

WCTA Meeting Minutes
August 15, 2019

The third quarterly meeting of 2019 of the Williams County Township Association was held at the Williams County Engineer's location on Co. Rd. G, Bryan, Ohio on August 15th, 2019.

The business meeting was called to order by Bob Short. The meeting was then started with Bob Short leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary- Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with fifteen (15) members present. Guests present were Jim Hoops, Ohio State Representative; Terry Rummel, Williams County Commissioner; Steve Towns, Williams County Sheriff; Tim Lynch, OTA First Vice President; Bob Trowbridge, OTA Board of Directors; Dawn Baldwin, EMA Director; Tim Suter, Toledo Edison and Jim Watkins, Williams County Health Department.

Bob Short stated that the minutes had been posted to the Williams County Engineer's website. Chris Maneval made a motion to approve the minutes as presented. Connie Simmons seconded the motion. Motion carried.

President Short called for the Treasurer's report. Barnes reported there was a balance of \$ 1,626.64 in the checking account. The expenditures were \$2,090.00 for membership remitted to Ohio Township Association. There were receipts of \$2,364.00 which was membership dues that were collected. Tom Worthington then made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. Rod Baker seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Jim Hoops, State Representative gave a report. He talked about the Michindoh Aquifer and the provisions that were included in the state budget. \$500,000 was designated to purchase equipment needed to study and oversee the underground water resource. Further, he reported that oversight of underground water was assigned to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. He also noted the increase in the gas tax that would help with roads and the increase in Local Government funds that had been cut with the previous administration.

Tim Lynch with the Ohio Township Association spoke next. He discussed the Ohio Township Association Winter Conference that will be held February 5th through the 8th, 2020. He told those in attendance that any ideas for sessions could be sent to him. He also noted that Bob Trowbridge was up for re-election for OTA board of directors. Lastly he stated that OTARMA had \$500 grants available to townships for safety and that could include registrations to the OTA Winter Conference.

Tim Suter with Toledo Edison spoke next. There was discussion of the nuclear power plants and legislation concerning those. Legislation has been passed, however, there may be steps taken to attempt to undo. There was also discussion on smart meters to be implemented in the next 3 years and the changing to LED lights.

Dawn Baldwin then talked about the changes that will be needed for the radios before 2021. There was discussion on the Marx System, which the state would own and be overseen by ODNR and ODOT. There will still be a need for a radio system for dispatching.

Terry Rummel with the commissioners office further discussed water monitoring and the attempt by CELDF to form a County Alliance. At this time the ballot will not have a vote concerning a County Alliance. The petition was rejected by the Board of Elections.

Jim Watkins then noted the Williams County Health Department was celebrating 100 years and that an open house was being held on the 20th of August. He encouraged those present to attend. There was also some discussion on septics and the problems they had encountered with mailing notices.

Steve Towns, Williams County Sheriff, reported next. He stated that Williams County Has had several drug related incidents lately. He also commented about the Citizens Alliance and the upcoming radio issues.

Bob Short then thanked Todd Roth for hosting the meeting. Todd then talked about design and or construction projects for next year. The department is willing to supply labor with townships providing materials. There was also discussion on bid paving and or marking.

It was noted that the County Township Association would be having a booth at the Williams County Fair. The location will be moved to under the grand stand. Center Township is to check with Jim Davis on donation of the flag.

There was then a brief discussion on the November Township Banquet. It will again be held at the Saint Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton on November 21st 2019. The cost will be \$15 per ticket.

Bob Short then thanked everyone for coming.

Tim Nofziger then made a motion that the meeting be adjourned. Mike Elser seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy J. Barnes