

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. at 12360 Market Avenue North, Hartsville, Ohio. The meeting was open to the public and streamed live via Facebook with the following members present:

Steve Miller, President  
John Arnold, Vice President  
Jeremy Yoder, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb	Daniel R. Kameron
Pam Bixler	Derek Shaffer
Sam Miller	Jeremy Guenther
Derek Hill	

Steve Miller called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Trustee Miller opened the bids received for **2 (Two) Switch-N-Go/Force America Hydraulic Hoist Systems** pursuant to Resolution No. 23-113, adopted March 27, 2023. Only 1 bid was received.

1) Fallsway Equipment Company	<u>\$103,638.00 each</u>
Total	\$207,276.00

- The Board asked the Road Superintendent to review the bid.

23-134 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the minutes of the April 10, 2023 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-135 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing payment and processing of payroll for April 28, 2023. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-136 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as April 24, 2023 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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23-137 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of April 24, 2023 in the amount of \$143,275.12, reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller      yes  
John Arnold      yes  
Jeremey Yoder    yes

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. FirstEnergy Corp. – FEC encourages customers to review options to help manage summer electric bills;
2. Landmark Dividend – interest in buying cell tower lease
3. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of contracts and amendments
4. Stark Economic Development Board, Inc. – weekly Ohio Report
5. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – May 9<sup>th</sup> meeting notice; copy of correspondence regarding *Flagstone Variance Request (approval & conditional approval)*; notice of Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals workshop
6. FEMA – public announcement notification – deadlines for all COVID-19 emergency declarations
7. Community University Education (CUE) – annual membership inquiry
8. Patrick Pyett – seeking signs for upcoming May 2<sup>nd</sup> ballot issues
9. Nick Teeple – complaint about the condition of Lake Avenue
10. NEFCO – April Board meeting agenda
11. Directing Administrator of the National Opioid Settlements – Ohio payment allocations
12. Carrie Maloy – questions about construction work at the end of Selby off of Billingham and dirt bikes up/down road
13. Office of Representative Emilia Sykes – notice of April 13<sup>th</sup> Open House
14. Amy Powers – questions regarding burning
15. Stark County Township Association – recap of April 20<sup>th</sup> monthly meeting

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Department**

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the Q1-2023 Incidents & Arrests Summary Report from the Uniontown Police Department.

**Road Department**

- None

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**Zoning Department**

- None

**Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office**

- The Board individually met with each of the Chiefs of the township's 3 fire departments earlier. The fire departments are requesting some of the township's ARPA funds. They invited a fire chief to speak on behalf of the departments regarding their request.

Derek Shaffer, Fire Chief Uniontown Fire Department, addressed the Board regarding the proposal to the township from the 3 Fire Chiefs. One of the things they have been battling with is employee retention. In the fire service fewer people are entering the field making it very competitive. They are having trouble retaining the people they have trained because they can't pay what the larger cities pay. They are trying to make it more attractive for trainees to stay on through a better compensation package. They are requesting additional funds for recruitment, retention, and training programs. A part time firefighter/paramedic makes approximately \$20.00/hr here in Lake Township, in Fairlawn that pay is around \$26.00/hr. The next fire levy is not for a few years. All three departments stated that 100% of the funds would be used directly toward benefits, retention or training of the firefighters. Trustee Arnold asked if the departments would be able to provide verification on how the funds are used. They replied they absolutely could.

Trustee Yoder explained that the township contracts with three private fire departments based off the levies that the taxpayer pay. There is \$2,334,000.00 in the ARPA funds that we must acknowledge how we are going to spend by the end of 2024. The departments are requesting about \$200,000.00 each.

Trustee Miller noted that during the early rounds of covid funds money was given to the departments for equipment and things like that. He does not have any issue giving them funds for personnel but would like to review their financial status for the last 3 years. He also stated that the next time the levy comes up it needs to be looked at a possible replacement levy, so they don't fall behind.

The Trustees stated they should have an answer for them in June. The Board thanks them and appreciates the great job they are doing, and they want to support them in anyway we can.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

23-138 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deeds:

- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section O, Lot 26, Grave 2
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section O, Lot 26, Grave 3
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section O, Lot 26, Grave 1
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section O, Lot 19, Grave 3
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section O, Lot 19, Grave 2
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section O, Lot 19, Grave 1
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section O, Lot 26, Grave 4
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 81, Grave 1

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-139 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023, request from the police department and authorizing an expenditure, in the amount of \$6,000.00, for the purchase of a law enforcement Drug Terminator burn barrel. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- Trustee Miller noted this service had been outsourced but is no longer available to us.
- Trustee Miller noted that he visited the evidence room with Chief Batchik, and it needs significant upgrades both in space and security. The next couple resolutions address this need.

23-140 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the April 20, 2023, Estimate No. Q2023-26-02 from Stark Development, and authorizing an expenditure, for the Police Department, in the amount of \$20,105.00 for the materials, labor and permits necessary for remodeling the evidence room at 1635 Edison Street NW as detailed in said quote. The Board acknowledges that the contractor is not responsible for unforeseen circumstances and that additional charges may apply. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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23-141 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the February 10, 2023, Quote No. 1103 from Media 144 Security Solutions and authorizing an expenditure, for the Police Department, in the amount of \$4,476.52 for the materials and labor necessary for the installation of an encrypted web-based door controller for the evidence room as detailed in said quote. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller      yes  
John Arnold        yes  
Jeremy Yoder      yes

23-142 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the 2023 Paving Plan as submitted and authorizing publication of notice for bids for the “2023 Paving Project”. Bids will be opened Monday, May 22, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. The notice for bids will be published in the Hartville News the week of May 4<sup>th</sup>, 2023, and posted on the Lake Township website at [www.laketwpstarkco.com/news](http://www.laketwpstarkco.com/news). The completion date for the project will be no later than October 6, 2023. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller      yes  
John Arnold        yes  
Jeremy Yoder      yes

23-143 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the April 10, 2023 Quote from Terry’s Truck & Trailer Equipment, and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$14,500.00 for the material, installation and fabrication of undercarriages for plow hitches on two (2) township-owned MACK MD7 Trucks previously authorized for purchase pursuant to Resolution Nos. 23-077 and 23-112. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller      yes  
John Arnold        yes  
Jeremy Yoder      yes

23-144 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the bid of Fallsway Equipment Company and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, for two (2) Switch-N-Go/Force America Hydraulic Hoist Systems at a cost of \$103,638.00 each for a total expenditure of \$207,276.00. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller      yes  
John Arnold        yes  
Jeremy Yoder      yes

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**MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS**

- None

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

23-145 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

**PUBLIC SPEAKS**

- None
- There will be no public speaks through the Facebook Live streaming; however, the Trustees still welcome your “public speaks” comments to be emailed to [info@laketwpstarkco.com](mailto:info@laketwpstarkco.com)

23-146 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 5:22 p.m. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

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