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The December 19, 2019 LCTA meeting will be held at New Russia Township; The Lodge 46300 Butternut Ridge Rd. Oberlin, Ohio 44074

Minutes of the November 21, 2019 meeting at Columbia 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 October 17, 2019 minutes. A motion was made by Matt Hignett and seconded by Carl Wesemeyer, motion carried.

Treasures Report: At the October meeting we had a checking balance of \$22,232.48. We had no income or expenses last month. This leaves us with a checking balance of \$22,232.48. The Huntington CD balance is \$5,703.60, Chemical Bank is \$5,000. Total Assets = \$32,936.08.

President Orrin Leimbach asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. Patty Echko and seconded by Jared Smith motion carried.

Program: Maria Rupert, Compliance Safety and Health Officer for Ohio Public Employment Risk Reduction Program. Maria discussed what township officials can expect from inspections and training from Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation. Maria's contact info is cell 614-385-9226 email Maria.Rupert@bwc.state.oh.us

Officers Report:

President Orrin Leimbach: OTA conference in Columbus first week of February.

Vice President Dick Heidecker: None

Secretary Mark Cunningham: None

Executive Committeeman Patty Echko: Christmas Banquet Flyer. Swearing in of new township officials.

Old business:

New business: Election of new LCTA officers, President Orrin Leimbach; Vice President Dick Heidecker; Secretary Mark Cunningham; Treasurer Amy Richards; Executive Committeeman; Jared Smith. There were no nominations from the floor. There was motion made by Christie Homer-Miller and a seconded By Amy Richards to close the nominations, motion carried. A motion was made by Matt Hignett and seconded by Mark McConnell to accept the slate of candidates; motion carried.

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Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

Fair Committee: None

NOACA Report: Dick Heidecker: Dick gave an update on the Hyper-Loop project; it is moving forward with Cleveland to Chicago and Cleveland to Pittsburg routes. It is public/private project that could be operational in 10 years.

NEOTA Report: Dick Heidecker: Dick turned the report over to the trustees from Sagamore Township. They explained how the township was hacked for over a million dollars. The township was not covered by their insurance because the fiscal officer was using a private computer. The fiscal officer has resigned and the township has recovered all but \$208,000. **Two things to learn from this is make sure the township is covered by insurance if the Fiscal Officer works off site and trustees need to check the account balances monthly for any abnormalities in the accounts.**

OPWC: Carl Wesemeyer: There will be an integrating committee meeting on December 6, 2019 @ 1 pm at Carlisle Township. The funded projects will be announced at this time

Solid Waste: Dave Urig: The Ohio EPA did approve the plan update. Policy committee did meet last month. The Solid Waste District this year has revenue of \$2.4 million and expenses of \$2.1 million. Townships that have not done so need to get Community Grant reimbursement in to the district as soon as possible for payment this year. No agricultural tire disposal this year. Policy committee will meet on December 10, 2019. There is an opening on the policy committee.

SWAC: Mark McConnell: There are four active district projects at this time. The Lake Ave project has been completed. This project is going to be presented at the National Wetlands Conference in Cincinnati. Townships that are in the MS4's and receive a bill from the EPA forward the bill to the county storm water district. Community grant applications are on the web site and are due by March 31, 2020. District has a new software program for erosion control. The program would not work at the demonstration during SWAC meeting.

Farm Bureau: Eric encouraged everyone to be involved in the 2020 census to insure an accurate count.
State elected official's:

Lindsay Kuhn: Presented information on the Human Trafficking Summit to be held January 9,2020 at the Greater Columbus Convention Center. This summit is sponsored by Ohio Attorney David Yost.

Dick Stein:

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Commissioners: Matt Lundy:

Prosecutors Office: Tom Magnum: Jerry working on issues involving the proposed county building department as it relates to townships that are using private inspection services. Tom took the opportunity to thank the Sheriff's Department for all the help the department gives to the Prosecutor's Office.

Board of Health: Scott from the Health Department talked about the state of Ohio rule changes for on site sewage treatment. Lorain County will start its operation and maintenance program starting in 2022. Scott asked townships to consider hosting a townhall meeting for residents to learn about the operation and maintenance program coming in 2022. Also talked about grant money available for scrap tire clean ups. Justin Carpenter again said that the EPA has grant money available for tire clean ups. Health Department will be in their new building on December 2, 2019.

Community Development: Dick Heidecker mention that there are two opening on the planning boards, contact Christin Brandon if interested.

Sheriff Department: Deputy Matt Lawson reminded everyone to be careful driving during the winter months.

LCCA: Dick Heidecker: Meeting December 6, 2019 @ 9am county administration building.

Emergency Management: Tom discussed what happen at the recent hazardous material emergency in the Walmart parking lot and then the hospital emergency room. Fentanyl is the suspected hazardous material involved. Tom talked about the expenses involved in the emergency. Tom also mentioned the importance of all township official completing NIMS training. Mark McConnel commented that all safety agencies worked well together during this emergency.

Land Bank: Patty Echo: None

County Auditor: None

County Recorder: None

OTA: None

Orrin Leimbach asked for a motion to adjourn at 8:55 pm. Motion made by Patty Echko and seconded by Amy Richards. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be hosted by New Russia Township.