

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

December 18, 2023

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the December 4, 2023 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the December 4, 2023 minutes as presented. Andrew Lumbrezer seconded the motion. Roll call: Bettinger – yes, Lumbrezer – yes, Hassen - absent. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (133- 133) 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: Bettinger – yes, Lumbrezer – yes, Hassen - absent. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

FIRE:

Ad have been placed for full & part-time fire fighters/EMT's at the fire department.

Chief Clonch reported the 2008 Ford Expedition utility vehicle is in need of repairs, the vehicle has rust/corrosion. Estimate received is approximately \$1500.00.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Walters reported the sign at Christ the Word Church has been removed along with the lights and post.

ID badge and business cards will be ordered for Mr. Walters to identify him as our zoning inspector.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustee Lumbrezer attended the Lucas County Township Association meeting.

Trustee Lumbrezer will be attending the TMACOG meeting on January 13, 2024.

ROADS:

Richfield Township emblem/name will be placed on the township truck to provide notification to residents when Zoning Inspector stops.

Dan Walters, Road Maintenance Supervisor contacted Lucas County Engineers road department inquiring about placing stop signs with red flashing lights at a couple intersections in the township along with speed bumps. The Office of the Lucas County Engineer's office responded with this statement:

"The Office of the Lucas County Engineer maintains intersection control signs such as stop ahead and stop signs at intersections of Township Roads and County Roads.

At the intersection of Richfield-Center Road and Sylvania Avenue, Richfield-Center Road is a Township Road which is Stop Controlled, and Sylvania Avenue is a County Road which is the through road with no Stop Control. As a result, the Engineer's Office maintains the Stop Ahead and Stop Signs for this intersection.

Our Office follows criteria set in the Ohio Department of Transportation's Traffic Engineering Manual (TEM) when determining if any supplementary signs (such as flashing stop signs) are warranted to be installed. The criteria set by the TEM states that for a flashing Stop Sign to be considered at an intersection, there must be nine or more "Ran Stop Sign" crashes in a recent three-year period.

At the intersection of Richfield-Center Road and Sylvania Avenue, there have been 2 crashes in the last three years (2020-2022), both of which were "Failure to Yield" crashes. Flashing Stop Signs are not an appropriate countermeasure for "Failure to Yield" crashes. Based upon the guidance set by ODOT, as well as reviewing the last three-years of crash history at the intersection, a flashing Stop Sign for NB Richfield-Center at Sylvania Avenue is not warranted.

As mentioned above the Stop signs on Richfield-Center Road at Sylvania Avenue are maintained by the County Engineer's Office. As the criteria for the installation of flashing stop signs is not met we will not allow for their installation at this intersection.

It is our recommendation that all intersections in the unincorporated areas of Lucas County including Township intersections follow the above guidance in the TEM."

Based on the above information the township is not allowed to put in the flashing stop signs or speed bump.

CEMETERY:

No businesses.

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.

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 7:30 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Lumbrezer: Roll call: Bettinger-yes, Lumbrezer-yes, Hassen – absent. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

