

## The Lorain County Association

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The March 21, 2019 LCTA meeting will be held at Sheffield Township.

### Minutes of the February 21, 2019 meeting at Rochester 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 17, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Carl Wesemeyer and seconded by Jean Haight, motion carried.

**Treasures Report:** At the January meeting we had a checking balance of \$22,263.72. Our income last month was \$60 for the banquet. Our expenses were \$102.58 to Mark Cunningham for postage and envelopes and \$50 to Amy Richards for purchasing two \$25 gift cards for a donation to the OTA Casino night leaving us with a checking balance of \$22,171.14. The Huntington CD balance is \$5,703.60, Chemical Bank CD is \$5,000. Total assets=\$32,874.74.

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

**Program:** Mike Fitch from Ohio Local Technical Assistance Program explained that this program is designed to assist local government in managing and maintaining safe, cost effective and environmentally sound transportation system. This is accomplished by providing training and technical assistance in areas of safety, work force development, infrastructure management and organizational excellence. Sign up for the online newsletter and check out the over 200 online courses offered by Ohio LTAP.

#### **Officers Report:**

**President: Orrin Leimbach:** Orrin introduced two members of the LCTA, Timothy Van Dyke trustee in Elyria Township and Walt Rollin trustee in Huntington Township. He talked about the OTA Conference recently held in Columbus. Neil Lynch talked about the recently passed Cemetery Bill and Orrin told one the stories from the guest speaker at the Conference. Dale Rundle and Carl Wesemeyer were awarded candy bars from Orrin for answering his questions about last month's meeting.

**Vice President: Dick Heidecker:** None

**Secretary: Mark Cunningham:** OTA Legislative Alerts are sent out every week if you are not receiving it please see me. Highlights from last week's update House Bills 48 and 51 are road related. House Bill 54 deals with modification of the Local Government Fund.

**Safer Grants from FEMA, applications due by March 22, 2019**

**Executive Committeeman: Patty Echko** None

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**Old business:** Mark McConnell will continue as the LCTA representative at the SWAC meetings.

**New business:** Discussion about putting used township equipment on the LCTA website. Web Master Steve Magyer can put information sent to him on the LCTA web site.

### Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

**Fair Committee:** Jean Haight has the information from the Fair Board, it will be presented at the March LCTA meeting. Carl Wesemeyer will be the Fair Committee chairman.

**NOACA Report:** Dick Heidecker: Next meeting March 8, 2019

**NEOTA Report:** Dick Heidecker: Next meeting in combination with the LCTA March meeting at Sheffield TWP

**OPWC:** Carl Wesemeyer: None

**Solid Waste:** Dave Urig: None

**SWAC:** Mark McConnell: Don Romancak: The annual SWAC Lorain County Storm Water Management District meeting will be held February 26, 2019 at the John A Spitzer Conference Center on the campus of Lorain County Community College. Meeting starts at 5:30 pm.

**Farm Bureau:** Eric Flynn: Meeting at LCCC Wellington February 26, 2019 discussion about Agri Tourism. Small business meeting every third Tuesday at LCCC Wellington. Eric Grim director of Lorain County Farm Bureau passed out flyer explaining the Lake Erie Bill of Rights. Eric talked about the partnership the Farm Bureau and LCCC are advancing. Talked about Lorain County Farm Bureau Policy Development asked members to rank the top policies as they see them.

### State officials

**Dick Stein:** This General Assembly he is on the following committees: Commerce & Labor, Energy & Natural Resources, Energy Generation Sub Committee [CO-Chair] and Public Utilities. Discussed the Governors' proposed 18 cent state gasoline tax increase. Gayle and Nathan Manning are on the Transportation Committee in the House and the Senate, contact them for more local money from the tax increase. Discussed Cable Operators, the increase in rates and the lack of competition in rural areas. 5G mini towers were also discussed.

**Commissioners:** None

**Prosecutors Office:** Jerry Innes: Zoning seminars this year will be held at individual townships at their request. This is done every other year. Last year it was a county wide seminar.

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**Board of Health:** Annual meeting is March 14, 2019 @ 5:30 pm at LCCC. Juston Carpenter talked about scrap tires in the county. He told of the 40, 000 tires dumped on property in Eaton Township that tested positive for West Nile Vires. This area will be cleaned up before mosquito season this year. Juston Carpenter asked for help from members if they know of a site with scrap tires please contact him at Lorain County Public Health Office 440-322-6367 and cell 440-219-6465.

**Community Development: Don Romancak:** There was a question from Butch Holms regarding rumors about a county wide building department. Don did confirm that the commissioners are discussing a building department. Jerry Innes commented that discussions have been ongoing since the closing of the former building department. This issue comes up every year. Neil Lynch commented to make a county wide building department successful it would have to include some of the more urban communities in the county.

The bi annual block grants will be mailed soon. These grants are for low to moderate income households, family of four income \$50,000 or less. The CHIP program has \$947,000 for home repairs.

**Sheriff Department: None**

**LCCA: Dick Heidecker : None**

**Emergency Management:** Consultant has submitted the first draft on the radio upgrade for the county. Tom expects to submit a report to the commissioners in the next 30 days. This program includes over 3000 radios for the county agencies.

**Land Bank: Patty Echko: None**

**County Auditor: None**

**County Recorder: None**

**OTA : None**

**Orrin Leimbach** asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:50 pm. Motion made by Eric Flynn and seconded by Ken Zeigler. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be hosted by Sheffield Township.