

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

February 20, 2023

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by John Hassen 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 John Hassen – present
Co-Chairman Andrew Lumbrezer – present
Steve Bettinger – absent

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the February 6, 2023 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, January Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to approve the February 6, 2023 minutes as presented. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger- absent, Lumbrezer –yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (13081 - 13100) 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-absent. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

A resident suggested adding a couple bright lights at the Gibbs Rd. bridge to keep intruders away. There will be further discussion on possible solutions to the Gibbs Rd. bridge at a future meeting.

FIRE:

Chief Clonch updated the fire department roster, removing members who have not been active in over two years. Letters were sent out to all the inactive members. There were two volunteers who did not respond to the letters, they were terminated based on job abandonment as of 2/20/2023. Received three letters of resignation from the others.

John Hassen accepted the resignation of Caroline Hinde, Christopher Harrison, Tyler Houck, along with the termination of Lucas Schroeder and Jay Grzechowiak due to no responses. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger-absent. Motion approved.

The fire department is currently recruiting new volunteers.

Chief Clonch presented an application for the volunteer fire department, Catherine Snyder.

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to hire Catherine Snyder to the volunteer fire department pending a physical, drug screen, background check with a one year probationary period. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger-absent. Motion approved.

Medicount (EMS billing) provided EMS billing report for 2021/2022. Highlights are as follows:

- 2022 – 84 transports up from 73 in 2021.
- 2022 – Charges \$60,000.00 up from \$51,237.00 in 2021
- 2022 – Revenue \$29,110.00 up from \$22,271.00 in 2021

Information provided on the Armed Forces Benefit Association life insurance in which the federal government has extended to fire departments. There is no cost to firemen for \$5000.00 worth of coverage.

John Hassen made a motion to accept the Armed Forces Benefit Association life insurance program for the firemen. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger-absent, Lumbrezer-yes, Hassen-yes. Motion approved

ZONING:

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on applicant Dan Walters for the road maintenance position, along with hourly rate.

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to hire Daniel Walters for the road maintenance position with a starting hourly rate of \$20.00 per hour with a \$1.00 increase after obtaining his CDL B along with a one year probationary period. John Hassen seconded the motion. Roll call: Hassen-yes, Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger-absent. Motion approved.

The Fiscal Officer will notify Mr. Walters and report back to the Trustees.

Trustee Lumbrezer spoke to Sheriff Michael Navarre regarding the hiring of deputies for the township for 5 hours per week. Sheriff Navarre was supportive. Discussion was tabled until Trustee Bettinger returns.

Trustee Hassen will contact Klumm Brothers for the demolition of the abandoned home on Sylvania Avenue, a previous estimate was received for \$9700.00.

NEW BUSINESS:

No new business.

ROADS:

No new 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 Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to adjourn at 8:00 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen: Roll call: Hassen -yes, Bettinger-absent Lumbrezer -yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer
