

WCTA Meeting Minutes
November 19, 2015

The fourth quarterly meeting of 2015 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.

After a delicious meal prepared by the Ladies of the Rosary Alter Society, entertainment was provided by Bryan High School Light Shine Singers, directed by Ben Lupo. The performance was selections from the choir's concert program and Christmas carols.

Keynote guest speaker was Adam Greenslade, Director of Government Affairs, Communications, and Marketing for the Ohio Turnpike and Infrastructure Commission. Mr. Greenslade gave a history of the turnpike, which is celebrating its 60th anniversary this year. He also gave an outlook of infrastructure improvements planned for the future. They plan 125.3 million dollars in improvements this year, with 1.5 billion in improvements over the next 35 years.

Bob Short introduced local officials and vendors that were in attendance. Those recognized were; Tim Lynch, 2nd Vice President of The Ohio Township Association, Stan Strausbaugh, District Representative with Congressman Latta's Office, Williams County Commissioners Brian Davis, and Lew Hilkert, Williams County Engineer Todd Roth, Williams County Sheriff Steve Towns, Williams County EMA Director Dawn Baldwin, Williams County Prosecutor Katie Zartman, Assistant Prosecutor Rachel Sostoi, and Williams County Clerk of Courts Kim Herman. Also in attendance were Terry Rummel and Scott Lirot, candidates for Williams County Commissioner in 2016, Reverend Dan Vanarsdalen, Alvordton and Kunkle United Brethren Churches, Ron Osborne, Reporter for The Bryan Times, and vendors Vicki Ernst, and Ginny and David Ganster of Ernst Paving, Bill Roth and Jake Doehrman of Archbold Equipment Co., and Lee Zigler of Estel Chevrolet.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with thirty-three (33) members present.

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August 13th, 2015 meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented for August 13, 2015. Tom Gerig made a motion to accept the minutes as presented. Steve Planson seconded the motion. The motion carried.

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

Bert Brown gave a report on the revolving loan fund through Maumee Valley Planning Commission. He reported that the Menards project was almost complete. He also said the fund was being used for part of the Village of Pioneer expansion, Fluid Handling Dynamics, Bryan, OH and Montpelier Village was using Community Development Building Grant funds for help with the wastewater project.

Dawn Baldwin, County EMA Director, gave a report for the 911 Committee. She wanted to thank the townships for their participation in Alert 86. She reported it is operating well.

Bob Short reported that Jim Davis, Center Township Fiscal Officer, donated the flag for the drawing at the Williams County Fair. The flag was won by Tammy Abrams of Montpelier, Ohio. Bob thanked Mr. Davis for his long time support of the flag drawing.

Burt Brown reported that the County Township Association spent \$250.00 at the Williams County Fair Jr. Livestock Auction. Thank you notes were available to look over, received from children that had benefitted.

Election of officers was the next item of business. Hugh Perry made a motion to nominate Bob Short as President. Claron Krill seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rusty Goebel moved to close the nominations. Steve Planson seconded the motion. The motion carried. Jeff Burkholder then made a motion to nominate Tom Gerig as Vice President. Hugh Perry seconded the motion. Motion carried. Rusty Goebel moved to close the nominations. Richard Moffet seconded the motion. The motion carried. Steve Planson then made a motion to nominate Nancy Barnes as secretary/treasurer. Chris Maneval seconded the motion. Bert Brown moved to close the nominations. Tom Worthington seconded the motion. The motion carried. Tom Gerig then made a motion to nominate Jeff Burkholder as executive committeeman Hugh Perry seconded the motion. The motion carried. Garry Oberlin moved to close the nominations. Claron Krill seconded the motion. The motion carried. There were no additional nominations from the floor for any position.

Bob Short then stated that a representative from the townships was needed for the Solid Waste District Board. He then moved to nominate Tom Worthington as the representative. Tom Gerig seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Jeff Burkholder talked about the Ohio Township Association winter meeting to be held in Columbus on January 27th through the 30st. Trustees and Fiscal Officers were encouraged to attend. Jeff stated information would be in the next issue of the Ohio Township Association magazine. Jeff 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. There are three \$500.00 scholarships to be awarded. Jeff reminded everyone that the minutes of past meetings, and notices of upcoming meetings are also on the County Engineers website under the Townships tab.

Bob Short then stated that Williams County has 100% membership with the State Association and complimented the townships for that accomplishment.

Connie Simmons then reminded those present that the Bryan Times was now putting snow policies in the legal notices. There was discussion of all the townships posting one notice and rotating the townships to post on a yearly basis. It was noted that Springfield Township posted the notice for the townships last year. Jefferson Township volunteered to do the snowplow policy for the 2015 - 2016 season.

Jeff Burkholder stated that Center Township would host the February 18th, 2016 meeting at the Center Township building on Co. Rd. 12, at 7:00 P.M.

Larry Martin, former Jefferson Township Trustee, was remembered in memoriam.

Steve Stamper, and Garry Oberlin were recognized for their service to the Townships. This will be their last meeting as representatives.

Door prizes for townships were drawn next. There were two, \$250.00 certificates from Selking International Trucks, good for labor services. Ernst Asphalt donated two \$500.00 gift certificates. Beck Insurance donated a \$100 gift certificate.

Door prizes for attendees were then drawn.

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, Hugh Perry made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Rusty Goebel seconded the motion. Motion passed and the meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy J. Barnes