



**COALITION of LARGE OHIO URBAN TOWNSHIPS**  
**Executive Committee Meeting**  
**Tuesday, April 25, 2023**  
**10:30 am**

**MINUTES**

- I. Welcome - Chair Tiffany called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. The following members were in attendance in-person: Barry Tiffany (Southwest), Andy Rose (East), Rozland McKee (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), Shannon Hartkemeyer (Southwest), and Dee Stone (Southwest). A quorum was present. OTA staff members present included Heidi M. Fought and Kyle A. Brooks.
- II. Old Business
- A. Approval of minutes - **Harless moved, seconded by Rose, to approve the minutes of the January 26, 2023, meeting. Without objection, motion carried.**
  - B. Membership Update – Chair Tiffany reported that there are 63 paid CLOUT members as of the meeting. He encouraged the Executive Committee members to think about ideas on how to market CLOUT membership to other townships. He specifically asked why Harrison Township was not a member of CLOUT.
  - C. Financials - Fought reported on the current financials of the Committee. Fought provided the Committee with a document titled “CLOUT Budget”. She noted CLOUT is financially healthy.
  - D. Review of Amicus Curiae Briefs - Fought reported no new information since the OTA winter conference. Rose asked if there were any briefs the Executive Committee was aware of coming up. Chair Tiffany reported on *Stafford v Sugarcreek Township et al.* pertaining to false arrest, aggravated menacing with a firearm, and due process.
- 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 1 (Tax System rewrite), HB 23 (Transportation Budget), and HB 33 (State Operating Budget). Chair Tiffany asked the Committee to consider supporting Representative Sean Brennan’s suicide prevention legislation, for insurance to cover child mental health care and to add the bill to the CLOUT Legislative Priorities. Wise stated he would agree to support but not add to priorities.
  - B. CLOUT Engagement - The Committee discussed holding regional meetings again in 2023. Additionally, the Committee discussed recruiting additional CLOUT members and suggested researching with county auditors the budgets of townships.
  - C. 2023 OTA Conference Activities Recap - Chair Tiffany asked the Committee for feedback on CLOUT’s activities at the 2023 Winter Conference. There was discussion on the benefit to holding the legislative breakfast on Wednesday. Hartkemeyer commented that she prefers an afternoon reception to breakfast. The Committee discussed what the overall goal of the legislative breakfast is and possible alternatives.

- IV. Items for the Good of the Organization - Fought asked Hartkemeyer for an update on firefighter training education. Hartkemeyer stated she intended to write a letter to Butler Tech to increase the funding for the firefighter training program.
- V. Next Meeting Date: Monday, July 10 at 10:30 am
- VI. Adjournment - **With no further business, Rose moved, seconded by Wise, to adjourn the meeting at 12:50 p.m.**