

RICE TOWNSHIP  
 Crystal Souders  
 142 County Road 119  
 Fremont, Ohio 43420

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# RICE TOWNSHIP

## NEWSLETTER

Summer 2022

### TRUSTEES' MEETING:

**7:00 P.M. – Rice Township Maintenance Building  
 142 County Road 119**

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

*Rice Township Trustees' meeting dates for 2022*

January 1, 2022 @10:30 a.m. . . . .	Special Re-Organization Meeting
January 3, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
January 17, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting/Inventory
February 7, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
February 21, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
March 7, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
March 21, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
April 4, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
April 18, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
May 2, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
May 16, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
June 6, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
June 20, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
July 5, 2022 . . . . .	Regular/Special Budget Meeting
July 18, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
August 1, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
August 15, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
September 6, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
September 19, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
October 3, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
October 17, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
November 7, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
November 21, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
December 5, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
December 19, 2022 . . . . .	Regular Meeting
December 29, 2022 . . . . .	Special Year End Meeting
January 1, 2023 @10:30 a.m. . . . .	Special Re-Organization Meeting
January 2, 2023 . . . . .	Regular Meeting

*Trustees' Meetings: 7:00 p.m. in the Rice Twp Maintenance Building, 142 CR 119  
 First & Third Monday of every month  
 If the first Monday is a holiday, the meeting will be held the next day*

### ZONING BOARD/ZONING APPEALS MEETING SCHEDULE:

**Rice Township Maintenance Building  
 142 County Road 119**

Zoning Board and Appeals Board meetings will be held only when official business is to be conducted. 7:00 p.m. – On an as needed basis and November for their Reorganization meetings.

**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:

<b>General Fund . . . . .</b>	<b>\$267,249.89</b>
<b>Motor Vehicle License Tax . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 47,929.30</b>
<b>Gasoline Tax . . . . .</b>	<b>\$158,801.41</b>
<b>Road &amp; Bridge . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 70,678.69</b>
<b>Cemetery . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 8,531.28</b>
<b>Special Levy – Fire . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 30,902.95</b>
<b>American Rescue Plan . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 62,452.44</b>
<b>Total . . . . .</b>	<b>\$ 693,412.33</b>

### TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS

#### TRUSTEES:

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

**Tim King - Vice-Chairman**  
 419-334-7145  
 1024 Co. Rd. 99  
 Fremont, Oh 43420

**Bill Lamalie - Trustee**  
 419-334-2523  
 4393 N State Route 53  
 Fremont, Oh 43420

#### FISCAL OFFICER:

**Crystal Souders**  
 567-280-4620  
 2295 Harbor Hill  
 Fremont, OH 43420

#### ZONING INSPECTOR:

**Crystal Souders**  
 567-280-4620  
 2295 Harbor Hill  
 Fremont, OH 43420

#### TOWNSHIP EMPLOYEES:

**Ryan Schiets, Maintenance Supervisor**  
 Maintenance Building  
 142 County Road 119

**Scott McNair, Electrician**  
 142 County Road 119

#### ZONING BOARD – 2022

**Ryan Schiets - Chairman**  
**Gina Miller - Secretary**  
*Members*  
 Ken Bradfield  
 Harold Overmyer  
 Vacant - Member  
 Vacant – Alternate

#### BOARD OF ZONING APPEALS – 2022

*Jeff Martin Chairman*  
*Eric Wheatley*  
*Scott McNair*  
*Justin Lynch*  
*Tyler Lamalie*  
*Jennifer Behnke, alternate*

We are looking for residents who would like to volunteer for our Zoning Board for the two vacant spots. If interested please contact Rice Township at 567-280-4620.

### WELCOME SUMMER!!

Boy has the weather been crazy. Looking forward to the sunshine and warmer temperatures. It will be awesome to see the plants and flowers grow. If you have any concerns or questions please feel free to contact any of the township officials at any time. We also have an email link on our website that I try to monitor on a daily basis to respond as quickly as I can. Thank you to all township residents for making Rice Township a great place to live!!

#### JUST A REMINDER:

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 cost township \$182 per month. These options are more cost effective.

### SIREN

The Rice Township Board of Trustees have decided to no longer use or maintain the siren within the township due to costly repairs of the siren. In 2016 the township spent \$1800 and 2018 spent \$852. The electric cost has increased about \$100 per year for the last five years. The siren range is very small, most residents do not hear the sound of the siren. Currently the siren has not gone off in the last several months and it will be very costly for the township to repair the siren. It will cost about \$1500 to get a lift/crane just to have someone look at it. We have received estimates as to the potential repairs to the siren which is about \$10,000. With the cost of the siren repairs to be so high plus electricity we feel that the costs of maintaining the siren are very high for most residents to not hear it. However, Sandusky County has an emergency alert system that they implemented. The system will alert you of any weather emergencies to your cell phone via text or calling, so this can include calling a land line phone if you have one. You can go to the Sandusky County Website @ <https://sanduskycountyoh.gov> and click on the Citizens Alert tab at the top of the page. Once there you will get the form to register to receive emergency alerts. The form allows you to chose what type of emergencies you want to be notified of. It also has a section for anyone that may have a special need. You can also contact the Sandusky County Emergency Management Agency @ 419-334-8933 to register to for the emergency alert system.

### BASKET BALL HOOPS

Please remove all basketball hoops from the road right of way. Having these in the right away is a hazard for motorists, causes concerns with the traffic flow and prevents any damage made to the basketball hoops by motorist or township personnel. **Repairs for damaged basketball hoops by motorist and/or township vehicles is at the cost of the owner.**

### STAY INFORMED OF WHAT IS HAPPENING IN RICE TOWNSHIP

*We encourage township residents to attend our meetings and be able to stay in the know of what is happening in Rice Township. We welcome any questions, comments, and concerns from residents at any of the meetings.*

## RICE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES RATES, FEES, AND WAGES – 2022

### RATES/FEES

**Greenwood Cemetery:** 1/8 lot (1 burial site) ¼ lot (2 burial sites) ½ lot (4 burial sites)

Township Resident or Property Owner:	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$ 800.00
Non-Township Resident or Property Owner:	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$1,800.00
Grave Site Opening & Closing:			
Casket - Size	Adult	\$500.00 per burial cost at discretion of trustees	
	Child		
Cremation Urn		\$200.00 per burial Urn	
Cremation Vault Used		\$350.00 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

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

\*\* There is an additional fee of \$300 for weekend, holiday, evenings after 3:00 pm.

\*\*There is an additional fee of \$200 for graveside services

**Faith Lutheran Cemetery:** 1/3 lot (1 burial site) 2/3 lot (2 burial sites) Full (3burial sites)

Township Resident or Property Owner:	\$200.00	\$400.00	\$ 600.00
Non-Township Resident or Property Owner:	\$450.00	\$900.00	\$1,350.00
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If you have questions about cemetery lots and graves feel free to contact myself, Crystal Souders or any of the trustees. If you would like to purchase a lot in one of our cemeteries please contact any of the township officials and we will meet up to review open lots and placement of them.

### Road Ditch Cleaning:

Reimbursement: \$ 16.50 per rod for cleaning

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

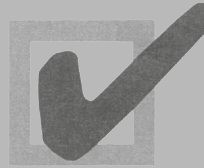
### Zoning:

*Permits:	New House	\$ 100.00
	Additions	\$ 75.00
	Accessory Building	\$ 75.00
	Driveway(New)	\$ 10.00
	Signs	\$ 10.00
Variance or Special Use:		\$500.00
Plus the cost of advertising & obtain regular permit		
Zoning Use Change (i.e., from Agriculture to Commercial):		\$500.00
Plus cost of Advertising		
Cutting/Boring under road – Utility Companies		\$400.0

## ZONING INFORMATION

### Zoning Permits:

Building permits, driveway permits, special use permits and variances must all be purchased prior to the start of any construction project on your property. All work must start within **6 months** of obtaining permit and completion in **one year**. Contact the Zoning Inspector for your permits.



### JUNK VEHICLES:

There has been an increase of junk vehicles on properties. The trustees would like to remind everyone of our Zoning Regulations for all junk motor vehicles, which is listed below:

Ohio Revised Code Section 4513.65 prohibits the storage of a junk motor vehicle on private property with their permission of the person having right to possession of the property. A junk motor vehicle is generally described as a motor vehicle, three years old or older, extensively damaged, including but not limited to missing wheels, tires, motor or transmission; apparently inoperable; with a fair market value fifteen hundred dollars (\$1500) or less.

Section 505.173 provides, in part: A collector's vehicle whether it is licensed or unlicensed is a "junk motor vehicle" if the vehicle meets the above criteria in Section 4513.65 and the township trustees may regulate the storage of that motor vehicle.

Section 513.99 provides, in part: Whoever violates Section 4513.65 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor on a first offense; on a second offense, such person is person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the fourth degree; on each subsequent offence, such person is guilty of a misdemeanor of the third degree.

The maximum penalties are as follows: Minor Misdemeanor - \$100.00 fine; Fourth Degree Misdemeanor - \$250.00 fine and/or up to 30 days imprisonment; Third Degree Misdemeanor - \$500.00 fine and/or up to 60 days imprisonment.

## TRASH COLLECTION & RECYCLING QUARTERLY FOR TOWNSHIP RESIDENTS

### TRASH COLLECTION DATES:

January 15, 2022

April 16, 2022

July 16, 2022

October 15, 2022

January 21, 2023

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

For County recycling events go to

[www.recycleoss.org](http://www.recycleoss.org)

or call 419-334-7222.

### TRASH COLLECTION:

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

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

**Where:** Rice Township Maintenance Building

142 County Road 119

**Time:** 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.

**\*\*\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGE OF TIME FOR TRASH COLLECTION\*\*\***

**Trash Fees:** Standard (55 Gallon) Bag: \$3.00 Per Barrel of

Trash: \$10.00

Per Pick-up Truck of trash: \$30.00

"Burn" Barrels: \$15.00 each for emptying barrel

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

**YOU BRING IT, YOU DUMP**



### NO PARKING:

There is **NO PARKING** on the side of the roads in Shorewood Village. If you park on the side of the road the Sandusky County Sheriff will be called and a parking ticket may be given by the Sheriff's Office.



### 2021 ROAD PAVING:

The following roads were paved the summer of 2021.

**TR 166 (Fangboner) – From CR 119 to SR 523**

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 Mike Kovaleski.

### 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