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Minutes of the September 21th, 2017 meeting at Brighton Twp.

President, Jean Haight, called the meeting to order at 7:32 PM.

Approve Minutes: President Jean Haight asked for a motion to approve the July 2017 minutes. A motion was made by Orin Leimbach and seconded by Dick Heidecker, motion carried.

Treasures Report: At the July meeting, we had a checking balance of \$ 23,413.94. Our income was \$20. for associate membership. Our expenses were \$20 for the Ohio Township Association for membership. That leaves us with a checking balance of \$23,413.94. CD balance is \$5,691.65. Total assets \$29,105.59.

President Jean Haight asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Mark McConnell and seconded by Mark Cunningham, motion carried.

Program: Susan Schupp Senior Energy Consultant for Aspen Energy Corporation: Susan explained the community Aggregation Program as being similar to NOPEC. The differences would be the cost of the energy itself. Susan mentioned that Aspen Energy deals with many different suppliers which give them an opportunity to be lower priced in some cases. This would give any of us a choice. Aspen does offer community grants also. There are no Early termination fees. For more information contact: Susan Schupp at 614-884-5300 or 614-336-8362.

Electric co-op residents are not eligible for aggregation. The co-op would like ballot language that states this.

Officers Report:

President Jean Haight: Jean talked about next month's meeting and what we were doing: Brownhelm Township will be hosting the LCTA meeting at the Second Harvest Food Bank on Baumhart Road.

5:30 pm to 6:45 pm up to 30 volunteers will work in the food bank

6:45 pm to 7:30 pm social time and food will be served

7:30 pm to 8:45pm meeting (the facility needs to be cleared out by 9:00 pm, as their normal closing time is 7:30 pm

Please contact Marsha Funk at mfunk66529@yahoo.com or 440-258-3515 to sign up for volunteering.

Donations of cash are preferred because they can feed 5 people for \$1. Make checks payable to "Second Harvest Food Bank of North Central Ohio"

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Consortium met Wednesday night. If you want to find out more about joining the consortium attend the LCCA meeting October 6th at 8:30 am for a continental breakfast and a 9:00 am meeting at the Administrative Building 4th floor Room B Elyria. Michael Greenberg will be there to explain. RSVP recommend 440-328-2362.

The fair was very successful and we will pull the names of the winners of the drawing later in the meeting.

A reminder was given about the free scrap tire program for residents of Lorain County. There are three locations.

County Collection Center 540 South Abbe Rd Elyria - Noon to 6pm Mondays and Wednesdays and 9am to 6pm Saturdays.

Lorain City Service Garage 114 East 35th Street Garage – 9am to 1pm Tuesdays and Thursdays

Grafton Township Hall 17109 Avon Belden Rd. – 9am to 1pm, Tuesdays and Saturdays

Vice President Orin Leimbach: No report

Secretary Mike Musto: No report.

Legislative Committeeman Mark McConnell: No Report

Old business:

New business:

Butch Holmes is the president of the nominating committee. Ken Ziegler is helping Butch. If anyone would like to volunteer contact Butch or Ken.

Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

OTA Scholarship Fund:

Fair Committee: Thank you to Matt Lundy for donating the candy that was passed out at the fair booth and to Lorain County Engineers for the flashers. We have County maps, bike path maps and County directories.

NOACA Report: Dick Heidecker: Dick reported that the Lorain County backs us up. Cuyahoga County wanted to take over but Lorain County would not allow it.

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NEOTA Report: Dick Heidecker: Next meeting on October 26th in Freedom Township. There is also a Mahony County Township Association meeting November 17th in Canfield Twp. to discuss a joint venture for the hospitality suite at the OTA convention.

OPWC: Mike Musto:

Solid Waste: Dave Urig: Policy committee is starting the planning project for the next 10-year plan (2020-2029). Next meeting is in November 8th.

Contamination in our recycled products are approximately 10%.

SWAC: Don Romancak brought the community grant applications with him and announced that there will be \$365,000 available for the next round. The difference is that \$35,000 is going to be forwarded to the Banister Ditch Project. Grafton Township has said they will not apply next year to free up some dollars for other Townships. The application has changed. It has been simplified to only three pages. Start working with the engineer's office as soon as possible. Would like to start working on 2019. Many petition projects are moving forward. The \$10,000 mini grant was a success and will be funding again for next year.

Farm Bureau: No Report.

Senator Manning: No Report.

Representative Nathan Manning: No Report

Commissioners: Matt Lundy: Matt reported that he was happy and please with SWAC. Much progress has been made. He also thanked the LCTA for the sympathy card we sent for his father.

Prosecutors Office: Jerry Innes: Reported that changes were made in legislation and the budget. Suggest that we read all the new rules in the OTA magazine. No big changes but many are significant. Jerry will be sending a letter out stating the changes.

Road bidding is changing so that we do not have to include an estimate in the bidding process.

Fund transfers are easier between our accounts. The court has been taken out of the process. We only must go to the tax commissioner.

A law has been passed so that Townships can do commercial advertising on our web sites. The only websites not permitted will be .gov domain.

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Board of Health: No Report

Community Development: Don Romanic: CHIP program is continuing to operate. Community housing program helps the Townships housing stock and is applying for a Brownfield assessment grant for performing phase 1 and phase 2 assessments.

Sheriff Department: Drugs continue to be a big part of the Sheriff's work.

Daniel Ashdown is our new Director of Law Enforcement. He can be reached at 440-329-3767.

Dan Rodriguez and Mark Bungard are our Township Impact Unit. You can leave a message at 440-329-3752.

Orin Leimbach made a motion to donate \$250 to the food bank to feed 1250 meals. Seconded by Carl Wesemeyer. Motion carried.

LCCA: Mike Musto: Meeting will be held on Friday October 6th at 8 AM at administrative building in Elyria

Land Bank: Patty Echo: No Report.

Prizes were drawn from the tickets collected at the fair:

Donna Bond	Lanyard
Jennifer Butcher	Lanyard
Janice Szmania	Picture
Marie Ternes	Small Flag
Bobby Montana	Small Flag
Jean Haight	Small Flag
George Smith	Large Flag
R. Schounover	Large Flag

Jean Haight asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:20 pm. Motion made by Ken Ziegler and seconded by Mark Cunningham. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be hosted by Brownhelm Township and will be held at Second Harvest Food Bank, 5500 Baumhart Rd Lorain Ohio 44053.