

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

John Arnold, President  
Steve Miller, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb	Paige Walters
Becky Oberg	Jeremy Guenther
Derek Shaffer	Ken Kerata

John Arnold called the regular meeting.

24-050 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the January 5, 2024, Regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-051 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for January 31, 2024. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-052 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for February 2, 2024. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-053 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as January 22, 2024 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-054 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of January 22, 2024 in the amount of \$256,534.35 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Steve Miller	yes

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Stark Economic Development Board – weekly legislative news
  2. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of contracts and amendments
  3. Matt Winarski – question about door to door soliciting in Lake Township
  4. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – copies of correspondence regarding Congress Lake Club Home Sites No. 5, The Farms at Enclave, Oldestone Crossing No. 3, and Forest Meadows No. 3
  5. U.S. Census Bureau – 2024 Boundary and Annexation Survey
  6. Robert Larkins – question about electric aggregation program
  7. FirstEnergy – invitation to commercial lighting program customer webinar
  8. NEFCO – meeting packet for January 17<sup>th</sup> “Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board”
  9. Recycled Concrete Products, Inc. – prices after February 1, 2024
  10. Stark County Engineer – 2023 Township Highway System Mileage Certification
  11. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – January 9<sup>th</sup> meeting information
  12. National Opioid Official Settlement – upcoming distribution notification
  13. MaryLou Muckleroy – question about property on Cain Street
  14. Mindi Wiseman – utilities aggregation programs
  15. Stark County Engineer’s Office – Stark County Salt Purchase Co-Op moving forward after 2023-2024 Season / Important Update
  16. LandSeason – inquiry about township owned land
  17. Stark County Township Association -- President’s Update
- Trustee Miller noted that the salt purchasing program that we are in may be discontinued so we will have to work through that.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Department**

- None

**Road Department**

- None

**Zoning Department**

- None

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**Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

24-055 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Fiscal Officer to release the bonds for following Road Open Permits:

- O-23-11 issued to Custom Utilicom Inc. for work performed for 2674 Shillingford Circle NW
- O-23-09 issued to Custom Utilicom Inc. for work performed on San Marino Avenue NW
- O-23-08 issued to Custom Utilicom Inc. for work performed on Peach Glen Avenue
- O-23-04 issued to Custom Utilicom Inc. for work performed on Meridian Circle

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-056 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permits:

- D-24-01: Dominion Energy, 12771 Kaufman Ave. (new short side service line)
- D-24-02: Dominion Energy 1924 Lake Center St. (new long side service line)

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Steve Miller	yes

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24-057 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the January 5, 2024, Quote No. 244400-01 from Ohio CAT and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$8,680.51 for the purchase of a CAT Model 926 3-yard loader bucket. Price reflects a Sourcewell discount of 17%. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold      yes  
Steve Miller      yes

- Trustee Arnold noted this will be used to Load Salt

24-058 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 2A, Lot 2, Grave 5

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold      yes  
Steve Miller      yes

24-059 A resolution was made by John Arnold reappointing Adam Karapandzich as a member of the Lake Township Board of Zoning Commission, which appointment shall commence January 28, 2024, and continue for a period of 5 years. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold      yes  
Steve Miller      yes

24-060 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the Ohio Department of Transportation 2023 annual Township Highway System Mileage Certification sheet indicating 142.583 miles of roadway. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold      yes  
Steve Miller      yes

24-061 Trustee Arnold motioned the following resolution:

**WHEREAS**, the Township has received a distribution of monies (the “ARPA Funds”) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and

**WHEREAS**, Congress passed the Act effective March 11, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, Section 603 created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, nonentitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19); and

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**WHEREAS**, Department of Treasury Final Rule, published on January 6, 2022, and effective April 1, 2022, provides in part that:

Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.” [The “standard allowance”].

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees has identified a project which, in the judgment of the Board, qualifies as a permitted use of the ARPA Funds, in direct support of governmental services, which consists of the following:

- **Accepting the January 5, 2024, Estimate from Robertson Concrete LLC and authorizing an expenditure, for the Lake Township Administrative Offices, in the amount of \$7,014.00 to concrete two (2) unfinished garage bays at 12360 Market Avenue, as detailed in said Estimate.**

(the “Project”).

**NOW THEREFORE**, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board that:

1. The Township elected to use the standard allowance by way of Resolution No.   22-138   and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund government services.
2. The “Project” is hereby authorized and shall be paid for from the ARPA Funds in an amount not to exceed:   \$7,014.00  .
3. The Project described herein serves the objectives of the Act by providing services traditionally provided by a government, namely:
  - ✓ **General government administration, staff, and administrative facilities**
4. Accordingly, the Project is in the best interests of the Township and is deemed a priority for the community.
5. No obligations paid under the authority of this Resolution were incurred prior to March 3, 2021.

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Steve Miller	yes

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24-062 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment in the amount of \$5,150.00 to Bio-Scene Recovery, Inc. for the cleanup of 3000 Raymond Street NW, Uniontown. Said cleanup was previously authorized and cost estimate was accepted pursuant to Resolution No. 23-373 adopted December 11, 2023. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- Trustee Miller noted this is the largest Nuisance Abatement we have done since he has been here.

### **MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS**

- Lake Township will be hosting the Stark County Township Association Meeting on February 15, 2024.

### **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

24-063 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Steve Miller	yes

### **PUBLIC SPEAKS**

*Paige Watters, Lake Township:* Ms. Walker introduced herself as a student at Central Catholic and was attending the meeting as part of her AP Government Class. The Board thanked her for attending.

- 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)

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24-064 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 5:13 p.m.

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold      yes

Steve Miller      yes

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Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

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John Arnold, President

-ABSENT-

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Jeremy Yoder, Vice President

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Steve Miller, Member

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