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# RICE TOWNSHIP

## NEWSLETTER

Summer, 2017

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### TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

#### TRUSTEES:

**Bill Lamalie, Chairman**  
419-334-2523  
4393 N. State Route 53  
Fremont, OH 43420

**Mike Kovaleski, Vice-Chairman**  
419-355-1106  
2864 Co. Rd. 170  
Fremont, OH 43420

**Tim King, Trustee**  
419-334-7145  
1024 Co. Rd. 99  
Fremont, OH 43420

#### FISCAL OFFICER:

**Crystal Souders**  
567-280-4620  
790 Sunny Acres Drive  
Fremont, OH 43420

#### ZONING INSPECTOR:

**Crystal Souders**  
567-280-4620  
790 Sunny Acres Drive  
Fremont, OH 43420

#### TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES:

**Jerry Preston, Maintenance**  
Maintenance Building  
142 Co. Rd. 119  
Fremont, OH 43420

#### ZONING BOARD - 2017

**John Paulson, Chairman**  
**Gina Miller, Secretary**

#### Members:

**Ryan Schiets**  
**Gary Stiger**  
**Don Weickert**  
**Vacant - Alternate**

#### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS - 2017

**Jeff Martin, Chairman**  
**Chris Teague**  
**Eric Wheatley**  
**Scott McNair**  
**Vacant - Member**  
**Vacant - Alternate**

### RICE TOWNSHIP HOUSE:

In December 2016, after a few months of having the old Rice Township house on the corner at SR19 & CR119 up for sale (removal only), with some interest shown, the trustees unanimously voted to demolish the building. The decision was due to the need for numerous costly repairs.

#### NOTIFICATIONS:

Rice Township now has a website! Website will be used for all public and legal notices to township residents. Meeting dates and times will be posted on this website, as well as any public notice. Residents will be able to view information on zoning, cemeteries, township personnel, and our contact information. Visit our website [www.ricetownship.com](http://www.ricetownship.com). Let us know what you think.

All meetings and public notices will be posted on the bulletin board in front of Rice Township Maintenance Building at 142 CR 119. Rice Township Trustees are going to post all events and notices on board and website, opposed to publishing in local newspaper which costs the township \$182 per month. These options are more cost effective.

We are adding on! Rice Township has been awarded the Local Government Safety Capital Grant. Funds will be used to add on to the maintenance building to have a fire station operated by Lindsey Volunteer Fire within Rice Township. The grant will enable faster response times, emergency shelters, reduce risk for residents and firefighters, community safety incentives, and economic benefits to residents and businesses. Having the fire station in Rice Township can help residents and businesses save on homeowners insurance since a station is within a 5 mile radius. Total cost of the addition project is \$289,942 which is split between the state and township. Rice Township, its partners, and donations make up 45% of total cost. Rice Township has committed \$100,000 to addition project, Village of Lindsey pledged \$12,500, Washington Township pledged \$12,500, Lindsey Volunteer Fire pledged \$2,000, The Fraternal Order of Eagles in Fremont, Ohio and Aerie #712 donated \$2,000, FO Energy LLC pledged \$1,500 toward building addition. The remaining amount of \$ 159,442 will be paid by the state.

Rice Township now has 2 meetings per month, on the first and third Mondays of the month at 7:00 p.m.

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### BANK STABILIZATION, WATERWAYS AND MARSH PROJECTS

Any Rice Township resident considering bank stabilization on a marsh or waterway should contact the Army Corp of Engineers and check as to whether or not a permit is needed for the project.

US Army Corp Engineer's  
Oak Harbor Field Office  
240 Lake Road, Unit D  
Oak Harbor, OH 43449  
419-898-3491

Buffalo Office  
Joseph Kassler  
1776 Niagara St.  
Buffalo, NY 14207  
718-877-6923

Ohio Dept of Natural Resources – 419-424-5000

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# 2016

## Road Paving

The following roads were paved the summer of 2016.

TR 174 – CR 119

TR 174 – Sunny Acres dead end

No Paving is planned for 2017.

Any questions about road paving should be directed to your Township Trustees.

Township residents that know of cross over pipe drainage issues should notify Chairman Bill Lamalie.

## ZONING INFORMATION

### ZONING PERMITS

With the return of good weather many residents will be building new homes, accessory building, putting in new driveways and digging ponds. Building permits, driveway permits, special use permits and variances must all be purchased prior to the start of any construction project on your property.

Contact the Zoning Inspector for your permits.

## RATES AND FEES

The Rice Township Trustees annually review the rates and fees charged for various services. The following schedule for 2017 was approved at the Trustees' January meeting:

### GREENWOOD CEMETERY & FAITH LUTHERAN CEMETERY

|  | 1/8 lot<br>(1 BURIAL SITE) | 1/4 lot<br>(2 BURIAL SITES)    | 1/2 lot<br>(4 BURIAL SITES) |
|--|----------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Township Resident or Township Property Owner:        | \$150.00                   | \$300.00                       | \$500.00                    |
| Non-Township Resident or Non-Township Property Owner | \$350.00                   | \$700.00                       | \$1,100.00                  |
| Grave Site Opening & Closing:                        |                            |                                |                             |
| Casket - Size  | Adult                      | \$400.00 per burial            |                             |
|  | Child                      | Cost at discretion of trustees |                             |
| Cremation Urns                                       |                            | \$150.00 per burial            |                             |

NOTES: Limit two (2) urns per burial site with one (1) headstone per burial site.

Footers - At cost, comparable to charges by outside contractors.

There is an additional fee of \$200 for weekend, holiday, and evenings after 3:00 pm.

Maximum height of headstones is 36" for 1 burial site, 48" for 2 burial sites

### ROAD DITCH CLEANING:

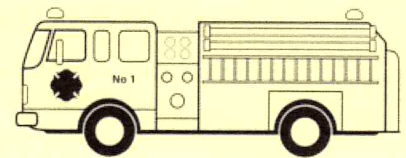
Reimbursement: . . . . . \$6.00 per rod for cleaning

NOTE: Road ditch cleaning and contractor must be approved in advance by Rice Township Board of Trustees.

### ZONING:

|   |          |
|---|----------|
| *Permits:   |          |
| New House . . . . .   | \$75.00  |
| Additions . . . . .   | \$50.00  |
| Accessory Building . . . . .  | \$50.00  |
| Driveway . . . . .  | \$10.00  |
| Signs . . . . .   | \$10.00  |
| Variance or Special Use Permits: . . . . .                          | \$300.00 |
| Zoning Use Change (i.e., from Agriculture to Commercial): . . . . . | \$350.00 |
| Zoning Regulations – without a zoning permit: . . . . .             | \$10.00  |

\*Map and/or Zoning Regulations are included with the permit fee.



Lindsey Volunteer Fire Department is asking for help from residents, to complete a Community Risk Survey to help them know how to better serve the residents.

There are two ways to complete this survey either online at:

[Lindseyfire.org](http://Lindseyfire.org)

or pick up a paper copy of the survey at the Village Kitchen, Lindsey Village Market, or Lindsey Post Office.

Drop off the completed survey in the lobby of the Lindsey Post Office.

Surveys need to be completed by **September 1, 2017.**

Let the residents of Rice Township come together and help them out!

### COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS:

- Water & Ice - Trustee Tim King
- Tax Incentive Review Council – Chairman Bill Lamalie
- Health Board – Chairman Bill Lamalie
- Home Land Security – Trustee Mike Kovaleski
- Landfill – Chairman Bill Lamalie
- Regional Planning – Zoning Inspector Crystal Souders

# Rice Township offers trash collection quarterly and recycling anytime to all township residents

## TRASH COLLECTION:

The refuse hauler reserves the right to declare any materials as unacceptable for trash pick-up.

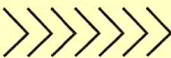
**3rd Saturday of Jan, April, July & Oct 8:00 a.m. to 11 a.m.**

(Examples: mattresses, appliances, hazardous materials such as paint and paint thinner, etc.)

**Where:** Rice Township Maintenance Building, 142 County Road 119

For County recycling events go to [www.recycleoss.org](http://www.recycleoss.org) or call 419-334-7222.

**Trash Fees:** \$1.00 per bag; \$5.00 per barrel; \$5.00 per barrel for emptying "Burn" barrel; \$20.00 per pick-up truck load



NOTE: Fee is the same if the barrel is thrown away

Trash Rates are subject to change at the discretion of the Township Employees

Rice Township has a full time recycle program with recycle containers located at the Rice Township Maintenance Building, 142 CR 119. Residents may take their recycle items to the containers at their convenience, not just on the third Saturday of each month. **Recycle items need not be separated.** Recycle information is shown on the front of the recycle containers.

Participation in the recycling program is encouraged and appreciated.

## RICE TOWNSHIP'S RECYCLE PROGRAM:

**Full Time  
24 Hours - 7 Days**

**Where:** Rice Township Maintenance Building, 142 County Road 119

*Participation in the recycling program is encouraged and appreciated.*

**RECYCLE ITEMS NEED NOT BE SEPARATED.**

### Aluminum & Steel Cans:

Rinse thoroughly.  
Includes empty aerosol cans (with lids and tips removed).  
**NO** Hangers, pots or pans.

### Glass Bottles & Jars Only:

Rinse Thoroughly.  
Remove Lids.  
**NO** Window glass, dishes or cookware, drinking glasses, light bulbs, mirrors, ceramic or china.

### Plastics: ALL #1 - #2 Plastics & #3 - #7 Containers

Rinse - Containers should be empty or without liquids.  
**NO** plastic bags, motor oil containers, buckets, Styrofoam, toys, butter tubs, etc.  
Remove Lids.

### Paper: Cardboard, Cartons, Junk Mail, Magazines, Newspaper, Office Paper, Paperboard, Phone Books

Includes phone books & paperback books. **NO** hard back books.

Remove plastic wrappers from newspapers and magazines.

Leave advertisement inserts in newspapers.

Cartons for juice, soy milk, milk, broth, cream, egg substitutes (remove caps & straws)

**NO** foil pouches

### FLATTEN ALL BOXES

Remove all packaging materials: tissue paper, packaging peanuts, Styrofoam, bubble wrap, etc.

**NO** colored construction paper, candy wrappers, tissues, wax coated materials, napkins, hanging or reinforced file folders, copy paper covers, carbon paper, etc.

**These recycle containers are for use by the township residence only, NO BUSINESSES.**

**Should you have any questions, contact your Township Trustees or OSS Solid Waste District.**

**PLEASE KEEP AREA AROUND CONTAINERS CLEAN.**

**RICE TOWNSHIP**  
 Crystal Sounders  
 142 County Road 119  
 Fremont, Ohio 43420

Presorted  
 Standard  
 U.S. POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
 Fremont, Ohio  
 Permit #177

**TRUSTEES' MEETING:**

7:00 p.m. – Rice Township Maintenance Building  
 142 County Road 119

*First and Third Monday of every month. If the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting will be on the next day.*

**Rice Township Trustees' meeting dates for the remainder of 2017**

|                        |       |                              |
|------------------------|-------|------------------------------|
| July 17, 2017          | ..... | Regular Meeting              |
| August 7&21, 2017      | ..... | Regular Meeting              |
| September 5 & 18, 2017 | ..... | Regular Meeting              |
| October 2 & 16, 2017   | ..... | Regular Meeting              |
| November 6 & 20, 2017  | ..... | Regular Meeting              |
| December 4 & 18, 2017  | ..... | Regular Meeting              |
| December 28, 2017      | ..... | Special End- of-Year Meeting |

**ZONING BOARD/ZONING APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULE:**

Rice Township Maintenance Building  
 142 County Road 119

7:00 p.m. – First Monday in February, May, August and November

*Zoning Board and Appeals Board meetings will be held only when official business is to be conducted at the quarterly meeting*

**TRUSTEE AND ZONING BOARD MEETINGS**

Both the Trustee and Zoning Board meetings are open to the public. Meetings will be recorded for the minutes.

Residents or others in attendance are welcome to stay as long as they wish or until the meeting is adjourned.

A typical meeting agenda consists of the following items:

- Reading of the Minutes
- Address concerns of those in attendance
- Reports from township officials and employees
- Old Business
- New Business
- Correspondence
- Finance
  - Purchase Orders and Blanket Certificates
  - Payment of Bills

In accordance with the Public Records Policy, copies of Minutes and other public records are available upon request at a cost of \$ .10 per page.

**FUND STATUS:**

|                                |       |                     |
|--------------------------------|-------|---------------------|
| General Fund                   | ..... | \$323,847.43        |
| Motor Vehicle License Tax Fund | ..... | 19,200.00           |
| Gasoline Tax Fund              | ..... | 77,145.30           |
| Road & Bridge Fund             | ..... | 83,957.23           |
| Cemetery Fund                  | ..... | 1,910.55            |
| Special Levy – Fire            | ..... | 22,202.43           |
| <b>Total</b>                   | ..... | <b>\$528,306.46</b> |

The above balances change on a monthly basis per receipts and expenditures by Township Trustee approval.

**IF YOU KNOW OF ANYONE WHO HAS NOT RECEIVED A NEWSLETTER AND WOULD LIKE TO, HAVE THEM CONTACT A TRUSTEE WITH THEIR NAME AND ADDRESS.**