

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

January 18, 2022

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Steve Bettinger at 7:00 p.m. at the Maintenance Building, 3951 Washburn Rd., Berkey, Ohio. All present were asked to rise for the Pledge of Allegiance.

**ROLL CALL:** Chairman: Steve Bettinger – present  
Co-Chairman : John Hassen – present  
Andrew Lumbrezer - present

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the January 3, 2021 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, December Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

John Hassen made a motion to approve the January 2, 2022 minutes as presented. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger- yes, Lumbrezer –yes, Hassen- yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (12613- 12653) were presented for approval:

Andrew Lumbrezer 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, Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Zoning Board member Dave Turk present, questions on the role of the BZA. The role of the BZA is to provide a hearing when a resident appeals any action, refusal or ruling of the Zoning Inspector. The BZA after review will either approve or disapprove the appeal.

**FIRE:**

Chief Clonch presented a resignation letter from Shane Garlick, with a request to grant him exempt membership. Mr Garlick has been a member of the fire department for 30 years.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to accept the resignation from Shane Garlick with exempt membership from the volunteer fire department effective immediately. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes, Lumbrezer-yes. Motion approved.

The department received 40 COVID testing kits from Lucas County.

Currently the fire department is in an emergency status as there are 5 staff out with COVID. They are in a CDC Emergency mode with a contingency plan with our mutual aid fire departments.

Chief Clonch discussed purchasing another SUV vehicle for his use on EMS calls. Chief will donate his salary back to the township to go toward the purchase of the vehicle. The current SUV vehicle is being used by staff on EMS calls instead of driving the fire trucks.

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to approve the purchase of a SUV vehicle to be used by Chief Clonch for EMS calls. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes, Lumbrezer-yes. Motion approved.

**ZONING:**

Zoning inspector Smith gave an update on zoning issues. Mr. Smith will follow up with calls, letters to residents who have a current violation.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Hassen spoke with Ohio gas representative regarding natural gas in the township. Mr. Morgan (Ohio Gas) informed Trustee Hassen natural gas will not be coming to the township in the near future.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

John Hassen made a motion to approve blanket certificates 1 – 26. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen – yes, Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Trustee Hassen provided information from Lucas County on the Ohio Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Program. This program is designed to provide grants for the demolition of residential buildings. Blighted, vacant or abandoned structures are eligible for demolition. Funds available for counties outside the city of Toledo is \$150,000.00. Zoning Inspector Smith will contact area residents with blighted structures to ask for permission to provide demolition of their structures.

John Hassen made a motion to approve the presented purchase orders (1-27). Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes, Lumbrezer-yes. Motion approved.

Discussion on renting the town hall out to a group for a dog training. After discussion the Trustees agreed to not rent out the hall to anyone that would involve animals on-site. Several complaints were received in 2021 from residents after renting the hall out to a group with dogs.

Discussion on revising townhall rules to include no animals, quiet hours after 11:00 p.m.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to sell the old lawn mower with snow blower on govdeals.com. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes, Lumbrezer-yes. Motion approved.

### **CEMETERY:**

Discussion on re-doing the cemetery rules sign at Wolfinger Cemetery. The Trustees will gather information from area cemeteries to compare rules/regulations. Further discussion at the next meeting.

### **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 8:20 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Lumbrezer: Roll call: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-yes, Lumbrezer -yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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