

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  
Jeremy Yoder, Vice President  
Steve Miller, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb	Pam Bixler
Becky Oberg	Jeremy Guenther
Mike Batchik	Kelli Viscounte

John Arnold called the regular meeting.

24-163 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the April 22, 2024, regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-164 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for May 24, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-165 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as May 13, 2024 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-166 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of May 13, 2024 in the amount of \$243,322.00 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Office of Congresswoman Emilia Sykes – seeking Lake Township elected officials contact information
2. Office of Ohio Secretary of State Frank LaRose – Ohio Municipal, Township and School Board Roster biennial update
3. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of new contracts and amendments for Cooperative Purchasing Program
4. Stark Economic Development Board, Inc. – weekly legislative news
5. Richland Acquisitions – interest in acquiring township owned property in Stark County
6. Skadden, Arps, Slate, Meagher & Flom LLP – US Bankruptcy Court in re ENDO INTERNATIONAL plc, et al.
7. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – May 2024 meeting packet
8. Renee Sexton – inquiring about Cub Scouts tour of recycle center
9. Theresa Sites – flooding issues 8359 Kent Avenue
10. Richard Friedline – fallen tree resting on power lines on Stadium Drive in Hartville
11. Stark County Engineer – notice of State Street closing/reopening; notice of Mt. Pleasant Street/Pittsburg Avenue Project
12. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – May 7, 2024 meeting notice and packet
13. Sedgwick – Group Retro performance update
14. CUE-COG – May 8<sup>th</sup> meeting packet
15. Paul Rados – concerns about trash from Giant Eagle Plaza in Hartville
16. Companion Life – renewal rates for Voluntary Short-Term Disability, no rate change
17. JD Striping & Services, Inc. – pavement marking inquiry
18. HSB Architects – inquiring about status on criteria architect selection for the road department building
19. Stark County Township Association – April 2024 meeting recap; 2024 meeting notice
20. NEFCO – May 2024 Board Meeting Agenda

In reference to correspondence no. 18 – Trustee Miller will be meeting with 3 different architectural firms on Thursday to discuss the new building.

Trustee Yoder received an email from Mr. Olson regarding how we are using the ARPA. Matt Erb is putting a list together for him.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Department**

- None

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**Road Department**

- None

**Zoning Department**

- None

**Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

24-167 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Fiscal Officer to release the bonds for the following Road Open Permits:

O-16-01	C & T Energy	Troyer Ave.
O-16-15	TWC/Dies Electric	Andrews
O-16-16	TWC/Dies Electric	Brumbaugh St.
O-16-17	TWC/Dies Electric	1533 Charolais St.
O-16-18	TWC/Dies Electric	2188 Hazel
O-16-19	TWC/Dies Electric	Highland Park St.
O-16-20	TWC/Dies Electric	1636 Lovers Lane St.
O-16-21	TWC/Dies Electric	Mogadore Ave.
O-16-22	TWC/Dies Electric	Nimishillen Church Rd.
O-16-23	TWC/Dies Electric	Oakside St.
O-16-24	TWC/Dies Electric	Rolling Hills Ave
O-16-25	TWC/Dies Electric	Wolf Rd.
O-17-01	Bryan's Enterprises	967 Andrews St.
O-18-07	J & H Decorative Concrete	Legacy St NW
O-18-08	J & H Decorative Concrete	Estate Ave NW
O-18-09	Kochovski Enterprises	3618 Mt. Pleasant
O-18-10	Kochovski Enterprises	3634 Mt. Pleasant
O-18-11	Giomare Group LLC	Lake Ave.
O-18-20	Taylor Communications	Linden
O-18-21	Blue Jay Communications	Highland Park
O-19-02	JND Septic Systems	11842 Farmcreek

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O-19-03	Fishel/GioMare Group/MCI	Meridian Circle
O-19-04	Fishel/GioMare Group/MCI	Pleasantwood Ave
O-19-05	William D Metheny	2833 Barclay Circle NW
O-19-07	Everstream	Highland Park St.
O-20-03	Malavite Exc. Inc	3067 Lancer
O-21-05	Cleveland Rooter	Abigail Cir NW
O-21-07	Everstream Solutions LLC	Midway St NW
O-21-09	Jim Repace	3528 Cain St NW
O-22-07	DiPietro Construction	3069 Brumbaugh
O-22-14	Fishel Co	3286 Highland Park NW
O-22-15	Taylor Telecommunications	11651 Lela
O-23-07	Verita Telecommunications	13631 Iris
O-23-24	Verita Telecommunications	13383 Sugar Bush Ave NW
O-24-03	Custom Utilicom Inc.	Tippecanoe
O-24-04	C.T. Excavating & Ryan Zito	13492 Mogadore Ave NW

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- The Board noted that these bonds were never requested to be released by the contractors as is the protocol and we have been holding the funds. A self-audit revealed the work has been completed therefore we are releasing the bonds.

24-168 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following:

- D-24-09: Dominion Energy – 2745 Barclay Cir. (new long side service line)
- D-24-10: Dominion Energy – 2954 Raymond St. (new long side service line)
- O-24-06: Bontrager Excavating – Lake Center Street (sanitary connection)
- O-24-11: Custom Utilicom – 11628 Peach Glen Ave. (replace coax)
- O-24-12: Custom Cable Const. – 3606 Angora (replace coax)

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

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24-169 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deeds:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 114, Graves 2, 4 & 5
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 111, Grave 5

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-170 A resolution was made by John Arnold scheduling a Public Hearing on Tuesday, May 28, 2024, at 4:45 p.m. for Zoning Amendment No. 24-250 (Applicants: Dustin & Sarah Halsey. Owner: John D. Foster Trustee) proposed rezone of two tracts, approximately 0.80 acres located at the west side of Cleveland Avenue, south of State Street in the SE ¼ Section 30 and NE ¼ Section 31, Lake Township, from OR Office Research and C-1 Light Commercial to C-2 General Commercial. Public Hearing will be immediately followed by the Regular Meeting of the Board of Lake Township Trustees scheduled at 5 p.m. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-171 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Mario Millin as a full-time Road Department Laborer/Operator commencing June 3, 2024, at a starting hourly rate of \$21.72 in accordance with Article XXI COMPENSATION of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. All provisions of the Lake Township Handbook and/or the Utility Workers Union of America AFL-CIO Local #578 Agreement shall apply including a 1-year probation period beginning June 3, 2024. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a drug test. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-172 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the April 26, 2024, quote of Kimble Companies for solid waste and tires for the 2024 Spring Cleanup pursuant to Resolution No. 24-152:

**Setup and Delivery of Eight 30-Yard/40-Yard Roll-Off Containers:**

\$400.00 (one-time fee)

**Solid Waste:**

\$260.00/pull + \$42.00/ton (disposal)

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**Tires (hauling):**

\$375.00/pull (Disposal fee to be paid directly to Liberty Tire by Lake Township)

The Board further authorizes tire disposal charges to be invoiced by Liberty Tire and acknowledges that Harry's Scrap will provide a roll off dumpster at no charge to the township for appliances and scrap metal. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- The Board noted that this will be the last time we will be accepting tires during the cleanups. The Joint Solid Waste District no longer provides vouchers for their disposal.

24-173 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting a quote from Rudzik Excavating and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$12,000.00 for the labor and equipment needed to recycle old concrete material. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- Trustee Arnold noted this will produce enough limestone to last 3-4 years.

24-174 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87, and based on, in part, from information and photos provided by the Zoning Administrator, the Board has determined that a nuisance **does** exist at **3574 Pine Street NW, Uniontown OH 44685**, due to, but not limited to **the owner's (Linda Tippel) maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris.**

Further resolving that the owner of such premises is hereby ORDERED to abate, control and remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris from said premises within four (4) days after receipt of certified "Notice to Abate Nuisance".

If such vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris is not abated, controlled or removed within four (4) days, this board hereby accepts the quote of Nichols Lawn Service, Inc. in the amount of \$350.00 to provide for such abatement and/or control of vegetation, debris, refuse and garbage. Any expenses so incurred by this Board will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

The property owner may contact this Board within four (4) days and enter into an agreement with said Board providing for either party to the agreement to perform the abatement, control or removal. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

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- The Board noted that this property has a lawsuit filed against it and we may actually have the authority shortly to raze this house

24-175 A resolution was made by Steve Miller pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87, and based on, in part, from information and photos provided by the Zoning Administrator, the Board has determined that a nuisance **does** exist at **11825 Basswood Avenue NW, Uniontown OH 44685**, due to, but not limited to **the owner's (Ella S. Gailey) maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris.**

Further resolving that the owner of such premises is hereby ORDERED to abate, control and remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris from said premises within four (4) days after receipt of certified "Notice to Abate Nuisance".

If such vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris is not abated, controlled or removed within four (4) days, this board hereby accepts the quote of Nichols Lawn Service, Inc. in the amount of \$350.00 to provide for such abatement and/or control of vegetation, debris, refuse and garbage. Any expenses so incurred by this Board will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

The property owner may contact this Board within four (4) days and enter into an agreement with said Board providing for either party to the agreement to perform the abatement, control or removal. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-176 A resolution was made by John Arnold pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87, and based on, in part, from information and photos provided by the Zoning Administrator, the Board has determined that a nuisance **does** exist at **11561 Peach Glen Avenue NW, Uniontown, OH 44685**, due to, but not limited to **the owner's (Joshua Fox) maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris.**

Further resolving that the owner of such premises is hereby ORDERED to abate, control and remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris from said premises within seven (7) days after receipt of certified "Notice to Abate Nuisance".

If such vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris is not abated, controlled or removed within seven (7) days, board hereby accepts the quote of Nichols Lawn Service, Inc. in the amount of \$350.00 to provide for such abatement and/or control of vegetation, debris, refuse and garbage. Any expenses so incurred by this Board will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

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The property owner may contact this Board within seven (7) days and enter into an agreement with said Board providing for either party to the agreement to perform the abatement, control or removal. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-177 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the May 9<sup>th</sup>, 2024 Proposal, as received, from the City of North Canton for temporary payroll services beginning May 22, 2024 and continuing for a period of three (3) to six (6) weeks +/- . Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-178 Trustee Arnold motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has been involved in collective bargaining unit negotiations with The Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc. the exclusively recognized bargaining agents for all full-time lieutenants, sergeants, and patrol officers of the Uniontown Police Department.

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees and The Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc./Uniontown Police Department have reached an agreement for a replacement collective bargaining agreement for the period May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2027;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Board of Trustees for Lake Township hereby accept, adopt, approve and are authorized to execute the negotiated agreement between the Board of Trustees for Lake Township, Stark County and The Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc./Uniontown Police Department for the period May 1, 2024, through April 30, 2027. This is contingent upon the bargaining members acceptance and initialing of the corrections made in Article 25 COMPENSATION "After one (1) year" category that were made after said Agreement was already accepted and executed by representatives of The Fraternal Order of Police, Ohio Labor Council, Inc./Uniontown Police Department.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

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**MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS**

- Trustee Yoder and the Fiscal Officer had a meeting with Forever Lawn regarding ARPA Funds and possible projects at the township park. He also met with an organization that is considering purchasing the previous Greentown Elementary School on State St.
- Trustee Arnold and the Road Superintendent attended the CUE meeting. This is the Co-op we purchase salt through, and it is required that you attend 2 meetings a year. He also attended the Memorial Service for fallen officers at the Stark County Sherrif's Office.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

24-179 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
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

**PUBLIC SPEAKS**

*Kelli Viscounte, 2470 Findlay Cir. Uniontown:* Ms. Viscounte, representing Love Our Community, thanked the Board and community for the grant that was given to the organization for additional housing in Lake Township. She also presented their 2023 Impact Report.

- 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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24-180 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 5:28 p.m.  
Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

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Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

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John Arnold, President

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Jeremy Yoder, Vice President

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Steve Miller, Member

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