

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

August 21, 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 –present

**ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:**

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the August 7, 2023 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, Julye Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

**READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to approve the August 21, 2023 minutes as presented. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: All voted yes. Motion approved.

**PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:**

The attached listings of warrants (13286- 132) were presented for approval:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve payment of the attached listing of invoices and the corresponding pending warrants. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: All voted yes. Motion approved.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS:**

Zoning Board member Dave Turk was in attendance. Voiced concerns over piles of brush in the township, discussion held on fire regulations in Ohio. Chief Clonch stated fires for burning of brush must be contained in 5 x 5 x 5 foot piles as well as being more than 1,000 feet from neighbor's inhabited building. Further discussion on educating the

community on the rules, as well as involving the fire department in helping burn these piles if owner agrees.

Further discussion on the property 10909 W. Central with several junk vehicles and the need for a fence around the property if it is considered a junk yard. The Trustees will research further with the Lucas County Prosecutors office to determine if it is considered a junk yard or salvage yard.

Mr. Turk questioned the plans for a new community building. Trustee's explained it would be used for meetings, offices, voting, conference room, as well as a community hall to rent for events. Mr. Turk suggested using the old townhall for a museum or having space in the new community room for a museum. Trustees explained the old townhall is in disrepair and would not be worth putting any money into it at this point, all agreed a small museum space would be a good idea in the new building if approved.

#### **FIRE:**

Repairs on the siren in the maintenance building.

Chief Clonch reported he has narrowed down four applicants for the Deputy Chief position, will be interviewing in the next couple weeks.

#### **ZONING:**

Zoning Inspector Ron Smith has resigned as Zoning Inspector.

Trustee John Hassen is temporarily filling in as Zoning Inspector until a new one is hired. Two permits were issued last week.

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Trustee Lumbrezer attended a meeting with KZF Design Architects for the design of a new community building. The architect will create a mock drawing.

Lucas County Deputies continuing to patrol the township, reported they have stopped multiple people on Gibbs Rd. brodge.

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

No new business.

#### **ROADS:**

No road business.

**PUBLIC NOTICE:**

Residents may call Norma Drennan at 419-829-6029/419-283-3424 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 8:00 p.m., which was seconded by John Hassen: Roll call: all voted yes. Motion approved.

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Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

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