

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

February 3, 2025

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

ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS:

The clerk provided copies of the minutes from the January 21, 2025 meetings, current Cash Summary Report, Revenue Report, and Pending Warrants Report.

READING AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to approve the January 21, 2025 minutes as corrected. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger-absent. Motion approved.

PRESENTATION OF THE BILLS:

The attached listings of warrants (13965- 13975) were presented for approval:

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to approve payment of the attached listing of invoices and the corresponding pending warrants. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Bick-yes, Lumbrezer-yes, Bettinger-absent. Motion approved.

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No public comments.

FIRE:

Chief Scarborough provided run totals per email for January, 2025 as follows:

Overall 23 incidents

- Richfield 7
- Harding 9

- Sylvania 5
- Spencer 1
- Swanton 1

Discussion on contract with Harding Township to provide Fire/EMS services. Quarterly fee charged to Harding Township is \$12,500.00, additional charges for runs above 5.2 per month at \$800.00 per run. Invoices will be sent to Harding Township quarterly.

ZONING:

Two zoning permits issued in January.

ADMINISTRATOR:

Administrator Keith Clonch provided a report on information obtained at the Ohio Township Convention as follows:

Cannabis/Hemp Laws: A proposed change in Ohio's recreational marijuana tax structure is raising concerns among local officials who fear it could impact their budgets. There is a new Senate proposal that would alter how communities with dispensaries receive funds. Under current law, a portion of the 10% excise tax on marijuana sales is directed to these communities. However, the new proposal suggests increasing the excise tax to 15% and redirecting all the revenue to Ohio's general fund. The Trustees agreed to support the continuation of local communities receiving a portion of the tax.

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to support the local funding for recreational marijuana businesses. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call: Lumbrezer-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-absent. Motion approved.

Keith presented information on THC products currently being sold at various locations including gas stations, convenience stores, etc. There are no regulations, no age restrictions, products being sold are made to look like candy and treats. Currently there is no protection to prevent minors from buying these products. The Trustees agreed to support the regulation of these products to protect youth from buying.

Information on Home Rule presented, eligibility for adopting a home rule government states township must have a population of 2,500 or more. Home rule gives townships more authority. The population in Richfield Township, including the Village of Berkey is currently around 1900.

In addition to the above classes, Keith attended informational sessions on Economic Development, as well as Pros & Cons of forming a fire district.

Keith also attended the Trade Show at convention, provided information on resources for grants, digitalization of records, assistance with updating current zoning laws in the township.

Discussion on excavators at the trade show, possibility of getting a grant to purchase.

ROADS:

No road reports.

OLD BUSINESS:

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS:

Trustees reviewed time sheets and police reports.

Reports on Ohio Township Association conference will continue at our next scheduling meeting.

Fiscal Officer provided updates on the 2025 budget.

Andrew Lumbrezer made a motion to reappoint the following members to the BZA (Board of Zoning Appeals): Dale Pelz and Keith Miller as well as the following members to the Zoning Board: Doug Ronau and Don Reidler. Reappointments are all for a four year term. Andrew Bick seconded the motion. Roll call Lumbrezer-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-absent. Motion approved.

Unlimited pickup has been scheduled for Saturday, June 14th. Notices will be placed on social media, website, fire department sign prior to pickup. Discussion on setting up tire, paint recycling on the same day, Lucas County Sanitation Department will be contacted for information.

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.richfieldtp.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 8:5 p.m., which was seconded by Andrew Bick: Roll call: Lumbrezer-yes, Bick-yes, Bettinger-absent. Motion approved.

Richfield Township Fiscal Officer

