

## The Lorain County Association

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The March 19, 2020 LCTA meeting will be held at Grafton Township 17109 Avon Belden Rd, Grafton Ohio

### Minutes of the February 20, 2020 meeting at Elyria Township

**President,** Orrin Leimbach, called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

**Approve Minutes:** President Orrin Leimbach asked for a motion to approve the January 16, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Patti Brubaker and seconded by Carl Wesemeyer, motion carried.

**Treasures Report:** At the January meeting we had a checking balance of \$21,816.36. We had no income. Our expenses were \$50 for 2, \$25 gift cards for door prizes for the OTA Casino Night at conference and \$310 for the fair booth. That leaves us with a checking balance of \$21,456.36. The Huntington CD balance is \$5,703.60, Chemical Bank CD is \$5,000. Total assets=\$32,159.96.

President Orrin Leimbach asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Patty Echko and seconded Ken Ziegler motion carried.

**Program:** Lindsey Kuhn, Regional Director for Dave Yost; Ohio Attorney General spoke on the many issues that the Attorney General Office is involved with. Lindsey also had literature available describing some of the programs that the Attorney General Office offers.

#### **Officers Report:**

**President Orrin Leimbach:** Announced there will be a meeting March 4, 2020 @ 7pm regarding on-site septic systems new regulations at the Lodge in New Russia Township. Christie Homer-Miller mention the same presentation will take place in Grafton on March 3, 2020 @ 7pm.

**Vice President Dick Heidecker:** None

**Secretary Mark Cunningham:** Reminded trustees and fiscal officers to take part in the survey for Dan Frederick, OTA Director, from Milan Township regarding a project his son is working on at The Ohio State University. Reminded everyone to advertise to constituents to fill out the 2020 Census, very important.

**Executive Committeeman Jared Smith:** Explained the election process for OTA Directors and Officers of the OTA conference.

**Old business:** None

**New business:** None

**Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:**

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**Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer:** The cost of the fair booth has been paid.

**NOACA Report:** Dick Heidecker: Hyper Loop development is progressing. Next meeting March 13, 2020 @9 am

**NEOTA Report:** Dick Heidecker: Possible meeting in May and possible discussion of sharing a hospitality suite at the OTA conference with Mahoning County.

**OPWC:** Carl Wesemeyer: None

**Solid Waste:** Dave Urig: No Agricultural tire collection this year. Policy Committee will meet in March.

**SWAC:** Don Romancak: Annual meeting will February 27, 2020, 5:30 pm @ Lorain County Community College. Dan Bogoevski from the Ohio EPA will be the guest speaker. SWAC grant applications deadline is March 31, 2020. Mini grant applications will be available soon. Neil Lynch asked if the county is still planning on mapping all ditch outfalls. Don said it a work in progress and will happen. The Auditor's office has had some change in personnel that has delayed the project. There was also a discussion on the mapping of all road signage in the county.

**Farm Bureau: Eric Flynn:** Eric made a motion for the LCTA to renew its Farm Bureau membership, it was seconded by Carl Wesemeyer, motion carried. Eric also asked everyone to support the levy for Lorain County Community College.

**Emergency Management:** Tom told of two recent incidents emergency management was involved. The first was a tactical cliff rescue in South Amherst and a semi-trailer crash on the turnpike that spilled 3000 gallons of cutting oil and the clean-up of that oil on private property.

**State elected official's:**

**Gayle Manning:** Gayle discussed HB 374 dealing with regulating massage parlors and certifying masseuses.

**Commissioners: Sharon Sweda:** Six weeks out before the county will start ditch viewing, possibly with the use of a drone. Sharon talked about the importance of getting all people in Lorain County counted for the 2020 Census. Also talked about the issues facing the Lorain County public transportation. Parking garage at the administration building will be closed for repairs in two weeks no completion date yet. Carl Wesemeyer asked Sharon to put parking directions on line for township official that have to attend meeting at the administration building.

**Prosecutors Office: Jerry Innes:** Jerry talked about successful JEDD with Elyria Township, Cities of Elyria and Lorain. This agreement avoided annexation from Elyria Township. Reminded everyone to vote March 17 in the primary election and support the Lorain County Community College. He enjoyed the recent Farm Bureau breakfast.

**Board of Health:** Dave gave an update on the Corona virus; the virus cannot be transmitted by drinking

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Corona beer. There are no cases in Ohio at this time. There have been 19 million cases of the flu this year in the United States. Dave explained how the flu virus and the Corona virus are transmitted to humans. He also explained the reason an Emergency has been declared; by doing so that gives the Health Commissioners the power to quarantine individuals if it is necessary. The Corona virus can not survive on packages from China no threat in opening them. Dave suggest going to [Lorain CountyHealth.com](http://LorainCountyHealth.com) for more information on this issue and not going to Facebook for information.

**Community Development: Don Romancak:** Time to start working on Community Development Block grants for next year. Community Housing Impact Program contact Linda Blanchette for assistance. Don is hoping North Ridgeville will join the Program this year, that would bring the total available funds to approximately 1.3 million dollars. Hannah Kiraly, Planner II, is a new employee working with county planning and has GIS expertise.

**Sheriff Department:** Deputy Christopher Wohlever mentioned thefts from unlocked vehicles and an increase in daytime burglaries in the county. Also be on guard for fraudulent activity.

**LCCA: Dick Heidecker:** None

**Land Bank:** None

**County Auditor:** None

**County Recorder:** None

**OTA:** None

Orrin Leimbach asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:05 pm. Motion made by Carl Wesemeyer and seconded by Jared Smith. Motion approved.

No meeting in April next meeting in May will be in Henrietta Township.