

## The Lorain County Association

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The February 15, 2018 meeting will be held at Eaton Twp @ the FOP Hall Lodge #54 36854 Royalton Road Grafton Ohio 44044

### Minutes of the January 18, 2018 meeting at Columbia Twp.

**President,** Jean Haight, called the meeting to order at 7:30 PM.

**Approve Minutes:** President Jean Haight asked for a motion to approve the December 21, 2017 minutes. A motion was made by Patty Echko and seconded by Ken Ziegler, motion carried.

**Treasures Report:** At the December meeting, we had a checking balance of \$21,842.25. Our income \$2,950 from the banquet. Our expenses were \$2,423.50 to Sterks Catering, \$295.70 to Patty for banquet supplies, \$100 to the Cleveland Children's museum and \$33.93 to Amy for ordering checks. That leaves us with a checking balance of \$21,939.12. CD balance is \$5,691.65. Total assets=\$27,630.77.

President Jean Haight asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Matt Hignett and seconded by David Urig, motion carried.

**Program:** Don Romancak Director Lorain County Community Development Department/Assistant Director Storm Water Management 440-3282323/ [dromancak@loraincounty.us](mailto:dromancak@loraincounty.us)

Don started his presentation with information on Storm Water Management grants. This year 18 projects were submitted for review. Eleven of those project were submitted to the board with a recommendation to move forward. There will be one alternate project in case one of the eleven projects fall thru. Investing \$396,000.00 in our storm water district grant program. There is a lot more need out in the district. If your township's project was rejected, work with the county engineer to improve your score in the next round. Two projects approved for funding this year were rejected last year.

The storm water district does projects on its own at the request of township official and residents, example is the Lake Ave project.

MS4 communities are urged to get reports in early to the county, due by the end of March.

Save the date, February 22, 2018, District annual meeting at Lorain County Metro Parks Henry Barn State Route 20 across from Walmart. Starts at 5:30 pm till 7:30 pm the theme is Partnership.

Community Development, CHIP, community housing impact program - these funds come from HUD. This program repairs homes for low income home owners in need. Examples are new roofs, furnaces, etc. 1.2 million dollars are invested in low income neighborhoods and families every 2 years. County is looking for licensed and bonded contractors to bid on these projects. Application will be available to residents in November, file early.

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Community Development Block grants are HUD grants used for infrastructure improvements. Grants are allocated every two years.

Christen Brandon is available to help with land use issues in the townships.

Volunteers are needed for the Planning and Sub-division commission boards.

### Officers Report:

**President Jean Haight:** Motion to pay the web master \$75.00 per month. Motion made by Neil Lynch and seconded by Dick Heidecker motion carried. Motion to pay the secretary \$75.00 per month. Motion made by Carl Wesemeyer and seconded by Ken Ziegler motion carried.

Committee for county directory need volunteers will ask next meeting.

### Vice President Orin Leimbach:

**Secretary Mark Cunningham:** no

**Executive Committeeman Mike Musto:** After discussion, Mike will represent the LCTA at the OTA conference. Strategies were discussed to help Dick Heidecker in his bid to be elected to the board of directors for the OTA.

**Old business:** No old business

**New business:** No new business

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**Emergency Management:** Tom Kelley appreciated everyone updating email information.

### Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

#### Fair Committee:

**NOACA Report:** Dick Heidecker: Five counties, 65 board members only two are trustees of a township. In depth discussion on the dues payed by the townships, dues are calculated by population as of the last census. Eight townships have not paid their dues the last two years. Dick and Commissioner Lundy are asking all township to pay their dues. Dick will try to get a speaker from NOACA to address this issue at the March meeting.

**NEOTA Report:** Dick Heidecker: Meeting in Columbus at the OTA on Thursday February 1@5 pm.

**OPWC:** Mike Musto: Latest report is available at the head table.

**Solid Waste:** Dave Urig: Policy committee meets February 13 to review appendix H. Consortium meets March 21 at Grafton Township @5:30 pm. Township can still join the consortium.

**SWAC:** Mark McConnell:

#### Farm Bureau:

**State elected official's:** Nate Manning stated there are 500 bills to be acted on before the June recess. He is chairman of the Criminal Justice Committee and will be running for State Senator.

**Dick Stein:**

**Commissioners:** Matt Lundy:

**Prosecutors Office:** Jerry Innes: Welcome to new trustees and fiscal officers. He and Tom will be at the OTA Conference on Friday February 2. New training class for township officials will be held sometime in late March or early April.

**Board of Health:** Annual meeting is March 15 at LCCC.

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**Community Development: Don Romancak:**

**Sheriff Department:** Deputy Kruger spoke of it being tax season and be wary of scams.

**LCCA: Mike Musto:**

**Land Bank: Patty Echo:** Discuss regulations for selling land bank properties, Patty noted it is successful and positive program All inquiries will be in writing. Patty has the 1099 forms.

**Jean Haight** asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:30 pm. Motion made by **Matt Hignett** and seconded by **Dick Heidecker**. Motion approved.

**The next meeting will be hosted by Eaton Twp. Township and will be held at the FOP Hall Royalton road**