



## COALITION of LARGE OHIO URBAN TOWNSHIPS

### Executive Committee Meeting

Monday, March 26, 2018

#### MINUTES

- I. Welcome - Fought called the meeting to order at 10:37 a.m.
- II. Introduction of Members - The following members were in attendance: Tom Costello (East), John Crandall (Northwest), Jeff Ferrell (Northwest), Andy Glenn (Northwest), Helen Humphrys (East), Christine Matacic (Southwest), Karl Schultz (Southwest), Cheryl Sieve (Southwest), Barry Tiffany (Southwest) and Mike Vaccaro (East). OTA staff members present include Matthew J. DeTemple and Heidi M. Fought.
- III. Election of CLOUT Chair and Vice Chair - Fought opened the floor for nominations for Executive Committee Chair. **Humphrys nominated Matacic for Chair and Hatmaker for Vice Chair, seconded by Tiffany.** With no further nominations, **Schultz moved to close the nominations, seconded by Crandall. Without objection, motion carried.** By a vote of 10-0, **Matacic was elected as Executive Committee Chair and Hatmaker was elected as Vice Chair.** Fought turned the meeting over to Matacic.
- IV. Old Business
  - A. Approval of October 30, 2017 Minutes - **Schultz moved, seconded by Costello, to approve the minutes from the October 30, 2017 meeting.** Without objection, **motion carried.**
  - B. CLOUT Membership Update - Fought informed the Committee that there are 55 paid members for 2018 for a total of \$11,000 in dues. This is an increase of four townships from 2017.
  - C. Review of Legislation Pending 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly - Fought provided the Committee with a legislative status sheet of bills pending before the General Assembly that have an impact on townships. Specifically, she reviewed the following bills: HB 175 (Small Livestock); HB 500 (Township Omnibus); HB 571 (Hotel Lodging Taxes); and SB 43 (Building Codes). With respect to HB 500, it was noted that via email, the CLOUT Executive Committee unanimously voted to provide written testimony in support of the legislation. Tiffany inquired about the status of HB 544 (School Safety) and if the legislation could be amended to permit a township to place a levy on the ballot for a school resources officers provided by a township police department.
  - D. Amicus Briefs Update - DeTemple provided an update on two cases in which CLOUT has filed an amicus brief. The first case, *Joanne Moore vs. City of Cleveland*, deals with immunity for an employee of a political subdivision who engages in wanton or reckless conduct in connection with a governmental or proprietary function. DeTemple reported that the Ohio Supreme Court did not accept the case and a motion for reconsideration was denied. The case now heads back to the lower court to determine if the detective acted reckless. The second case is *Pelletier v. Campbell*, a woman ran a stop sign, which she claims she did not see, and is suing the City of Campbell due to foliage covering the stop sign. The Supreme Court heard oral arguments on February 14 and a decision is forthcoming soon.
  - E. Cox Report Update - Fought stated that Cox is working on updating the report and is having a difficult time finding economic development data for townships. She requested Committee members send her explicit examples of economic development projects and any other data so that she can forward it on to Cox for analysis.

- V. New Business
- A. Bylaws Change Recommendation - Tiffany stated that the CLOUT Bylaws need revised regarding the selection of the CLOUT Chair and Vice Chair. He noted that the Bylaws, in Article VI, section 2, state, “Biennially, in even numbered years, the organizational meeting of the entire CLOUT members will occur at OTA’s Winter Conference. At such time, the new Executive Committee will be seated and officers will be elected by the Executive Committee.” Tiffany asked that the Bylaws be amended to reflect the practice of selecting Executive Committee members at the Conference but election of officers will take place “**at the first meeting of the Executive Committee following the Winter Conference.**” **Tiffany moved, seconded by Schultz, to recommend said change to the full CLOUT membership at the annual meeting during the 2019 OTA Winter Conference. Without objection, motion carried.** Fought will provide a mocked-up version the Bylaws at the next Committee meeting.
- B. US Postal Service Federal Legislation - Fought reported that H.R. 756 has been introduced in Congress and that there are five areas of the country that the USPS would be directed to make just one zip code. Fought spoke with Congressman Tim Ryan’s office, at the suggestion of Jackson Township (Stark Co.), about the bill and the possibility of including an amendment that would help CLOUT townships in Ohio. She also shared that the OTA staff would speak with members of the Ohio Congressional delegation about this issue when they travel to the NATaT Legislative Fly-in in May.
- C. Future Meeting Dates and Times for CLOUT Executive Committee - The Committee chose Wednesday, July 18 and Wednesday, October 3 for the remaining meetings of 2018. Both meetings will begin at 10:30 a.m. and will be held at the OTA office in Blacklick with members having the ability to call in or participate via the web.
- VI. Items for the Good of the Coalition
- A. Humphrey shared with the Committee that the Summit County Health District approached the townships about supporting a national effort to raise the age to buy tobacco from 18 to 21.
- B. Ferrell inquired if other townships have had issues with vacation home rentals.
- VII. Adjournment - **Tiffany moved, seconded by Vaccaro, to adjourn** the meeting at 12:50 p.m.