

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met in regular session at 9:00 a.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

John Arnold called the regular meeting.

24-197 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the May 28, 2024, regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-198 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for June 21, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-199 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as June 6, 2024 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

24-200 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of June 6, 2024 in the amount of \$22,535.94 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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Chris Whittenberger – questions about aggregation programs available in Lake Township
2. Chevrolet – notification of defect in certain 2023 and 2022 model year Chevrolet Silverado trucks
3. Stark Economic Development Board, Inc. – weekly legislative news report
4. Lisa Martin – question about property lines and fence
5. Craig Lustek -- question about reflective street address plaque
6. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – June 4th meeting packet and Notice
7. Stark County Township Association – reminder of the 2024 Golf Outing
8. Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning and Development Organization (NEFCO) -- May 2024 *NEFCO FORUM* newsletter
9. Kathy Enga – question about location of fire hydrant
10. Kristin Hardie – seeking extra-large zoning maps
11. Landmark Dividend – solicitation to purchase cell tower ground lease
12. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly contracts and amendments for Ohio Cooperative Purchasing Program
13. Joshua Lovejoy – inquiry about replacing or repairing light poles
14. Kandy Cowling – questions about burning in fire pit
15. National Opioid Settlement – notice of payment year 4 distribution

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

24-201 Trustee Arnold motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees is a taxing authority empowered to submit a tax levy on its behalf, and for Uniontown Police Services within the Uniontown Police District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(J) authorizes the board of trustees of any township, to request that the question of a tax levy be submitted by the taxing authority to the electors of the Uniontown Police District, Lake Township, Stark County; and

WHEREAS, the Uniontown Police Department is currently funded, in part, by a five (5) mill continuous levy that was passed on May 3, 1988; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined the necessity for a replacement and decrease tax levy for the operations of Uniontown Police Department pursuant to the authority of R.C. 5705.19(J), as well as R.C. 5705.192; and

WHEREAS, this Board intends to place the question of a four (4) mill replacement levy on the November 5, 2024, General Election ballot, for operating expenses of the Uniontown Police Department within the Uniontown Police District, as provided for in R.C. 5705.19(J), for a continuing period; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, requires this Board to request certification of the total current tax valuation of the Lake Township Police District and the total amount of revenue that would be generated by the requested levy.

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

1. The Board intends to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of Lake Township (Stark County, Ohio), at the General Election to be held November 5, 2024, the question of a replacement and decrease tax levy for operating expenses of the Uniontown Police Department within the Uniontown Police District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, within the meaning of R.C. 5705.19(J), for a continuing period.

2. It is necessary to assess a tax, for a continuing period, for operating expenses of the Uniontown Police Department within the Uniontown Police District, namely:

A replacement of a portion of an existing levy, being a reduction of one (1) mills to constitute a tax for the benefit of the Uniontown Police District for the purpose of providing for Police Services consistent with R.C. 5705.19(J);

that the county auditor estimates will collect \$[TBD by Auditor] annually, at a rate not exceeding four (4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$[TBD by Auditor] for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value, for a continuing period, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

3. The Stark County Auditor is hereby requested to certify the current tax valuation of the Uniontown Police District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, the levy’s rate, expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor’s appraised value, the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by the specified number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value, and an estimate of the levy’s annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

4. The Fiscal Officer is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Stark County Auditor.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-202 Trustee Arnold motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees is a taxing authority empowered to submit a tax levy on its behalf, and for the Township Road District, within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously determined it is necessary to assess a tax, for a continuing period of time, for operating expenses of the Lake Township Road District provided for in 5705.19(G), namely:

For the purpose of providing for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges within the Lake Township Road District.

WHEREAS, the Board’s determination is consistent with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(G), which authorizes the Board of Trustees of any township to request the question of a tax levy be submitted by the taxing authority to the electors of the Township, or Road District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has further determined the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount necessary for the expenses relating to the operation of the Township Road District and, thus, it is necessary for a replacement tax levy in excess of that limitation to sustain the operations of the Township Road District, pursuant to R.C. 5705.191 and the authority of R.C. 5705.19(G); and

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted a Resolution pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, a copy of which is attached as Exhibit "A," declaring it necessary to pursue such replacement tax levy and requesting that the Stark County, Ohio Auditor certify to the taxing authority the total current tax valuation of Lake Township Road District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the replacement tax; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Auditor has certified that such levy will generate an estimated \$1,342,000 during the first year of collection, based upon the current assessed valuation of the territory of the subdivision of Lake Township Road District. A copy of the certification from the Stark County Auditor is attached hereto, marked as Exhibit "B," and fully incorporated herein.

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

1. It is hereby necessary to levy a replacement tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the operation of the Road District.
2. The question of such replacement tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of Lake Township Road District at the election to be held on November 5, 2025.
3. Such tax levy shall be at a rate not exceeding one and one-half (1.5) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$53 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of five (5) years.
4. Such tax levy shall be placed on the tax list and duplicate for the tax year commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026, if a majority of the electors voting thereon vote in favor thereof.
5. Accordingly, the question of the replacement tax for the benefit of the operating expenses of the Lake Township Road District at a rate not exceeding one and one-half (1.5) mills, for period of five (5) years, beginning with the 2025 tax list and duplicate, shall be submitted under R.C. Section 5705.19(G) and pursuant to R.C. 5705.191, to the electors of Lake Township Road District at the General Election to be held therein on November 5, 2024.
6. The form of the ballot to be cast at the election on the question of this tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

LAKE TOWNSHIP ROAD DISTRICT
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (REPLACEMENT)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement tax for the benefit of Lake Township Road District for the purpose of providing for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$ 1,342,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding one and one-half (1.50) mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ 53 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

7. The submission of said proposal, the notice of election, the form of ballot, the certification of the levy as voted outside the ten-mill limitation, and the levying of such replacement millage shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5705.19, 5705.191, 5705.192 and 5705.25 and other related sections of the Revised Code.

8. The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to forthwith certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Stark County, Ohio, and file such copy, with Exhibits, with said Board of Elections.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-203 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following:

- D-24-12: Enbridge Gas, various locations (install magnesium anodes for corrosion remediation)
- O-24-13: Spano Brothers, Hampshire Circle (12" sanitary sewer installation)
- O-24-14: Spano Brothers, Williamsburg Ave. (12" sanitary sewer installation)

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-204 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Fiscal Officer to release the bonds for the following Road Open Permit:

- O-18-03 issued to Walnut Valley Log Homes for work applied for on Wolf Avenue

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-205 A resolution was made by John authorizing Lake Township Road Department and Police Department personnel, as needed, to assist with traffic control and road detours necessary on Sunday, August 18, 2024 as part of the Lake Community YMCA “Lake Community Hope Scholarship Fund” 5K Run/Walk event. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- The Board discussed the possibility of adopting a resolution regulating noise within the township in the future. They noted some people live in townships to have less regulations, so they do want to be reasonable. They also don’t want to hinder companies from conducting their business. They would like to do additional research as to what neighboring communities do and will continue working with the police chief and township administrator. They will continue the discussion in the future.

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- None

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

24-206 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

- 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

24-207 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 9:14 a.m.
Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

John Arnold, President

Jeremy Yoder, Vice President

Steve Miller, Member
