

The Lorain County Township Association

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The Feb. 18, 2016 LCTA meeting will be held at the Columbia Twp. Fire Station, 25540 Royalton Rd. Columbia Station, 44028. (enter on the East side). Food & beverages will be available at 7pm-meeting at 7:30 pm.

PROGRAM: NOACA-why Townships should be members!

Minutes of meeting Jan.21, at Carlisle Twp.

President, Amy Szmania, called the meeting to order at 7:30 ,Marsha Funk made a motion to approve the Dec. 2015 minutes, 2nd. by Berry Taylor , motion carried

Treasurer, Amy Richards, gave a report of income -\$3,360 from Banquet, donation of \$200 from Sherriff Stammitti, donation of \$66 from County Recorder, Judy Nedwick; expenses - all for the Banquet-\$190.21 to Marsha Funk, \$113.36 to Patty Echko & \$3000 to Sterks, Balance in checking-\$12,401.53 & CD-\$5,685.74. Patty Brubaker made a motion to approve the report, 2nd. by Rob Scheithauer-motion carried

Program -Dave Covell, Lorain County Health Commissioner, spoke on a possible merger with Elyria & Lorain & Avon Lake. He stated that everyone would pay their fair share & share the duties. The Health District has to approve the merger & it will be discussed at the March 10, 2016 meeting. The financial benefits will be less payroll for staff, they can receive more grant money & the levy will be shared by more people. They may have to look for a new building. LCTA members asked many questions. Dave Covell will keep us informed. If you have any questions, please contact him at 440-322-6367.

REPORTS:

President, Amy Szmania announced that we need an audit for 2013, 14 & 15. Howard Akin, Vicki Denes, Kim Fallon, & Fran Walker have volunteered to do it. Patty Echko is chairman of the Social Committee & Dan Miller is chair of the Directory Committee

Vice President- Dan Miller stated that he need volunteers to help with the 2016-17 Directory. Anyone interested can meet with him briefly after the meeting. Dan also called attention to a letter sent by the Engineer's office, inviting all townships to include their chip & seal program in the county's bid. Interested townships should send a list of their 2016 chip & seal projects along with a resolution agreeing to participate in the county program to the Engineer's office by April 1st.

Secretary-Jean Haight stated that since the OTA has raised our dues, she suggests that we raise the Active dues to \$55 per member & Associate dues to \$20 per member. Marsha Funk made a motion to raise the dues as stated , 2nd. by Orrin Leimbach motion carried. The deadline for dues sent to the OTA is early June, but Jean will start sending out the forms in April. She also has copies of the LCTA Constitution for anyone that wants one & the names & contacts of the newly elected Trustees & Fiscal Officers

Executive Committeeman-Mark McConnell announced that there will be a Storm Water meeting on Feb. 3rd. He would like to see many of us there. The information has gone out to everyone. There is also a Nexus pipeline meeting for the Townships that are involved. Jerry Innes will give more details. Mark stated that State Rep. Dan Ramos has been named the 2015 Jack Wolfe " Democratic Legislator of the Year" by the Ohio Association of Election Officials. He was recognized for his work on crafting a bipartisan approach to legislation to expand & protect voting rights. The LCTA would like to congratulate him on this award!

Amy Szmania announced that we need to pay our NEOTA dues of \$50.00. Rick Conrad made a motion to pay the dues, 2nd by Rob Scheithauer, motion carried. She also stated that the OTA would like donations for Casino Night at the Conference. Fran Walker made a motion to donate 2- \$25 gift cards, 2nd. by Adam Mourton, motion carried.

Steve Magyar, our webmaster, announced that we need to renew the Domain Names & Web Hosting, the cost is \$105. Carl Wesemeyer made a motion to renew both 2nd. by Marsha Funk, motion carried.

NOACA-Dick Heidecker stated that the Director will be at the meeting in Feb. at Columbia.

NEOTA-Dick announced that the meeting will be Wed. Jan.27th in the Hospitality Room at the Conference & there will be election of Officers. Marsha Funk followed up about her January 11th. Request for financial information related to the Hospitality Room. Dick did not have information but would look into it. There was some discussion of Officer election & Amy Richards agreed to run for Treasurer.

OPWC-Mike Musto stated that he has a list of the approved Round 30 projects, he will send them out in an email. Applications for Round 31 must be submitted to the Engineer's office by Sept. 2nd.

SWAC-Mark McConnell stated that there were \$639,000 in projects submitted, but they only have \$400,000 to spend. Accepted projects should be announced at the Feb. 3rd. meeting

Team Lorain County-Neil Lynch commented on the letter that we all received from Mayor Brinda on Anti Poaching Protocol. There needs to be a lot more discussion on it from businesses & government officials.

State Representative-57th. District- Terry Boose spoke on the Omnibus Bill (HB413) which is 55 pages long & not too interesting.

Commissioners Office-Matt Lundy encouraged all to come to the Storm Water Meeting

Prosecutor's Office-Jerry Innes-stated that there will be a meeting on the Nexus pipeline on Feb. 3 at the Administration Bldg-4th. Floor at 7pm. There is an official from the Ohio Farm Bureau coming to talk about it. Also Jerry stated that he has been meeting with Zoning Officials at their Twp. He would like to hear from other Twps. on any issues they have.

Emergency Management-Patty Brubaker spoke on behalf of Tom Kelley. She stated that information on NIMS training for the 700 course was emailed. All elected officials must pass it for the Twp. to be able to get grant money.

United Way-Bill Harper brought us cards with the services available to give to our residents & urged us to visit their website & you can put the 211 app. on a cell phone.

Adam Mourton made a motion to adjourn at 9pm 2nd. by Duane Johnson, motion carried.

The March 17th meeting will be hosted by Eaton Township

