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The September 19, 2019 LCTA meeting will be in Brownhelm Township the venue will be at German Villa 3330 Liberty Ave Vermilion, Ohio 44089

Minutes of the July 18, 2019 meeting at Brighton Township

President, Orrin Leimbach, called the meeting to order 7:30 pm

Approve Minutes: President Orrin Leimbach asked for a motion to approve the July 18, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Rita Canfield and seconded by Duane Johnson; motion carried.

Treasures Report: At the June meeting we had a checking balance of \$21,453.67. Our income last month was \$3,080 for associate members and \$3,520 for active members. Expenses were \$225 for 2nd quarter pay for the secretary and webmaster, \$500 for the OTA scholarship and \$4,410 for our membership dues to the OTA. This leaves us with a checking balance of \$22,693.67. The Huntington CD balance is \$5,703.60, Chemical Bank CD is \$5,000. Total assets = \$33,397.27

President Orrin Leimbach asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. The motion was made by Ken Ziegler, seconded by Carl Wesemeyer, motion carried.

Program: Dave Mosinski from Pinnacle Monument Leveling & Restoration did a power point presentation on the services his company offers for leveling and cleaning of cemetery headstones. Contact David at 330-667-0450 if you want more information on services offered.

Officers Report:

President Orrin Leimbach: Orrin talked to commissioner Sharon Sweda regarding what she liked to do in her free time. Orrin promoted the OTA magazine and the timely articles in the magazine. A discussion was had about 5G in the townships.

Vice President Dick Heidecker: Dick is on the Southwest General hospital board and was told that as of January 1, 2020 that all knee and hip replacement will be done on an out patient basis unless there are extenuating circumstances.

Secretary Mark Cunningham: The annual OTA dues were sent in a timely manner. Columbia Township is hosting the Lorain Good Deeds Program on September 24, 2019 at the Columbia High School, from 5-9 pm.

Executive Committeeman Patty Echko: The computers donated by the county auditor are ready to be picked up by the townships that requested them. The sheriff has started reaching out to schedule townships that want ID's for township personnel. Neil Lynch comment on how fast the ID process was for his township.

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Old business: The committee is continuing its review issues related to investing LCTA assets.

New business: Neil Lynch asked Jerry Innes if he had any information on the formula to calculate how much additional money each township will receive from the increase in the gas tax. This is needed to budget for road work next year. Jerry will forward any information he gets from the auditor to the LCTA secretary to pass it on to all the townships. Patty Echko comment that the budgeting she did she was very conservative regarding the gas tax.

Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

Fair Committee: Carl thanked everyone who signed up to work the fair. He is working on the prizes and candy for the fair. A discussion was had about the number of complimentary tickets the LCTA gets and how they are obtained. It was suggested the Tony Mealy get one since he was responsible for getting the flags donated for the raffle. A motion was by Neil Lynch and seconded by Christie Homer Miller that all fair volunteers and Tony Mealy get reimbursed for the entrance fee into the fair, motion carried.

NOACA Report: Dick Heidecker: An email was sent out showing all the money Lorain county received through NOACA for road maintenance.

NEOTA Report: Dick Heidecker: Next meeting is August 17, 2019 at 6:30 pm in the Portage county engineer building.

OPWC: Carl Wesemeyer: None

Solid Waste: Dave Urig: Reminded townships to approve the Solid Waste Plan. Solid Waste Policy Committee will meet in August. Rita Canfield told everyone to check their numbers on the incentive grants to make sure they are correct. She said her township was shorted in what was recycled and the amount credited on the incentive grant. Orrin asked if Republic was penalizing people for contaminated recyclables. Sharon Sweda commented that Republic was only putting reminders on the bins about proper recycling. Marsha Funk started a discussion about Record Retention and the shredding of township documents she used a company out of Akron and the price was reasonable. A discussion was had as to why townships cannot use the shred truck for township documents. Commissioner Sweda will investigate and report back to the LCTA.

SWAC: Mark McConnell: No meeting

Farm Bureau: None

State elected official's:

Dick Stein: None

Gayle Manning: State budget is passed and signed by the governor. The budget increases funding to schools, the Local Government Fund, and to libraries. Also funding for disabled firefighters.

Commissioners Sharon Sweda: The new Mental Health, Addiction and Recovery Services Board had its first meeting. By merging the two boards Lorain county will have an additional 1 million dollars to be used by the new board. Sharon attended the Rochester parade with Mayor Korpely. Sharon commented on some of the

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positive things in the state budget that will help Lorain county. She will update the LCTA when more information is available on the budget.

Prosecutors Office: Jerry Innes: Jerry talked about HB 163 which deals with what cities can charge townships for water and sewer. This bill did not get out of committee last general session. This is a bill that LCTA should support. Also mentioned SB 114 which if passed would expand the areas that townships can try to enforce a noise resolution. Presently townships can regulate noise in a residential area and establishments with liquor permits. Jerry is not sure it's a good idea for townships to try and regulate noise in a business or industrial area. Jerry commended Christin Brandon on her work updating and modifying the county's Subdivision Regulations.

Board of Health: Looking for townships to host townhall meeting for resident to learn about the upcoming Operation & Maintenance Permits for septic systems.

Community Development: Don Romanic: None

Sheriff Department: Major Don Baker again talked about scam letters showing up in this area. Also mentioned the Drug Task Force and the work that is being done in the county. Recently drugs shipped from Phoenix Arizona to Elyria Township were intercepted. Don also explained that the Sheriff's office and Lorain Police are investigating the recent police shooting in Elyria. These investigations take time and they want to get it right so be patient and don't rush to judgement.

LCCA: None

OTARMA: Marsha Funk reminded everyone use their OTARMA grant before the end of the year. Marsha said only 50% of the eligible township take advantage of the grant money. All township should have received the OTARMA appraisal of township property. Please read this document. Marsha explained the make up of the 7 member OTARMA board and the issue of past OTA presidents wanting to get back on the board after their presidential term has ended. The board is currently working on this issue.

Land Bank: Patty Echo: None

County Auditor: None

County Recorder: None

OTA; None

Orin Leimbach asked for a motion to adjourn at 9 pm. Motion made by Rich Conrad and seconded by Kathy Frombaugh. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be hosted by Carlisle Township