

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

January 16, 2024

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 Andrew Lumbrezer – present
Co-Chairman Steve Bettinger – present
Andrew Bick – present

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the January 2, 2024 meeting, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, December Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Steve Bettinger made a motion to approve the January 2, 2024 minutes as presented. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: all voted yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (13471 - 13498) were presented for approval:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

FIRE:

Chief Clonch reviewed the Agreement Regarding The Provision Of Countywide Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services in Lucas County.

Lucas County has handled the life squad ambulances in the past, they are now passing that responsibility on to local fire departments. Under the new agreement, the selected townships will provide these services in a designated response region.

The departments are grouped into six regions throughout the county: Central (Toledo Fire and Rescue), East (Oregon Fire and Rescue), Northwest (Sylvania Fire), South (Maumee Fire and Monclova Fire), Southwest (Waterville and Whitehouse Fire) and West (Springfield Fire.) Richfield Township is part of the Northwest Region which includes City of Sylvania, Sylvania Township, and the Village of Berkey.

In each response region a dedicated ALS Department shall provide ALS EMS services, in the northwest region Sylvania Township is the responsible ALS department. The responsible ALS Department agrees to provide all ALS EMS response to their assigned regions.

Each region will receive funding through a county sales tax each year to operate the ambulances. The county funding will be split between fire departments in each region.

Andrew Bick made a motion to accept the Agreement Regarding The Provision Of Countywide Advanced Life Support Emergency Medical Services in Lucas County. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: all voted yes. Motion approved. See attachment.

Discussion held on the renewal of the fire operating levy which will expire in 2024. Due to inflation and the rising cost of operating a fire department discussion held on increasing the levy from 2.5 mills to 3.0 mills.

See attached resolution for the Fire Operating Levy. Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to approve the Fire Operating Levy at 3.0 mills for a continuing period of time. Steve Bettinger seconded the resolution. Resolution approved. See attachment.

ZONING:

Zoning Inspector Dan Walters issued two building permits in January.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion held on the plans for the proposed new community center, discussed location, size, cost and funding. Trustee Lumbrezer to meet with designers at the Ohio Township Convention in February and discuss options.

NEW BUSINESS:

Fiscal Officer presented Blanket Certificates 1 – 56 for review (see attachment).

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to approve Blanket Certificates 1 through 56.
Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: all voted yes. Motion approved.

ROADS:

Trustee Bettinger reported Strawsver Construction inspected Richfield Center Rd. for crack seal project, there will be an additional cost due to pads alongside the road for mailboxes, etc. There was further discussion on the cost of road projects in 2024 including the Miller Rd. project.

The Miller Rd. project estimate from the county did not include drainage work.

Trustee Bettinger will send a list of roads needing striping to the Lucas County Engineers Office. Trustee Bettinger and Road Maintenance Supervisor Dan Walters will meet with the Lucas County Engineers office for additional information on the Miller Rd. project.

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 8:30 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Bick: Roll call: Bick -yes, Bettinger-yes Lumbrezer -yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer
