

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

July 15, 2024

The regular meeting of the Richfield Township Trustees was called to order by Andrew Lumbrezer at 7:00 p.m. at the Richfield Township 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 July 1, 2024 meetings, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, June Bank Reconciliation and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Andrew Bick made a motion to approve the July 1, 2024 minutes as presented. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: All voted yes. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (13723- 13748) were presented for approval:

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

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

Lucas County Commissioner Anita Lopez provided updates as follows:

- In the process of planning for the 2025 yearly budget, advised the Trustees to keep her informed of any township issues, needs
- Currently assessing the building of the new jail, the cost of materials has gone up, interest rates are high.

Discussion on the county turning over county roads along with the roundabouts to townships. Recently the county turned over 5.3 miles of county roads to the township, there was minimal increase in revenue to provide the maintenance, upkeep of these roads. There are future plans to turn over additional county roads to the township, additional revenue will be needed to provide the necessary maintenance.

Trustee Bick explained the county recently gave us 3 additional miles of road which needed repairs, the cost of these repairs is approximately \$225,000.00. The county is only reimbursing the township \$74,000.00.

FIRE:

Chief Clonch provided information on two new applicants for the fire department. Daniel Johnson and Trevor Linnenkugel.

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to hire Daniel Johnson as part-time fire-fighter/EMT/ Paramedic at \$19.00 per hour, Trevor Linnenkugel as a volunteer to include payment for his certifications. Employment contingent upon passing a drug screen, physical, background check with a one year probationary period. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: all voted yes. Motion approved.

The current brush truck is in bad condition, needs to be replaced. Chief Clonch presented information on the availability of a 2021 Chevy Silverado for \$39,675.00 for replacement of the old brush truck.

Andrew Bick made a motion to purchase the 2021 Chevy Silverado for approximately \$39,675.00. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: all voted yes. Motion approved.

Harding Township has reached out to Chief Clonch to see if the township would be interested in providing fire/EMT services to their township. Discussion was held on budget needed to provide these services as well as staffing, and writing the proposal. The township would provide 24/7 two person staffing .

Andrew Bick made a motion to submit a proposal to Harding Township for fire/EMS coverage for one year. Steve Bettinger seconded the notion. Roll call: all voted yes. Motion approved.

Discussion on the need for volunteers to cover night-time shifts, presently the township has minimal coverage for night-time shifts between the hours of 6:00 p.m to 6:00 a.m.

Chief Clonch presented information on a staffing model to address this issue which would consist of two volunteers covering per evening. The model would consist of volunteers, part-time staff being on-call 1 evening per week, staff would be required to sign up for 1 evening shift. Staff outside the township would be required to stay at the station over night, the rate of

pay for the volunteer coverage would be at \$50.00 per shift along with additional volunteer pay for each run.

Andrew Bick made a motion to move forward with the staffing model, consisting of two volunteers every evening from 6:00 p.m. to 6:00 a.m. for \$50.00 per shift beginning on September 1, 2024 for a trial period. All volunteers residing outside the township are mandated to stay at the station for their shift, volunteers within the township would be able to stay at their residence. Steve Bettinger seconded the motion. Roll call: all voted yes. Motion approved.

ZONING:

No report.

ROADS:

Mike Pniewski, Lucas County Engineer sent out an email informing the township they are considering having township take over the mowing of county roads along with weed control three times a year, the county would reimburse the township for expenses. However, all townships would have to agree to take over the mowing. Their current contract with the mowing company is through 2025. The mowing contract for 2024 was for \$79.48 per mile per cut (4 per year) and the 2025 bid was for \$81.99 per mile.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustees reviewed time sheets and police reports.

Discussion on replacing the overhead door at the maintenance building due to its poor condition along with no insulation. Dan Walters, road maintenance supervisor will get prices.

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 8:55 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Bick: Roll call: all voted yes. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

