

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

December 6, 2021

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Andrew Bick at 7:00 p.m. at the Richfield Township Maintenance Building, 3951 Washburn Rd., Berkey, OH. 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 November 16, 2021, meeting, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the November 16, 2021, minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS

The attached listings of warrants (12554- 12574) 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: Bick-yes, Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

FIRE:

Chief Clonch reported eight vendors provided presentations on their ambulance vehicles. Several had demo's available which would be available sooner than ordering a new vehicle; new vehicles will take approximately 18 months to 2 years.

Vendors would like to do a presentation to the Board of Trustees at a future date.

Discussion on hiring two full time fire fighters/EMS starting January 1, 2022. As of January 1, 2022, the fire department would like to begin coverage 7 days a week with 2 full-time personnel during the week, one full-time and one part-time employee on the weekends. Ten hour shifts from 8:00 am to 6:00 pm daily. Chief Clonch received two applications.

Andrew Bick made a motion to hire Thomas Yunker and Jonathan Hart as full time fire fighters/EMS starting January 1, 2022. Starting wage of \$16.00 per hour. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Steve Bettinger made a motion for the fire department to begin coverage of 7 days a week, 10 hour shifts from 8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. commencing on January 1, 2022. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Lucas County Sheriff sent a letter to Board of Trustees regarding police protection in the township. Effective 1/1/23 the county will no longer provide police service to the township without proper compensation for services rendered. They are seeking \$99,000 commitment from Richfield Township for 2023, for 1 deputy 24/7. If that amount is not fiscally possible, the township can pay half that amount (\$49,950.00 annually) and receive police services for 12 hours a day, 7 days a week. The Sheriff is requesting the Trustees to notify him as to what their intentions are for 2023.

Per the Ohio Revised code, the sheriff will have 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 investigating crimes and only take reports of thefts and nonviolent crimes. Vio-

lent crimes 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.

The Trustees agreed to not provide funding to Lucas County for police protection based on the fact the township would continue to receive the same service we are currently receiving.

NEW BUSINESS:

Discussion on current health insurance reimbursement for employee's. The current resolution for reimbursement is \$4950.00 per year per full-time employee's.

120621-01 Steve Bettingergfvb3 submitted the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS, the township has chosen not to procure a health care plan and has chosen instead to reimburse its trustee, fiscal officer, all full time, permanent part-time employees working 24 hours or more a week along with their dependents for each out of pocket premium for their health insurance and out-of-pocket costs for medical care attributable to the coverage provided for them for insurance benefits.

WHEREAS, the yearly maximum amount for each trustee, fiscal officer, full time, permanent part-time employee's working 24 hours or more a week along with their dependents is \$10,000.00 per person.

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Township Trustees, Fiscal Officer, all full time employees, permanent part-time employee's working 24 hours or more a week and their dependents are entitled for reimbursement of the maximum amount of \$10,000.00 per person per year for the reimbursement of health insurance premiums and out of pocket costs for medical care. John Hassen seconded the resolution. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes.

Resolution approved.

ROADS:

Trustee Bettinger reported Lucas County Engineers office notified the township that Miller Rd. does not have a right-of-way. The recently submitted grant project for Miller Rd. will need residents on Miller Rd. to sign an easement for the county to have right-of-way for the project.

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 7:50 p.m., which was seconded by Steve Bettinger. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

