

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

March 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 February 16, 2021, meeting, current Cash Summary Report/Revenue Report 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 (12240- 12254) were presented for approval:

John Hassen 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:**

A resident questioned the zoning regulations for a temporary storage unit on personal property. The Zoning Inspector informed him storage units are not allowed in the township although they have allowed in the past with an agreement on time limit. He was advised to attend a zoning meeting for additional information.

## **FIRE:**

The township is placing the 1947 Willy's Jeep for sale via sealed bid. Sealed bids for purchase of the 1947 Willy's Jeep will be accepted from Monday 3/1/2021 through Friday 4/2/21 at 4:00 p.m. Sealed bids must be addressed to Fire Chief Keith Clonch at 11450 Sylvania Avenue, Berkey, OH 43504. The vehicle will be open to inspection Monday - Friday 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Ads will be placed on the township website as well as on the Richfield Township Community page on facebook. Sealed bids will be opened at the Richfield Township Board of Trustee meeting on April 5, 2021, at 7:15 p.m.

Chief Clonch presented an application from Jay Grzechowiak for the fire department. Mr. Grzechowiak is currently a fire fighter/paramedic in Henry County.

Andrew Bick made a motion to hire Jay Grzechowiak to the fire department pending a background check, physical, drug screen with a one year probationary period. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

The 2019/2020 fire report has been completed and placed on the township website.

Chief Clonch reported Lucas County made a decision to go back to the original 911 proposal for funding.

## **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Smith provided updates on zoning violations in the township.

Zoning resolution book will be updated, new copies will be printed.

Question on process of obtaining permit to build a barn for agricultural purposes. Mr. Smith said all permits must be presented to the Zoning Board at the regular scheduled meeting for approval. Once approved Lucas County will need to issue a permit as well.

## **OLD BUSINESS:**

Overhead doors at maintenance building have been repaired, work well.

Town-hall cistern has been filled in and closed; it will be smoothed out, seeded in the spring.

Eavestroughs installed at the town hall need to be repaired. Trustees will contact the business owner who installed.

Continued discussion on the Lucas County Sheriff's decision to no longer patrol in townships starting 2022; Trustees will invite Sheriff Navarre to an upcoming township meeting.

Discussion on town-hall rentals for month of March; Trustees were in agreement to not rent the town hall during the month of March due to the pandemic. Trustees will reevaluate on April 1, 2021.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on unlimited pick-up date. ARS provided availability. Trustees were in agreement to set the date for Saturday, May 22, 2021. Date will be confirmed with ARS.

Trustee Bick reported Sen. Theresa Gavarone, introduced Senate Bill 54 which aims to help stop fraudulent phone calls, which have inundated cellphone users in recent years.

#### **ROADS:**

Fifty tons of salt ordered and will be delivered this week.

The Lucas County Engineer annual road meeting will take place on March 9, 2021, at 1:00 p.m. via zoom. Trustee Bettinger and road maintenance supervisor Kraig Gottfried will attend.

Discussion on the need for a flashing red stop sign at the intersection of Central Avenue and Fulton Lucas Rd. due to the number of accidents. Trustee Bettinger will discuss at the upcoming Engineers Road meeting.

Discussion on developing a written policy for mail boxes destroyed by snow plow. The township will replace mailboxes that are destroyed by the snow plow.

A resident complained her yard was tore up by snow plow; repairs will be completed late spring.

#### **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](http://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 8:03 p.m. which was seconded by Steve Bettinger: Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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