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

December 19, 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 December 5, 2022, meeting, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, November Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to approve the December 5, 2022 minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Lumbrezer –yes, Hassen-approved. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (13004- 13014) were presented for approval:

John Hassen made a motion to approve payment of the attached listing of invoices and the corresponding pending warrants. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident questioned why the Lucas County Sherriff was reducing services in the township along with the Lucas County Engineers office reducing their work on roads in the township.

Lucas County Engineers Office had decided to turn over any road in the township that starts/ends in the township over to the Richfield Township Board of Trustees for maintenance. The township will receive additional revenue for the added roads.

The Lucas County Sheriff had sent a letter in 2021, informing the Trustees of their future financial responsibility effective 1/1/2023 to continue patrols. The cost of patrolling in the township would be \$100,000.00 per year. On further discussion there would be no additional services for that price. The sheriff will continue 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 crime. Violent crime 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.

Resident questioned the resignation of our road maintenance supervisor. The township road maintenance supervisor resigned recently, ads were placed on an employment site as well as the Community Site on Facebook. Only 2 applications were received in which one candidate withdrew his application prior to his interview. The Trustees are currently in the process of interviewing the one applicant.

FIRE:

The 2003 Medic was sold on govdeals.com for \$23,500.00.

Further discussion on Lucas County EMS, thirteen of the Fire Chiefs in Lucas County have approved to move forward on a new proposal. The County has informed them they want out of the Lucas County EMS business, turning it over to the Fire Departments. There will be future meetings for planning.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Smith provided updates on zoning violations.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion held on the application for the road maintenance position including salary.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to offer John Lumbrezer the road maintenance position at \$21.00 per hour with a one year probationary period. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: Lumbrezer-yes, Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes. Motion approved.

Trustee Lumbrezer will contact Mr. Lumbrezer to inform him of the offer.

Trustee Hassen reported Mayor Jeff Rae contacted him regarding the snow plowing contract, the Mayor has signed the contract. The Mayor had asked that the rate be locked in for a three year period including the hourly rate for mowing in the Village limits. The Trustees agreed to not lock in any rates due to the uncertainty of gas prices.

TEMPORARY APPROPRIATIONS:

121922-01 Steve Bettinger 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: Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Mr. Andrew Lumbrezer	yes
Mr. Steve Bettinger	yes
Mr. John Hassen	yes

Resolution adopted. (See attachments).

NEW BUSINESS:

Lucas County Bridge report was reviewed by the Trustees.

Lathrop Rd. Bridge No. 2 over Ten Mile Creek	Good
Gibbs Rd. Bridge No. 5 over Ten Mile Creek	Poor
Kilburn Rd. Bridge No. 7 over Ten Mile Creek	Very Good
Miller Rd. Bridge No. 53 over Gowman Ditch	Very Good
Miller Rd. Bridge No. 64 over Baselgia Ditch	Very Good

ROADS:

No road business.

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 Steve Bettinger made a motion to adjourn at 7.50 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Lumbrezer. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Lumbrezer -yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer
