

WCTA Meeting Minutes
November 16, 2017

The fourth quarterly meeting of 2017 of the Williams County Township Association was held at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Edgerton, Ohio. It was the annual meeting and banquet. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Short. Bob welcomed everyone and the pledge of allegiance was recited.

Those in attendance enjoyed a delicious meal prepared by the Ladies of the Rosary Alter Society.

The first speaker was Mike Fitsch, P.E. Program Manager with the Local Technical Assistance Program (LTPA). He presented information on the background of LTPA and stated that it is co-funded by the ODOT and FHWA since 1986. He talked about the various presentations that are available. He also encouraged anyone not receiving the quarterly newsletter, to join the LTPA email list. The presentation was informative.

Travis Thompson with the Ohio Plan then gave a presentation. The first topic concerned the new marijuana laws and the impact on townships. He talked about downtown Toledo, and protest Tuesday. There is usually a group that gathers with signs supporting the legalizing of marijuana. Employers do not need to allow marijuana as it affects judgment. He talked of drug testing after any incidents. Next, Travis talked about the conceal carry laws. The discussion concerned those individuals that do have a CCW and would want to carry in a township vehicle. As the weapon would need to be secured anytime a worker left the vehicle, it is not possible to allow the weapon to be carried.

Entertainment was provided by Montpelier Locomotion, directed by Chelsea Green. The performance included contemporary selections and Christmas selections.

Bob Short introduced local officials and vendors that were in attendance. Those recognized were; Kathy Shaver District Representative with Congressman Latta's Office, Williams County Commissioners Leu Hilkert and Brian Davis, Williams County Engineer Todd Roth, Bob Trowbridge, OTA Board of Directors, and RJ Lumbrezer, OTA Board of Directors. Also in attendance was Gary Keye from Toledo Edison, Don Fritch and Bill Roth from Red Line Equity Company, Conrad Beck from Beck Insurance, and Vicki Ernst, and Ginny Ganster of Ernst Paving.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with twenty-nine (29) members present.

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 17th, 2017 meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Rusty Goebel made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Hugh Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried.

The treasurer's report was then read by Nancy Barnes. Chris Maneval made a motion to approve the report as presented. Tod Schlachter seconded the motion. The motion carried.

Bert Brown gave a report on the revolving loan fund through Maumee Valley Planning Commission. He reported that nothing was new and jobs were being created. He also reported that all was good with WEDCO. Hugh Perry reported also, it was good with the 911 committee.

There was then a report on Maumee Valley Planning. Hugh Perry made a motion to appoint Tod Schlachter as a representative to the Maumee Valley Planning Board. Terry Witte seconded the motion and the motion carried.

Burt also reported that the County Township Association spent \$300.00 at the Williams County Fair Jr. Livestock Auction, he further reported that the support was appreciated.

Bob Short reported that the winner of the US flag from the Williams County Fair was Rex Ridgeway. Rex Ridgeway has been on the fair board for 31 years. Bob Short reported that Jim Davis, Center Township Fiscal Officer, donated the flag for the drawing at the Williams County Fair. Bob thanked Mr. Davis for his long time support of the flag drawing.

Election of officers was the next item of business. Rusty Goebel made a motion to nominate Bob Short as President. Connie Simmons seconded the motion. Motion carried. Hugh Perry moved to close the nominations. Rusty Goebel seconded the motion. The motion carried. Burt Brown then made a motion to nominate Tom Worthington as Vice President. Connie Simmons seconded the motion. Tim Nofziger made a motion to close the nominations. Nominations were unanimously closed. Burt Brown then made a motion to nominate Nancy Barnes as secretary/treasurer. Hugh Perry seconded the motion. Tim Nofziger moved to close the nominations. The motion carried. Tom Worthington made a motion to nominate Jeff Burkholder as executive committeeman. Burt Brown seconded the motion. The motion carried. There were no additional nominations from the floor for any position.

Bob Short then stated that Williams County has 100% membership with the State Association and complimented the townships for that accomplishment. Bob Short reminded those in attendance that the Ohio Township Winter Conference would be held February 1st, 2nd and 3rd in Columbus. He also recognized Steve Hayes, a long time trustee from Bridgewater had passed away in 2017.

Brady Township volunteered to publish the snow removal policy in the Bryan Times for all the townships.

Bob Short then talked about the scholarships that are available through the OTA. He noted that the application for the Ohio Township Association Scholarship is posted on the Williams County Engineer's website, under the Townships tab. Those eligible were encouraged to apply.

Door prizes for townships were drawn next. There was a \$250.00 certificate from Selking International Trucks, good for labor services. That was won by Pulaske Township. Ernst Asphalt donated two \$500.00 gift certificates. One certificate went to Millcreek Township and one to Florence Township. Door prizes for attendees had been drawn and were to be picked up from the tables.

Jeff Burkholder stated that Center Township would host the February 15th, 2018 meeting at the Center Township building on Co. Rd. 12, at 7:00 P.M.

President Short thanked the Executive Board for their hard work over the last year, and then thanked everyone for coming.

There being no further business from the floor, Tom Worthington made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Jeff Burkholder seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy J. Barnes

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