



**COALITION of LARGE OHIO URBAN TOWNSHIPS**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**

**Monday, July 10, 2023**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

- I. Welcome - Chair Tiffany called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m. The following members were in attendance in-person: Barry Tiffany (Southwest), Andy Rose (East), Jamie Fisher (Central), and Paul Wise (Central). The following members were in attendance virtually: Gary Boyle (Northwest), Jeff Ferrell (Northwest), Oliver Turner (Northwest), Jeffery Markley (East), Brook Harless (East), and Shannon Hartkemeyer (Southwest). A quorum was present. OTA staff member Kyle A. Brooks was also present.
- II. Old Business
  - A. Approval of Minutes - **Wise moved, seconded by Markley, to approve the minutes of the April 25, 2023, meeting. Without objection, motion carried.**
  - B. Membership Update - Chair Tiffany asked for an update on CLOUT membership. He specifically asked why Auburn Township (Geauga Co.) and Colerain Township (Hamilton Co.) were not members. Markley stated Auburn does not have the budget to become a member. Sieve stated she would contact Colerain. Chair Tiffany asked for the committee to review the current CLOUT bylaws so that discussion on updating the document can take place at the next meeting.
  - C. Financials - Brooks reported on the current financial situation of the Committee. Brooks provided the Committee with a document titled "CLOUT Budget". He noted CLOUT is financially healthy and has accumulated a relatively large sum of money. Chair Tiffany asked the committee for ideas to benefit the membership. Discussion followed however no vote was taken.
  - D. Review of Amicus Curiae Briefs - Chair Tiffany noted the Brian Ames decision would affect all CLOUT townships. Harless stated Plain Township paid a fine of \$500 to Ames.
- III. New Business
  - A. Legislative Update - Brooks provided the Committee with a legislative status sheet of bills pending before the General Assembly that have or may have an impact on townships. Specifically, he reviewed the following bills: HB 101 (Village Dissolution), HB 33 (State Operating Budget), SB 53, (Police Officer Age), SB 119 (Solid Waste), and Township Omnibus. With respect to HB 101, Rose asked why a township is not making all the decisions for a dissolved village. Chair Tiffany questioned if the leftover funds should go into the specific funds they were originally levied for in the dissolved village. Chair Tiffany stated Representative Sean Brennan may sponsor one of CLOUT's legislative priorities pertaining to school resource officers. Wise stated he is working on a legal opinion for a potential revenue source through fee collection with food trucks.
- IV. Items for the Good of the Organization - Chair Tiffany stated he received a question if any township has worked with a liquor permit attorney.
- V. Next Meeting Date: Monday, October 16 at 10:30 a.m.
- VI. Adjournment - **With no further business, Wise moved, seconded by Rose, to adjourn the meeting at 12:46 p.m.**