

The Lorain County Township Association

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The March 17, 2016 LCTA meeting will be hosted by Eaton Twp. The meeting will be held at the F.O.P. Lodge #54,36854 Royalton Rd. (Rt. 82) Grafton, 44044. Corned beef & cabbage, roast beef, veggie, potato & Specialty cupcakes will be available at 7pm-meeting at 7:30 pm.

PROGRAM:Lorain County Sheriff's Dept.-Opiates, addiction & prescription drugs

Minutes of meeting Feb.18 at Columbia Twp.

President, Amy Szmania, called the meeting to order at 7:30 ,Dick Heidecker made a motion to approve the Jan. minutes, 2nd. by Fran Walker, motion carried

Treasurer, Amy Richards, gave a report of no income, expenses-\$50 for NEOTA dues, \$50 to Amy Richards for gift cards for the OTA Casino Night,\$49 for postage & \$23.40 for storage containers & paper to Jean Haight, balance in checking \$12,229.13 & got interest on CD of \$5.91, so CD is now \$5691.65. Berry Taylor made a motion to approve the report, 2nd. by Ken Ziegler-motion carried

Officer Reports:

President, Amy Szmania announced that at the OTA Conference there were 50 people from Lorain County Vice President- Dan Miller was absent but sent a message to say Hi & his cancer fight is not going as planned so please keep him in your thoughts & prayers.

Secretary-Jean Haight stated that she still has copies of the LCTA Constitution for anyone that wants a copy & that Steve Magyar has changed our website to WWW. LCTA.ORG. She will start sending out the membership forms in April.

Executive Committeeman-Mark McConnell announced that there was a Storm Water meeting on Tues. & the Commissioners met on Wed. Dick Heidecker announced that NOACA is having a meeting on Feb. 24, 5-7pm at Columbia to talk about fertilizers & manure.

Old Business:

Amy Szmania announced that the LCTA Audit for 2013-15 has not been done yet, but will be soon. She also stated that Amy Richards is now the new Secretary-Treasurer for the NEOTA. Marsha Funk did get the information that she requested from them.

New Business:

New LCTA 2016-17, Directory-Rob Scheithauer stated that the Committee Chair is Dan Miller & members are himself, Neil Lynch, Vicki Denes, Nancy Fisher, & Duane Johnson. The new Directory will be 5 & 1/2 x 8 & 1/2 & will be spiral bound & have a plastic cover, so it will stay open when you are looking for info. They want one page for every Twp. With a map & a picture of your Twp. He would like the picture as soon as possible, the Engineer's Office will make the maps for us, they will be a 4in. square. He will be sending out all the information of size of ads & prices soon.. The cover page will honor the 15th year since 911-it will say Never forget 911. He got 3 estimates & Mariotti Printing was the cheapest They will also help with the art work etc. A motion was made to not exceed \$6500 for 3000 copies by Patty Echko, 2nd. by Carl Wesemeyer-motion carried. We can have more printed in 2017 if needed.

Amy announced that the Lorain County Community Alliance is asking for Sponsorship of \$250, \$150, Or \$50 for the classes at LCCC on Ethics-March 2 & Certified Public Records Training on March 9th. There was no response from the members.

She then asked that we discuss the Fair Booth. Bob Repas received a letter stating that we need to reserve the booth. Expenses last year were \$562. Are we going to continue the Fair Booth? After an extensive discussion,a motion was made by Orrin Leimbach to have the Fair Booth & if you vote yes, then your township will work 2 shifts, 2nd by Mark McConnell. A vote was taken from each township that was present-10-Yes-6 No-motion carried. Yes votes were: the following Townships: Brighton, Brownhelm, Carlisle,

Columbia, Grafton, New Russia, Penfield, Pittsfield, Rochester, & Wellington. It was also stated they welcome Associate members to work the booth.

NOACA-Dick Heidecker announced that there was 1 seat open for Cuyahoga Cty. & 1 open for Lorain Cty. & we need to be a members.

Commissioner Lundy spoke on the questions of the amount of dues being charged to Townships. Prior costs were prepared using the 2000 census, unfortunately it should have been the 2010 census Current costs allocations reflect the 2010 census which will determine future costs until the 2020 census becomes available. Matt will try to find out the formula that is used to determine our dues.

NEOTA-Dick Heidecker announced that he is now President of NEOTA, Mark Cunningham is VP. & Amy Richards is Secretary-Treasurer. There will be a meeting at Penfield Twp. at 7pm on March 31st.

OPWC-Mike Musto stated that he testified to a committee in Columbus on the Force Account & feels that the Governor will now understand it & may pass it.

Social Committee-Pat Echko needs volunteers for the committee. The Spring Banquet will be at New Russia Twp. on April 21st.

SWAC-Don Romancik said that they had 21 applications & awarded 16, 11 to townships. He thanked the Community Development Subcommittee for their help. They funding \$389,210 for projects & holding some money for extras that may come up.. The money that is left will roll over for next year. Amherst Twp. Agreed to have their project done in 2 phases so more projects could be done this year. There will be a Storm Water meeting at the Transportation Center on March 16 from 5-7pm. MS4's need to have their EPA reports done & sent to Virginia by March 1st.

Engineer's Office-Bob Klaiber stated that letters went out to all Townships on joining them on their chip & seal program; by joining they can get lower bids on the projects & keep track of contractors. Your projects are due by April 1st.

Prosecutor's Office-Jerry Innes-stated that there will be another Nexus meeting in March with just the Townships that are affected by it. They will discuss what they should expect for road repair,traffic control etc. He also said that HB53 goes into effect the end of March. You cannot ask a person if they have been a criminal record, it is a violation of their Civil Rights

Sheriff's Dept.-Deputy Bungard stated that illegal drugs are really bad. The Sheriff is having a Citizens Partnership Academy, info is on their website.

Community Development-Don Romancik stated that they are working on finishing the Block grants & the Community Housing Improvement Program, need contractors to bid on the jobs. They must be pre-qualified so they must contact his office for that.

Health Dept-Dave Covell announced that the District Advisory meeting is Thurs. March10, at 7pm. at LCCC, needs at least one representative from each Township.

Program: NOACA-Grace Gallucci explained some of the things they do & provide ; they do studies for water quality & environmental issues, high accidents areas, safe routes to school, walkable safe paths& general transportation planning. They helped Sheffield Twp. Get a safe walkable routes to school. They need Township input for all of these things. There are many maps & info on their website. If Townships don't pay their dues then the County has to pay it, so far 12 have paid. They are going to have a Rural Advisory Council,if you are interested the application is on their website. The meetings will be quarterly. A couple of things that they want to discuss is agricultural planning & economic development.

Butch Holmes asked that we send cards to Mary Beth Derikito, who is not doing well. She has resigned as a Huntington Twp. Trustee due to her illness.

Amy Richards made a motion to adjourn at 8:50 2nd. by Berry Taylor, motion carried.

The April 21st meeting will be the Spring Banquet at New Russia Twp.

