

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

March 15, 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 March 1, 2021 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, February Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the March 1, 2021, minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Bick-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (122- 122) 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:

No public comments.

FIRE:

Chief Clonch reported the department has submitted several EMS grants for the following:

- Training & Equipment Grant

- Economic Hardship Grant (provides funds for additional financial support to departments experiencing serious economic difficulty), potential to receive up to \$30,000 to go toward a new ambulance.
- Board Priority Grant (provides funding for the acquisition of life saving cardiac equipment for cardiac arrest), the department does not have their own cardiac life saving equipment at this time other than one cardiac monitor provided by Lucas County EMS. There have been 7 cardiac arrest patients in the past year in the township. This is a \$30,000.00 grant that would be used to purchase one life pack.

Richfield Township has priority for these grants due to our size, our budgetary constraints, and the age of our apparatus. As previously reported our youngest EMS apparatus has over 100,000 miles and is 13 years old, 2nd EMS apparatus is 18 years old and does not meet the minimum safety standards it has been placed in reserve status since it does not meet the minimum safety standards. Our goal is to replace the 18 year old ambulance and move the other to a reserve status if we purchase a new ambulance.

Approximate cost of a new ambulance is \$200,000.00 the department is presently budgeting \$20,000.00 per year toward the purchase of an ambulance. There is an option to receive a loan through the USDA because of our agricultural status with 0% interest. Other option is to remount our box on a new chassis for approximately \$110,000.00.

If awarded the \$30,000.00 grant for an ambulance it would have to be used by June, 2022. Grants will be awarded in October, 2021.

Purchased a new extrication tool for the main engine (rescue engine) which will be in next week; this will allow the department to take out the newest apparatus on calls which is 23 years old. The other rescue engine is 30 years old and does not meet the safety standards.

Fire department vehicles are aging with rust, significant corrosion along with mechanical dysfunctions; they will be selling the old brush truck and rescue truck to offset some of the cost as well. The rescue truck will be sold at auction with minimum bid of \$50,000.00, the brush truck will be sold at auction with minimum bid of \$3500.00. Old jeep is currently for sale with a minimum bid of \$10,000.00.

Installed radios in the battalion chief vehicle for \$418.00 as well as the pick-up truck (which will be used now as a brush truck) for \$407.00; these are radios's we currently own, the cost was to have them installed professionally.

Garage bay door at station needs a new door opener, approximate cost \$382.00. Firemen have to get out of the vehicle to open/close doors now which increases response time. Trustee's approved the purchase of a new door opener.

ZONING:

No zoning report.

OLD BUSINESS:

Unlimited pick-up confirmed for Saturday, May 22, 2021.

Town hall needs another load of dirt where cistern got filled in when weather gets better.

Twirlers that rented town hall made a thank you sign for allowing them to rent the hall.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Hassen provided updates on Lucas County Township Assn. meeting held on 03/11/2021. Lucas County Sheriff Mike Navarre was in attendance, discussion of providing road patrols to the Townships and that effective 1/1/23, road patrols would be discontinued unless paid for by the Townships. Only 2 townships are currently paying (Springfield and Monclova) which make up 85% of the calls.

Sheriff Navarre did mention that is his opinion any levy to fund a new jail, regardless of location would fail. Sheriff Navarre also mentioned that roughly, 25% of all inmates have mental health issues, and he is meeting with Congresswoman Marcy Kaptur about federal funding for a “mental health” prison. Sheriff Navarre mentioned that there might be federal funding available for a mental health prison, but not funding available for a general population prison.

There was discussion on the possibility of the county turning over responsibility of all county roads to the township. Assistant Prosecuting Attorney John Borrell will meet with Marcy Kaptur.

See attached resolution for ODOT salt contract 031521-01.

Received our first advanced tax payment for the staffing levy.

ROADS:

Trustee Bettinger, Trustee Bick and Road Maintenance Supervisor Kraig Gottfried attended the annual Lucas County Engineer road meeting on March 9, 2021.

Requested Washburn Rd. cape seal, Richfield Center Rd. ?. along with requesting a flashing LED stop sign be placed at the intersection of Central/Fulton Lucas Rd. The

county will investigate further along with a flashing LED stop sign at the intersection of Central & Richfield Center Rd.

All township roads will be striped in 2021 except Kilburn, Murd and Miller Rd.

Discussion on adding two foot berms to roads along with new catch basins, county is currently out of funding to do these projects. Raab Rd. draining issues were discussed.

Allen Rd. ditches will be cleaned out.

2021 projects: 2nd phase of Kilburn Rd., Sylvania Metamora bridge repair, Lathrop Rd between Central & Bancroft bridge replacement.

2022 projects: 3rd phase of Kilburn Rd., roundabout Kilburn & Brint Rd., Sylvania Avenue will be resurfaced from State Route 295 to Fulton Lucas Rd.

2023 projects: roundabout at Sylvania Avenue & Kilburn Rd.

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
