

# The Lorain County Township Association

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The LCTA meeting, July 21, 2011 will be hosted by Olmsted Twp. The meeting will be at Columbia Twp. Hall, located at 25496 Royalton Rd. (Rt. 82) Columbia Station, 44028. The Hall is located at the corner of Rt. 82 & West River Rd. Parking will be available across the street at the township garage & fire station.

The Town Hall will open at 6pm. Food & beverages will be available before the meeting that will start promptly at 7:30pm

Program: HB 153 & how the new budget will impact the townships. Speakers-Heidi Fought, Director of Governmental Affairs for OTA & Jerry Innes, Lorain County Assistant Prosecutor.

Minutes of meeting June 16, 2011 at LaGrange Twp

The meeting was called to order by President, Rob Scheithauer, at 7:30.

Mike Musto made a motion to approve the May 19, 2011 minutes-2<sup>nd</sup>. Dale Rundle-motion carried

Treasurers Report, Orrin Leimbach, balance in checking-\$2134.31 -CDS-\$11957.00. A motion was made by Dick Heidecker to approve report-2<sup>nd</sup>-Jerry Cowie-motion carried

President's Report- Rob announced that if anything or anyone wants to be on the Nov. ballot, you have to file by Aug. 10<sup>th</sup> & fee is \$30.00. He was at an emergency meeting at the Health Dept. & the city of Lorain wants to merge with the County Health Dept. The request was denied by the Board

Executive Committeeman-Neil encouraged all townships to get with their FO to discuss the budget. There will be a 20% cut in the General Fund-no more estate tax. Jerry Innes said that he would try to explain the impacts after it's finalized. Patty Echko suggested that we invite Heidi Fought to our July meeting. Rob will contact Olmsted Twp. to see if it is OK & Jerry will contact Heidi. Patty also suggested that we invite other counties in the NEOTA. Mike Musto will take care of that.

PROGRAM-Nancy Funni, Administrator for Soil & Water-asked the townships for funding for her assistance for Phase 2, it is a flat fee of \$500.00 +\$.25 per resident. Funding comes from the Commissioners, & Soil & Water only gets \$75,000 a year, they will be lucky to be able to stay open till the end of the year. There is no funding for any EPA mandates, but all Townships & the County still have to conform to all rules by the EPA for Sediment & Erosion Control

### REPORTS

FAIR- Jean Haight-Fair will be Aug. 22-28, had a meeting today, will buy pencils & candy again for booth. Steve Magyar will update the 3 fold informational flyer & we will have copies available to hand out; will pass around Fair Schedule for sign up-requested that 2 townships sign up for every time slot. Schedule will be passed around at July meeting too

DRAINAGE-Mark McConnell- please get your projects in writing-forms should be going out soon to all townships. They now have a drainage coordinator, Kristen Rich, to review projects & write grants

FARM BUREAU-Orrin Leimbach-had a policy development meeting with many officials attending, giving their ideas on collaboration & budget cuts. Meeting was well attended.

NOACA-Dale Rundle-next meeting-July 08, 2011 on Superior Ave.-Dale has a list of road projects to be done in the next 4 years for anyone to see.

STATE-Matt Lundy-Budget was balanced on backs of local government & public schools, hopes to improve Sheriff's protection. Everyone is going to have to slash their budget & townships are known to be very efficient

AUDITOR'S OFFICE- many re-appraisals are being done so you may see less tax money-problem now is foreclosures

PROSECUTOR-Jerry Innes introduced Ben Davey, who will now be joining them. Jerry is waiting to see what happens to Senate Bill #5-will limit townships to only paying 85% of hospitalization for employees; will not effect elected officials & contract employees till 2012. Rita Canfield asked about what townships could do about Solicitors; township can pass legislation to prohibit them. He will send an example to us via email. She also asked about high weeds & grass. Matt Mishak explained there is a procedure to follow to be able to have them cut-notify 7 days before by certified mail, a legal notice or a property hearing. There is an ORC 505.87-sometimes takes 30 days to get action. The main concerns are rats & mosquitoes-Zoning Inspectors need to contact people that are not taking care of the problem.

NEOTA-Mike Musto-meeting on June 30<sup>th</sup>,-Social Picnic at 1400 S. Broadway (Rt.534) in Geneva

UNITED WAY-Amy Szamania-Kick Off will be Friday-August 26<sup>th</sup>

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting at 9:00pm by Dick Heidecker-2<sup>nd</sup>. Patty Brubaker-motion carried

NO meeting in August-FAIR 22<sup>nd</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>—Sept.15, 2011 meeting at Pittsfield Twp

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Rob Scheithauer-President

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Jean Haight-Secretary