

## The Lorain County Association

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The October 20, 2022 LCTA meeting will be at Lorain County Community College Spitzer Center

### Minutes of the September 15, 2022 meeting at Penfield Township

**President,** Amy Richards, called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

**Approve Minutes:** President Amy Richards asked for a motion to approve the July 21, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Rita Canfield and seconded by Butch Holmes; motion carried.

**Treasures Report:** At the July meeting we had a checking balance of \$36,069.18. Receipts since our last meeting were \$6,070---\$2,330 for ads, \$1990 for dues & \$1,750 for fair giveaways. Expenses since our last meeting were \$7508.62--\$7,260 to the OTA for dues, \$30 to Grafton Township refunding their ad overpayment, \$147.42 to Jared Smith for mileage, \$58 to Mark Cunningham for stamps, & \$13.20 to Christie Homer Miller for postage. This leaves us with a checking balance of \$34,630.56.

President Amy Richards asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Ken Zeigler and seconded by Carl Wesemeyer; motion carried.

**Program:** Peter Zwick from the Lorain County Engineers Office talked about Preposed Road and Sub-Division Standards.

Lauran Ksiazek, Executive Director Lorain County Office on Aging presented a power point on the 2021 Lorain County Older Adults Needs Assessment.

#### Officers Report:

**President Amy Richards:** Amy reminded all townships to take advantage of the OTRMA grants available to townships.

**Vice President Jared Smith:** No report

**Secretary Mark Cunningham:** Talked about the increase in cost for the OTA Conference for January 2023.

**Executive Committeeman Dick Heidecker:** No report

**Old business:**

**New business:**

#### Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

**Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer:** No report but we did draw the winners of the American flags and gas cards from the fair raffle. Also talked about a request from Jed Lamb for the LCTA to sponsor the opening day breakfast for next year's fair.

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**NOACA Report:** No report

**NEOTA Report:** Dick Heidecker: No report

**OPWC:** Carl Wesemeyer: No report

**Solid Waste:** Dave Urig: No report submitted. The recorder did not pick up his report at the meeting.

**SWAC:** Mark McConnell: Mark talked about the money available for SWAC grants and the need for engineering for the grants.

**Farm Bureau:** Eric Flynn: Lorain County Farm Bureau meet last week to set local and state proposed policies. A copy of the proposed policies was emailed to all township officials. Eric made a motion for the LCTA to renew our Farm Bureau membership, seconded by Ken Zeigler; motion carried.

**State elected official's:** None at the meeting

**County Commissioner;** Dave Moore talked about the accelerated SWAC funding to accomplish 10 years' worth of projects in 2 years with American Rescue Plan money. Dave has been voting present on the commissioners votes for using American Rescue Plan money, he thinks that money should be spent on infrastructure projects. Lorain County Health Department was granted American Rescue Plan money for a walking trail and for this years' flu shots. City of Avon requested American Rescue Plan money from the County for a new scoreboard for Crushers' Stadium. Still no response from the commissioners on township request for American Rescue Plan money on projects submitted to them. The Port Authority is still working on the purchase of Midway Mall, update in January 2023. Dave talked about the reasons he voted no for fighting the tax valuation of the Nexus pipeline.

**Auditor:** Craig has filed the paper work to appeal the decision of the state tax commissioner involving the Nexus pipeline case.

**Prosecutors Office:** Dan Petticord reminded everyone about the upcoming zoning seminar on October 27 at New Russia Township. Dan also urged all township officials call the prosecutors' office early in a situation that you might need a legal opinion. Better to call early rather than later according to Dan. There are changes coming to the storm water program, more information at next meeting.

**Board of Health:** None

**Community Development:** Don Romancak: Don has been the recipient of 6.5 million dollars to fund storm water projects in the county. There is a another \$425,000 available for community grants. The Planning Grants have been increased to \$20,000 and there is log jam money available. The commissioners have hired a company to assist Community Development Department to identify available grant and help secure the grants. There was a discussion as to whether all storm water money should go to culvert projects.

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**Sheriff Department:** Captain Bosley mentioned that on the eastern end of the county stolen cars from Cleveland with a number of occupants are dropped off to break into unlocked vehicle or to steal vehicles, make sur you lock your vehicle and bring valuables in to your home.

**LCCA:** No Report

**Emergency Management:** Jessica thanked the commissioners for the grant money to purchase a new trailer for Emergency Management. The department is currently doing a lot of community engagement. She is also aware of the problem with the emergency notification system bombarding users with messages, mostly road closures. The problem should be fixed soon.

**Nominating Committee:** Amy aske for volunteers to serve on the nominating committee. Members are Neil Lynch, Ken Zeigler and Carl Wesemeyer.

Amy asked Neil Lynch if he would draft a letter regarding paper checks sent to the fiscal officers from the county instead of electronic transfers. Discussion on the topic of electronic transfers was held.

Rita Canfield reminded everyone of the ethics seminar in New Russia on September 22, 2022 @6:30 pm. Rita made a motion for LCTA to pay for the light refreshment not to exceed \$200 seconded by Carl Wesemeyer; motion carried.

Amy Richards asked for a motion to adjourn at 9:20 pm a motion was made by Ken Zeigler seconded by Carl Wesemeyer; motion carried.

The November 17, 2022 will be in Rochester Township