

The Lorain County Association

www.lcta.us

The February 16, 2023 LCTA meeting will be held at Wellington Township 105 Maple Street Wellington, Ohio 44090

Minutes of the January 19, 2023 meeting at Sheffield Township

President, Jared Smith called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

Approve Minutes: President Jared Smith asked for a motion to approve the December 15, 2022 minutes. A motion was made by Rita Canfield and seconded by Fred Pitts; motion carried.

Treasures Report: No Report

Program: Grace Gallucci and Beverly Burtzlaff presented a power point presentation on NOACA's strategy to maximize funding through discretionary grant programs in the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law [BIL] The power point was emailed to all township officials.

Officers Report:

President; Jared Smith reported that each township has the opportunity to submitted an article or story for the LCTA website to feature their township for one month on the website.

Vice President: Christie Homer-Miller No Report

Secretary Mark Cunningham: The deadline for the OTA scholarship application is January 31, 2023

Executive Committeeman Carl Wesemeyer: Carl will be performing his committeeman duties at the OTA conference and will report at the February meeting.

Old business: The discussion continued about sponsoring the Lorain County Fair opening day breakfast. Amy Richards got a quote for catering the breakfast from Spencer Tees for \$3000 feeding 150 people. We are waiting on a quote from Wrights Catering, no decision made yet.

Discussion was held on holding a Public Records training session locally sponsored by the LCTA. Positive feedback from members and the Lorain County Prosecutors Office. Rita Canfield will provide more information at our February meeting.

New business: There was a discussion about having an April spring banquet and possibly combined with a vendor show. Dick Heidecker made a motion to have a spring banquet seconded by Rita Canfield; motion carried. Patty Echko and Neil Lynch volunteered [sort of] to head up the banquet committee.

Representatives: All representees of the LCTA were renominated and confirmed for another year, except for David Urig as he was not present at the meeting.

The Lorain County Association

www.lcta.us

Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer: Nothing on the fair booth yet.

NOACA Report: Mark Cunningham Organizational meeting is January 20, 2023

NEOTA Report: Dick Heidecker: no plans for any meetings. While at the OTA conference treasurer Amy Richards will talk to members to decide what to with the money in the treasury of the NEOTA.

OPWC: Carl Wesemeyer: No Report

Solid Waste: Dave Urig: No Report.

SWAC: Mark McConnell: Mark reminded all townships to get their SWAC grant applications in by the end of January. Once applications are submitted the Lorain County Engineer, they will assist the township with the engineering required for the projects.

Farm Bureau: Eric Flynn; No report

State elected official's:

Gayle Manning: The Ohio House has no committee assignment or committee chairmen yet.

Commissioners: Dave Moore talked about the county budget which is a living document. We should end the year with a 3–4-million-dollar surplus. Dave will be attending the January 20, 2023 NOACA meeting. Right now, the commissioners are doing a reset on the radio contract. They will be meeting with people involved with the contract next week. He will have more information on how the contract will affect the townships at the March LCTA meeting.

Jeff Riedell introduced his assistant John Gall. The commissioners are working to improve transparency to the public at their meetings. They are also working on possible changing the times and number of meetings per week. The new meeting schedule should not conflict with township meetings.

Auditor; Craig Snodgrass said first half property tax bills were mailed this week. On average tax bills are remaining the same or a slight decrease except for Elyria Township had an increase. Sales tax receipts were up about 5.5% over last year. The real estate market seems to be leveling off at this time. This is the last year before reappraisals. Mark McConnell asked about the CAUV program at the Auditor Office and had questions on property values, he was advised to make an appoint with the auditor to discuss the issues.

Prosecutors Office: Dan Petticord supported the transparency at the commissioners meeting. He also explained that at times it is necessary to go into executive session for discussions on certain issues. He supports the local training on Public Records training talked about earlier in the meeting. His office is will do another training seminar for township officials later in the year.

The Lorain County Association

www.lcta.us

Board of Health: Ann Musca introduced Ryan Tristano as a new health department inspector for home sewage systems in Columbia Township.

Sheriff Department: Phill Stammitti warned people of scams going on in the county especially the one involving his department. The Sheriff Department lost their environmental crime unit due to budget cuts. They will still answer all environmental calls.

LCCA: Dick Heidecker: Next meeting will be in April.

Land Bank: No report

Emergency Management; Jessica's department is working on plans for the upcoming solar eclipse with the state and other agencies. There will be a table top exercise next January to prepare for the eclipse. Jessica is sending a letter to Lorain County school districts advising them to cancel class on the day of the eclipse [April 8, 2024]

Community Development; Don Romancak talked about the program for the June LCTA meeting that will explain the new General Plan of Drainage. Greg Peltz from the prosecutor's office and Mark Ruffner from K.E. McCartney will participate in the discussion. This new system is designed to move projects along faster than under the old system. Thanked the townships for participating in the mandatory MS4 training. Looking for Community Block Grant projects for this year. Townships that need help with grant writing contact Community Development Office for assistance.

Dick Heidecker informed the group that the SNAP program is being reduced from \$221 per month for groceries to \$20 per month this will greatly affect people on this program.

Lorain County Fair Board will have a fund raiser for the Fairs Forever Campaign Thursday February 2, at 7pm Grafton Township Hall [17109 State Route 83]. RSVP by January 27 to patricia.egan.bay@gmail.com or text 216.408.2335.

Jared Smith asked for a motion to adjourn at 9 pm. Motion made by Dick Heidecker and seconded by Amy Richards. motion carried.

The March LCTA meeting is scheduled to be hosted by Amherst Township, March 16, 2023