pond and barn up prior to building a home on Murd Rd.

Zoning Inspector Smith received a complaint regarding a resident burning a large pile in their backyard, which caused debris going into the ditch. Currently they have another large pile stacked up. Mr. Smith will send out a letter to the resident notifying them this is illegal to burn.

A letter was received from business owner at 11460 W. Central Ave., Swanton; the owner would like to improve the property using as a small office or shop. He has requested the Trustees and Zoning Board review for consideration. Mr. Smith will contact William Harbert at Lucas County Planning Commission for guidance.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on the cleaning of the town hall, it is currently being sprayed twice a week with a disinfectant. The Trustees have agreed to not rent out the hall due to the pandemic with the exception of the Twirlers that come in three times a week.

Trustee Hassen does not want the hall cleaned until it is rented out again on a regular basis. After discussion, Trustee Hassen and Trustee Bettinger agreed to not clean the hall at this time until it is rented out again to the public on a regular basis. Trustee Bick was in disagreement and would like to see it cleaned after usage of the Twirlers.

Discussion on filling the old cistern at the town hall with sand; Kraig Gottfried (road maintenance supervisor) advised there is a large pile of dirt behind the township building where they could use at least one-half of that to fill the cistern.

NEW BUSINESS:

List of trees in the right of way were provided to the Trustees from Road Maintenance Supervisor Kraig Gottfried. Mr. Gottfried will get estimates on cleaning up the overgrown trees, branches, etc...

The township dump truck is 21 years old and is in need of several repairs. Discussion on purchasing a new vehicle in the next couple of years.

Trustee Bick attended the virtual TMACOG meeting, provided a brief update on projects.

Fiscal Officer Linda Decker attended the Lucas County Health Department meeting; provided updates on COVID-19 vaccines.

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 8:00 p.m., which was seconded by Steve Bettinger: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer
