



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

**Monday, October 28, 2024  
10:30 a.m.**

**MINUTES**

- I. Welcome - Chair Tiffany called the meeting to order at 10:36 a.m. In attendance in-person were: Barry Tiffany (Southwest), Andy Rose (East) Michael Vaccaro (East), Rozland McKee (Central), Jamie Fisher (Central), and Paul Wise (Central). The following members were in attendance virtually: Brook Harless (East), Shannon Hartkemeyer (Southwest), Dee Stone (Southwest), Gary Boyle (Northwest), 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 Vaccaro, to approve the minutes.** Without objection, **motion carried.**
  
  - B. Membership Update - Chair Tiffany reported that there were 65 townships that joined as members of CLOUT. Chair Tiffany distributed a list of potential townships that meet the requirements to join CLOUT. A discussion was held on lowering the population and budget requirements. Stone asked if CLOUT needs additional members. **Vaccaro moved, seconded by Wise to keep the membership requirements the same.** Without objection, **motion carried.**
  
  - C. Financial Update - Chair Tiffany reported that CLOUT was in good financial standing.
  
- III. New Business
  - A. Legislative Update - Brooks provided a legislative update. The Committee members received a legislative status sheet. Items discussed were HB 315 Township Omnibus, and HB 491 Government Expenditure Database. Discussion was held on the CLOUT 136<sup>th</sup> legislative priorities. Specifically, the committee discussed removing the “township court priority” and keeping the “discharge of firearms” priority. **Rose moved, seconded by Harless, to approve the 136<sup>th</sup> CLOUT Legislative Priorities with deletions and pending HB 315 approval.** Without objection, **motion carried.**
  
  - B. Amicus Briefs – Rose notified the committee of a lawsuit Concord Township is a part of and asked for CLOUT’s consideration of filing an Amicus Brief. After discussion, a decision was made to wait to see if the case is remanded back to the lower court.
  
  - C. OTA Winter Conference – The Committee discussed logistics for the OTA Winter Conference, including sponsoring the conference app, staffing a booth in the Trade Show, trinkets to hand out, and handouts. Fought stated that the OTA staff can

research trinket items and provide suggestions. **Fisher moved, seconded by Rose, to approve a budget for giveaway items not to exceed \$10,000.** Without objection, **motion carried.** The committee then discussed purchasing CLOUT lapel pins for CLOUT members to wear at the OTA Winter Conference. Chair Tiffany suggested black pins, with red letters. **Rose moved, seconded by Harless, to purchase 1000 units at a cost not to exceed \$5,000.** Without objection, **motion carried.**

- IV. Items for the Good of the Organization – Rose asked CLOUT would consider asking the OTA to conduct a township administrator pay survey across the state. Fought stated that would be a question to ask the OTA Service Corporation in 2025.
- V. Next Meeting: The next CLOUT meeting will be the Annual Meeting at the OTA Winter Conference on January 30, 2025. The next Executive Committee meeting will be held in the spring of 2026.
- VI. Adjournment - With no further business, **Rose moved, seconded by Vaccaro** to adjourn the meeting at 1:12. **Motion carried.**