

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

April 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 April 5, 2021, meeting, current Cash Summary Report, March Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

John Hassen made a motion to approve the April 5, 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 (12286- 12299) 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:**

Sheriff Navarre presented information on the future financial responsibility for townships in Lucas County to continue patrols in Richfield Township effective January 2023.

Currently only one township pay for services (Monclova) while the other townships pay nothing. The cost of services is 4 million annually; if all townships agree to contribute financially it will bring in revenue of 3 million annually, the other one million will be

funded by Lucas County. Currently Springfield Township makes up 60%, Monclova 20% and the remaining townships make up the other 20% of emergency calls.

Monclova Township has been paying the Lucas County Sheriff's Office \$767,362 for 24/7 coverage with one deputy on duty at all times. If the township chooses to not pay for services they will continue to get services through Lucas County Sheriff for major incidences. If the township does pay for services they will respond to all calls in the township. There will be no changes in staffing, the present staffing/services will be maintained.

The cost for the township will be divided amongst the five townships that are not currently paying. The funding for one deputy is \$767,362.00 which will be divided by five taking into consideration percentage depending on the number of historical calls.

Trustee Hassen voiced concerns over the cost when we receive very little service, stating we rarely see any patrols, when residents call for help it takes a long time for the police to respond. Trustee Bick asked about increased staffing with the funding; Chief Navarre stated everything will remain the same there will be no increase in staffing.

Sheriff Navarre will send documents on the financial breakdown for Richfield.

#### **FIRE:**

Chief reported there was a large fire at Secor Metro Park in which they were able to save 50% of their maintenance building and equipment in the barn. Mutual aid did respond, they were able to provide additional water which was needed as the township has limited resources for water.

#### **ZONING:**

Zoning updates provided.

Zoning Inspector Smith reported there has been complaints of residents doing illegal burns in the township. Chief Clonch reported he has received several complaints from the EPA on illegal burns in which he has had to investigate. EPA reported they will fine residents if the problem continues.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

No old business.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

Discussion on items left by recycle bins, there has been more and more non recyclable garbage left by the bins as well as in the area of the maintenance building. Discussed placing a camera on site; Trustee Bettinger will get estimates.

Email received from an area resident stating Century Link cancelled their internet services since Kilburn Rd. will be widened for the roundabout going in; the contractor will be cutting the line. Fiscal Officer will let her know to call Public Utilities Commission of Ohio or Century Link.

**ROADS:**

**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 8:10 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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