

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

December 20, 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 December 6, 2021, meeting, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, November Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

John Hassen made a motion to approve the December 6, 2021, minutes as presented. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS**

The attached listings of warrants (12575- 12598) 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: Bick-yes, Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

No public comments.

**FIRE:**

Chief Clonch presented an application to the Trustees for the fire department.

Andrew Bick made a motion to hire David Braunreuther to the Richfield Township Fire Department as a volunteer; contingent upon passing a drug screen, background check and physical. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Discussion on holiday pay for all employees of the township; currently the township has a personnel policy for employees, fire department has a personell policy for all fire department employees. There was disucssion on making this uniform for all employees.

Chief Clonch recommended the following:

For all employees who work the holiday they would be compensated 1.5 times their regular pay (part-time or full-time). Discussion was held on recognized holidays.

The township recognized holidays follow the Federal holiday list which varies from the fire department holiday list. Fiscal Officer will contact Lucas County Prosecutors office to see if the township is required to follow the federal list of holidays.

Further discussion was held on volunteer pay. Currently volunteers are paid \$4.00 per hour for volunteer runs. Discussion was held on changing this to a flat rate of \$10.00 per run regardless of time or going to minimum wage. Further discussion will be held at the next scheduled meeting.

## **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Smith provided a report on total number of permits issued in 2021. There were 20 permits issued for a total of \$725.00.

Andrew Bick made a motion to re-appoint Myra Condon to the zoning board for a 4 year term and re-appoint Kathy Allen to the Board of Zoning Appeals for a 4 year term commencing on 1/1/22. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

## **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 notify him as to what their intentions are for 2023.

John Hassen made a motion to not approve the additional funding request for Lucas County Sheriff services moving forward in 2023. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

## **NEW BUSINESS:**

2021 Bridge Inspection report from Lucas County Engineers office was presented to the Trustees. Five bridges were inspected:

Lathrop Rd	Good Conditon
Gibbs Rd. Bridge	Fair Condition
Kilkburn Rd.	Very Good Condition
Miller Rd #53	Very Good Condition
Miller Rd #64	Very Good Condition

Discussion on selling the old dumper dogg on govdeals.com.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to sell the old dumper dogg on govdeals.com. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

## **TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS:**

122021-01 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 January 1st until no later than March 31st, 2022 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: Steve Bettinger 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).

## **ROADS:**

Trustee Bick reported the plugged catch basin on Richfield Center Rd. has finally been repaired by Lucas County Engineers after several calls to the county.

**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 Steve Bettinger made a motion to adjourn at 7:40 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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