

**BUTLER COUNTY TOWNSHIP ASSOCIATION
MEETING MINUTES
WAYNE TOWNSHIP
JULY 14, 2011**

President Gary Salmon called the meeting to order at 7:45pm and Bill Kennel (Wayne Twp Trustee) introduced the other Wayne Township Trustees, Bob Hoelle, Tim Taylor, and Fiscal Officer Marie Graham.

Paul Gillespie announced the winners of the 4-H scholarships, and Washington DC Focus Trip. The scholarship winners received their award.

Upon motion by Alan Daniel (Madison Twp) and seconded by Dennis Conrad (Reily Twp) a motion was made to approve the minutes of the March 10, 2011 meeting. The motion was approved.

Judy Huffman gave the following financial report: \$47,846.74 is on deposit in the Association's checking account. A CD was placed into the account. The CD was for \$38,441.25.

The Association was informed that since the last meeting membership has increased by three Associate Members.

Upon motion by Christine Maticic (Liberty Twp) and seconded by Tom Willsey (Ross Twp) a motion was made to approve the financial report. The motion passed.

Representative Courtney Combs of the 54th District reported that the Estate Tax will expire in 2013, the budget has passed with no tax increases and a repeal of the tangible personal property tax, and that the Department of Development has been much improved and will be better able to help business.

Representative Tim Derickson of the 53rd District reported that a pension bill is in the works but is currently stalled at the statehouse. He also noted that businesses are investigating relocating to the area.

Butler County Commissioner Charles Furmon said that the County will be losing 2 million dollars from the Local Government Fund due to the new budget. Sales tax receipts are up, but not enough to cover the shortfall.

County Recorder Danny Crank stated that 21% of recordings are now done electronically.

Matt Franke of the Sheriff's Office stated that there are only 572 days left before the government narrow bands go into effect. There are still many wide band licenses that will be canceled at that time.

Greg Wilkins said that many local officials will be meeting on July 20 to discuss problems with the railroad. Also, on Eaton Rd, South of Taylor School, there will be six test sites for different methods of pavement repair.

EMA director Jeff Galloway stated that there is a July 26 meeting to discuss purchasing used sirens from Hamilton County. Any interested Twp should contact him with interest in purchasing a unit.

Thomas Willsey reported that OTA regular summer session and zoning session are approaching. Also, the last NaTAT is Sept 6-8.

OKI representative Christine Maticic reported that the Freight Study will be voted on in August at OKI. A draft copy can be found on the OKI website. OKI is trying to improve in situations in the County by decreasing bottlenecks, etc.

Fred Stitsinger reported that the Golf Outing will be held on July 29, 2011. The Outing is in need of more sponsors.

President Salmon turned the meeting over to Christa Criddle, SW Ohio Regional Liaison for the State Auditor.

There being no further business to come before the association, Christine Maticic (Liberty Twp) made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Ray Wurzelbacher (Ross Twp).

The motion carried.

The next meeting will be held September 8, 2011 and will be hosted by West Chester Township.

Attendance:

Members - 24

Associates - 14

Guests - 10