

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

February 16, 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 February 1, 2021 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, January Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

John Hassen made a motion to approve the February 1, 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 (12226- 12239) 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:

Property owners at 11460 W. Central Ave. attended to discuss the possibility of remodeling the current building into an office space. The Trustees advised the owners to attend the next zoning meeting for their review and recommendations.

FIRE:

Chief Clonch presented an application from Lucas Parmalee to join the volunteer fire department; Mr. Parmalee is EMT certified.

Andrew Bick made a motion to hire Lucas Parmalee to the volunteer fire department contingent upon passing drug screen, background check, physical along with a one year probationary period. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

Zoning minutes from Feb. 8, 2021 read to the Trustees.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

John Hassen made a motion to approve purchase orders: 27 to 86. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved. See attachments.

Discussion on the process of replacing mailboxes destroyed by Lucas County plow trucks. If you believe your mailbox was damaged by County Road Maintenance Vehicles, the homeowner must file a damage claim with the Office of the Lucas County Engineer. Claim forms are available on the website of the Office of the Lucas County Engineer and can be submitted by mail, fax, or email as shown on the form or hand delivered to the Office of the Lucas County Engineer. Damage claims will not be accepted by phone. After receipt of the damage claim, the Office of the Lucas County Engineer will dispatch someone to visit your property in order to validate the claim. All damage claims must be reported within 2 working days of the occurrence in order to be eligible for replacement.

Letter was received from Sheriff Michael Navarre notifying the township effective January 1, 2023, the Lucas County Sheriff's Office will no longer provide policing services at no cost. Chief Clonch a former police officer/deputy explained in detail what services they will have to continue to provide per Ohio Revised Code.

The sheriff will continue to provide deputies as part of road patrol and they will still respond to active calls of violence or disturbances. What they will stop doing is investiga-

ting crimes and only take reports of thefts and non violent crime. Violent crime will still be investigated, responded to, and arrests made by Ohio Revised Code statute. What they won't do is provide routine patrols or investigations. We could expect a deputy calling to take reports over the phone and only get responses for the violent or in progress crimes. Essentially residents in the township will receive the same bare minimum services we are currently receiving.

Discussion around the 911 funding models. Lucas County would like to put a 2 mill levy on the ballot to provide funds for the 911 service due to some townships complaining they do not have the funds to support paying for 911 services. Currently Richfield Township pays approximately \$5500.00 to Springfield Township for 911 services, in 2023 Lucas County will take over and our fees will increase to \$18,000.00. If a levy were placed on the ballot by Lucas County it would bring in approximately \$100,000.00 from Richfield Township which is well above the cost of services (\$18,000.00). The Trustees were in agreement to stay with the current funding model with approximate cost of \$18,000.00 per year. Chief Clonch will relay the message to our representative Barry Cousino.

ROADS:

The salt truck has a leak in the line, repairs will be made when the weather clears.

Lucas County Engineers Annual Road Report received, copies given to Trustees.

Road striping request sent into the County Engineers office; all township roads will be striped except for Kilburn & Murd Rds.

PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS:

021601-01 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 February 16, 2021 until no later than December 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: John Hassen 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).

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 Andrew Bick made a motion to adjourn at 7:50 p.m., which was seconded by Steve Bettinger: Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

