

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

January 2, 2023

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: Steve Bettinger – present
John Hassen – present
Andrew Lumbrezer - present

The Clerk requested nominations for Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Steve Bettinger nominated John Hassen. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. The Clerk confirmed that the nominations were closed. The vote for John Hassen as Chairman resulted as follows: Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger – yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved. John Hassen was selected to serve as Chairman in 2023.

The Clerk requested nominations for Vice-Chairman of the Board of Trustees. Steve Bettinger nominated Andrew Lumbrezer. John Hassen seconded the motion. There were no further nominations. The Clerk confirmed that the nominations were closed. The vote for Andrew Lumbrezer as Vice Chairman resulted as follows: Bettinger-yes, Lumbrezer – yes, Hassen - yes. Motion approved. Andrew Lumbrezer was selected to serve as Vice-Chairman in 20223

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the December 19, 2022 meeting, Special Meeting minutes from the December 22, 2022 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to approve the December 19, 2022 minutes and the December 22, 2022 minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger- yes, Lumbrezer –yes, Hassen- yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (13014 - 13028) 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:

No public comments.

FIRE:

Cheif Clonch presented information on an opportunity to make a significant upgrade on our front line engine/rescue pumper. T-Line Emergency Vehicles has a 1997 Spartan / Smeal Rescue Pumper for sale which is in excellent condition for \$25,000.00, comes with warranties along with the capability of increasing our response capabilities. T-Line has agreed to take our white engine as a trade in for \$5000.00.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to purchase the 1997 Spartan/Smeal Rescue Pumper for \$25,000.00 along with trading in our white engine for \$5000.00 for a total cost of \$20,000.00. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Bettinger-yes, Lumbrezer-yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to re-appoint Dave Turk to the Richfield Township Zoning Board, reappoint Jim Fritsch and John Lumbrezer to the Board of Zoning Appeals for 4 year terms commencing 1/1/23. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes, Lumbrezer-yes. Motion approved.

OLD BUSINESS:

Four applications were received for the road maintenance position. Applications for the Road Maintenance position were reviewed by the Trustees. All four applicants were not qualified. Ads were placed on Indeed, LinkedIn.

NEW BUSINESS:

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to have the Trustees take their maximum salary allowance for 2023. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger – yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to have Andrew Lumberezer oversee the operations of the Township buildings, John Hassen is in charge of the cemetery and Steve Bettinger oversees the road maintenance. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Lumbrezer yes, Bettinger -yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

Steve Bettinger made a motion to appoint Steve Bettinger as our representative to the Health District, John Hassen as our representative to the Solid Waste Management Distric, and Andrew Lumbrezer as our TMACOG representative. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger – yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved

Steve Bettinger made a motion to appoint Linda Decker as the Sunshine Law Representative. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

010223-01 Andrew Lumbrezer submitted the following Resolution and moved for its adoption:

WHEREAS it is a benefit to the Trustees, Clerk and Zoning Inspector or Zoning Board Members to attend State Conventions of the Township Trustees and Fiscal Officers Association, National Convention, Township related meetings and informational seminars.

WHEREAS, it has been determined the need and priority of attending these meetings and seminars will benefit the Township with better informed Trustees, Fiscal Officer and Zoning Inspector or Zoning Board Members therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED, that the expenses, such as fees, reservations, rooms, food, parking and travel at the effective IRS rate per mile be authorized to attend winter, summer, and national conventions, meetings and seminars. Furthermore, any other travel outside the Township on Township business shall be paid at the rate of effective IRS rate per mile. No room and board will be paid for seminars where location is within a 50-mile radius of the township.

Steve Bettinger seconded the resolution. Roll call: Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger-yes, Hassen-yes. Resolution approved.

RECORDS RETENTION:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to appoint John Hassen as chairman of the Records Retention Committee, Linda Decker as secretary of the Records Retention Committee and to retain all 2022 records. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger –yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

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 7:40 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Lumbrezer: Roll call: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-yes, Lumbrezer -yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

