

The Lorain County Association

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The October 15, 2020 LCTA meeting will be held at Ohio

Minutes of the September 17, 2020 meeting at New Russia Township

President, Orrin Leimbach, called the meeting to order at 7 pm.

Approve Minutes: President Orrin Leimbach asked for a motion to approve the February 20, 2020 minutes. A motion was made by Eric Flynn and seconded by Jared Smith; motion carried.

Treasures Report: At the February meeting we had a checking balance of \$21,456.36. Our income was \$3,960 for active members, \$3,000 for associates, \$310 from the fair for reimbursement for the fair booth and \$300 for the member directory. Our expenses were \$23.60 for stamps, \$475 for annual insurance, \$4,485 to the OTA for our dues and \$ 450 each for 1st and 2nd quarter pay for the webmaster and secretary. This leaves us with a checking balance of \$23,142.76. The Huntington CD balance is \$5,703.60, Chemical Bank CD is now \$5,222.01-we earned \$222.01 in interest. Total assets = \$34,068.37.

President Orrin Leimbach asked for a motion to approve the treasures report. A motion was made by Carl Wesemeyer and seconded by Rick Conrad; motion carried.

Program: We had a Zoom meeting with Marisa Meyers from the OTA. The topic was the Cares Act funding for townships.

Officers Report:

President Orrin Leimbach:

Vice President Dick Heidecker: Dick explained that the new directories would cost \$1,499 for 500 copies. Dick Heidecker made a motion to purchase the directories it was seconded by Christie Homer-Miller, motion carried.

Secretary Mark Cunningham: Working on updating the email lists of associate members of the LCTA.

Executive Committeeman Jared Smith: The OTA officers meeting that was scheduled this past June was cancelled due to Covid-19.

Old business: On the afternoon of March 4, 2020, Marsha Funk of Brownhelm Township, John Ciarrone of Camden Township and Christie Homer-Miller of Grafton meet to audit LCTA's 2019 financials. We reviewed 12 months of Huntington Bank statements, expenses and receipts. No issues were found. We thank Amy Richards for maintaining the books for LCTA in a fiscally responsible manner.

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New business: After the motion to approve purchasing the new directories the LCTA web site was discussed. The web site is not being kept up to date by the current webmaster. Township officer's information is not correct or current. In this discussion it was proposed to interview new people for the webmaster position and to post the requirements/qualifications for the webmaster. The officers will work on this issue before our next meeting.

A lengthy and helpful discussion on what each township is proposing to spend its share of the Cares Act funding and the documentation need to justify that it is related to Covid-19.

Reports from LCTA Committees and Township Representatives:

Social Committee: A discussion was had regarding a LCTA Christmas party this year. Most of the attendees were for having a party. A call will be made to Dave Covell for his opinion on the party. If Dave gives us his approval Patty Echko will lead the charge and make it happen.

Fair Committee: Carl Wesemeyer: None

NOACA Report: Dick Heidecker: None

NEOTA Report: Dick Heidecker: None

OPWC: Carl Wesemeyer: None

Solid Waste: Dave Urig: None

SWAC: Mark McConnell:

Farm Bureau: Eric Flynn: None

State elected official's:

Gayle Manning: Nathan Manning sends his regrets that he was unable to attend. He had a meeting in Huron county. SB 357 was passed out of the senate and will be voted on in the house on Wednesday September 23, 2020. The house has a new Speaker, Bob Cupp R- Lima. Gail stated she did not vote for the outgoing Speaker and also did not vote for SB 6 the First Energy Bill.

Dick Stein: None

Commissioners: Matt Lundy: None

Prosecutors Office: Jerry Innes: Talked about the booming real estate market and the increasing number of developers moving west through Lorain county. This is not just local developers but larger regional and national developers that are will spend a lot of money challenging township and county regulations to get what they want. It will hard to maintain rural atmosphere in townships with these developments coming. There will be a lot of litigation in the coming years with developers.

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Board of Health: None

Community Development: Don Romancak: None

Sheriff Department: None

LCCA: Dick Heidecker: None

Land Bank: None

County Auditor: Craig Snodgrass: The county has distributed 17.3 million dollars in Cares Act money and still has 460,000 dollars that has not been distributed. There are 9 townships and 1 village that have not sought Cares Act funding at this time. Craig is putting a program together to present to all county auditors this November regarding the Cares Act funding, Guidance, Eligibility Info, Allowable Uses and More. He is hoping to have State Auditor Keith Faber present the program. The real estate market is booming. The county has record collection of sales taxes year to date. Craig gave an update on the Nexus Pipeline tax issue fight. He also updated the Green Circle Growers tax lawsuit that is in the court of appeals at this time.

Emergency Management: Tom and his staff have sent out over 240 group emails since March. 1.2 million PPE items have been distributed or stock piled. The state will not provide addition PPE items till after the first of the year if available.

County Recorder: None

OTA: Zoom meeting with Marisa Meyers and two upcoming webinars with Cares Act information for townships On September 18, 2020 and September 25, 2020.

The October LCTA meeting was to be in Penfield but their meeting room is not big enough to maintain social distancing. Orrin will see if New Russia's The Lodge is available to host the meeting again. No meal will be served at the meeting.

Nominating Committee: LCTA officers nominating committee will be Carl Wesemeyer, Butch Holmes, Orrin Leimbach and Neil Lynch.

Orrin Leimbach asked for a motion to adjourn at 9 pm. Motion made by Christie Homer-Miller and seconded by Amy Richards. Motion approved.

The next meeting will be?