

The first quarterly meeting of 2019 of the Williams County Township Association was held on February 21st, 2019 at the Center Township Hall on County Road 12, Bryan, Ohio. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Short, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chrystal Maneval, Fiscal Officer of Brady Township completed the attendance with twelve (12) members present. Guests present were Steven Towns, Williams County Sheriff; Dawn Baldwin, Williams County EMA Director; Brad Price of the Williams County Health Dept.; and special guest Tim Suter, Regional Consultant from FirstEnergy .

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 15th meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Chrystal Maneval made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Rod Baker seconded the motion. The motion passed.

President Short presented the Treasurers report. Willie Grime made a motion to accept the Treasurer's report and Dan Gillen seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Todd Roth, Williams County Engineer, who was coming home from a meeting in Columbus did share with President Short that it has been a good year with the County's chip & seal program and getting better doing 45 miles last year. He will see if he can help with some township work, he used natural stone and they figured out the emulsion. They plan three projects a year on bridge replacement, culvert replacement and policy. He is offering to each township that if they would buy the pipe, the county will install. It used to depend on the size of the pipe, no more, the county is providing the labor and equipment to install.

Sheriff Steven Towns is just back from Columbus and regrets missing our annual banquet. Sheriff Towns spoke about the scale team that the focus is on safety and the concern is the turnpike as the fatality rate was bad last year. Asking to report if anyone would see an issue to the Sheriff's office. Also the Sheriff has a drone to assist, they easily found 14 marijuana plants last year. With Lucas County probably getting a new jail it could open beds. The drug issues are the same people over and over and from all sheriff's it's the worst problem. A local problem he hears about is the signage at Menards, locals do not know where to go and GPS does not work well. Sheriff has redone and improved 'Williams County Sheriff.com' a tip line that is getting results.

Dawn Baldwin of EMA thanks all for help with the mitigation plan, wanting all townships covered plus she has that book on the plan to share if it was not picked up before. Dawn said that her office provided warming stations set up when the electricity was out in our County.

Brad Price of the Williams County Health Dept. had a lot to say, they are getting ready to start their 5 zone plan on septic systems. There are 3 main reasons for this plan: your system is a nuisance, it has to be replaced, second you need a \$50.00 permit and third maintenance. Before you buy a house the septic system needs to be inspected, the permit is transferred with the property. And you can call to ask if you could get help to replace a septic system.

Gary Keys retired to a warm and sunny place and so his replacement is Tim Suter the new regional consultant from FirstEnergy, he handed out his card and his email is sutert@firstenergycorp.com. He talked about the recent storm

outages, helicopters doing inspections finding hot spots, streetlights within 3 to 5 years will be forced to LED lights with the focus down not out for lighting. Tim said he is ready to work with our townships.

Bob Short and Todd Burkholder talked about the Winter Conference in Columbus, noting changes taking place, such as Matt DeTemple our new OTA Executive Director, Heidi Fought taking his place and Marissa Lautzenheiser moving up to replace Heidi, gas tax, Bob has info on Cary Precast to help with getting a salt shed.

Next meeting we sort of invited our selves to hold the meeting as the Williams County Sheriff's office and to tour of 9-1-1 to be held on May 16th at 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business from the floor. Steve Planson made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Mike Elser seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted

Connie Simmons

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