

WCTA Meeting Minutes
February 19th, 2015

The first quarterly meeting of 2015 of the Williams County Township Association was held on February 19th, 2015, at the Center Township building on County Road 12, Bryan, OH. The meeting was called to order by President Bob Short, leading those present in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Secretary-Treasurer Nancy Barnes completed the attendance with eleven (11) members present. Guests present were Brad Price, Director of Environmental Health, Williams County Health Department; Todd Roth, Williams County Engineer; and Steve Towns, Williams County Sheriff.

President Short asked if there were any additions or corrections to the November 20th, 2014 meeting minutes. He then asked for a motion to accept the minutes as presented for November 20th, 2014. Tom Gearig made a motion to accept the minutes as written. Steve Stamper seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Brad Price presented information on the 2015 household sewage treatment rules. January 1, 2015, new rules became effective. He stated per 2015 rules, they would focus on repair over replacement. For all systems installed prior to January 2015, they will be approved unless they create a nuisance. There is more emphasis on the siting and design of the sewage system. Management and system owner education is a major component of the new law. All systems installed going forward will need a permit at a cost of \$75.00. The operations permit will be renewable every 5 years at a cost of \$50.00. The health department will be holding educational meetings around the county to reach as many people as possible. The permit fees will stay local and there will be a revolving loan fund for hardship cases.

Todd Roth reported that he had 8 out of 12 mileage certificates returned from the townships. He would like to have them completed by the end of February. Next Todd stated that Strauser Construction would be having a program at the east annex on March 2nd and extended an invitation to anyone interested in attending. Further he reported that a bridge on Co. Rd. D was out for bid. Also some street repair in Norlick. Chip and seal is to be finalized on February 20th. They will be using #8 and #9 stone and not slag. They still have the machine and material and will be doing crack seal this spring. There are currently 8 bridges that need work.

The engineer's office does plan to apply for Turnpike mitigation funds for projects close to the turnpike plazas. They will also be paving on Co. Rd. R close to S.R. 576 and on Co. Rd. C west of S.R. 191. They will also be applying for help with sewer replacement at Durham Estates. It is to be completed by 2017 per EPA mandates. Todd then reported that Will Allamong has quit and Todd is currently acting as operations supervisor.

Equipment with the engineer's office was discussed next. Todd stated a front end loader has been purchased and 2 trucks are on order. They have sold some equipment that is no longer being used. There was then discussion on the status of removing the dead trees. Todd said he hopes to get back to that project in March. They have purchased 2 chain

saws and plan on having 2 crews. Lastly Todd reported that Williams County will be borrowing chip and seal equipment from Henry County this summer and doing some of their own chip and seal.

Sheriff Towns had just returned from Columbus. The state sheriff's are saying it looks like legal recreational marijuana could be on the ballot this fall. Everyone across the state has a drug problem, and Williams County is very active in persuing offenders. Heroin and methamphetamine continue to be big problems. There were 58 meth labs last year that were active cooks.

Towns also reported a snowplow was put on the scale truck and it had been used mostly for EMS in snow emergencies. He also reported that he plans to use a community service trash pickup with inmates from CCNO.

The next topic discussed was the snow levels and the storms that have moved through the area recently. Level 3 was called on February 14th due to white out conditions. There was an issue getting the postal deliveries stopped, but they did get off the roads.

Lastly, there was discussion on CCNO and the possibility of Lucas County pulling out at some point. The former mayor was a big advocate for staying with CCNO and with the new administration, that could change.

Old business was called for next. Tom Gearig and Steve Stamper gave reports and positive comments from the breakout sessions at the OTA Winter Conference.

The next meeting will be held on May 21st, 2015, at 7:00 at the Northwest Township office.

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

Respectfully submitted.

Nancy J. Barnes