



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

**Monday, July 22, 2024
10:30 a.m.**

MINUTES

- I. Welcome - Chair Tiffany called the meeting to order at 10:41 a.m. were in attendance in-person: Barry Tiffany (Southwest), Andy Rose (East) Michael Vaccaro (East), Cheryl Sieve (Southwest), Dee Stone (Southwest), and Paul Wise (Central). The following members were in attendance virtually: Brook Harless (East), Shannon Hartkemeyer (Southwest), and Oliver Turner (Northwest). A quorum was present. OTA staff members present included Heidi M. Fought and Kyle A. Brooks.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Approval of July 22, 2024 Minutes - **Rose moved, seconded by Wise, to approve the minutes.** Without objection, **motion carried.**
 - B. Membership Update - Chair Tiffany reported that there were 64 townships that joined as members of CLOUT. A discussion was held on how census data tracks population of townships. Chair Tiffany stated he will look at county auditor websites for township budgets for member marketing purposes.
 - C. Financial Update - Chair Tiffany reported that the CLOUT fund balance, as of July, is \$138,401.71. Rose asked the committee if any amicus briefs were coming up for budget purposes, to which Fought stated there were not.
- III. Legislative - Brooks provided a legislative update. The Committee members received a legislative status sheet. Items discussed were HB 315 Township Omnibus, HB 491 Government Expenditure Database and 136th legislative priorities. Sieve asked if the adult-use cannabis law would be changed this year, to which Brooks responded that anything could happen in lame duck session but at this time there is not enough support in the House to alter the voter-passed initiative.
- IV. Items for the Good of the Organization - The Committee discussed ending the traditional CLOUT Legislative Breakfast Reception, which is held in odd numbered years during the Ohio Township Association's annual conference. The Committee discussed replacing it with a Legislative Reception in the spring of 2025. Stone asked if CLOUT could produce an event for members like what was done for the Executive Committee earlier in the spring. The Committee discussed holding such an event at the Ohio Statehouse on a Wednesday in April or early May. Chair Tiffany asked the approximate cost to hold a legislation reception. Fought stated the 2024 OTA Legislative Reception cost approximately \$20,000. The Committee recommended CLOUT hold a CLOUT Legislative Day at the Statehouse for all CLOUT members. Chair Tiffany asked Committee members if any of their townships have moved to a ".gov" website. He stated the State may force all local governments to move to the ".gov" in the future which includes key fobs, and two-factor

authentication, which is expensive. Chair Tiffany also stated UAN does not backup any data and the township would have to manually backup the data if moved to a “.gov.” Next the Committee discussed CLOUT’s financial participation at the OTA annual conference. Following discussion, **Wise moved, seconded by Stone, to sponsor the 2025 OTA conference app at a cost of \$5,000 which includes a booth in the trade show, and purchase CLOUT promotional banners that will be used in the booth. Motion carried.** The Committee then discussed CLOUT By-Laws and whether any changes should be brought to the membership at 2025 annual meeting.

V. Next Meeting: The next CLOUT Executive Committee meeting will be held on October 28, at the OTA Office.

VI. Adjournment - With no further business, **Rose moved, seconded by Wise** to adjourn the meeting at 1:13. **Motion carried.**