

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

John Arnold called the regular meeting.

24-208 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the June 6, 2024, regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-209 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for June 28, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-210 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for July 5, 2024. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-211 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as June 24 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

24-212 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of June 6, 2024 in the amount of \$123,510.45 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. Liberty Township – request for salary information
 2. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – notice of Stark County’s HOME virtual application workshop
 3. Wilson Plumbing, Heating, Cooling – account status and payment terms information
 4. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – MARCS Radio authentication notice; weekly report of new contracts and amendments
 5. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – copy of correspondence regarding *A Better Choice Driving School*; July 2024 Subdivision Review meeting information
 6. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – Cancellation of June 10th meeting and notice of July 9th meeting; passing of Jeff Dutton
 7. Stark Soil & Water Conservation District – update on Stark SWCD staff rebuilding
 8. Dennis Ross – concerns about water line shut-off valve in sidewalk
 9. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System – OPERS offering life insurance to members
 10. Guy Hufstetler – inquiry into whether a certain item is acceptable at Spring Cleanup event
 11. Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District – information regarding Project P-575 *Williamsburg Avenue NW Sewer Replacement*
 12. Stark County Health Department – notice of mosquitoes collected/tested positive for West Nile Virus; mosquito spraying schedule for week of 06.24.2024
 13. NEFCO – meeting packet for the June 26th *Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board*
 14. Stark County Schools COG – FY 24-25 Annualized Premium Rates
 15. Stark Economic Development Board, Inc. – weekly legislative news
- The board noted that they received an email regarding fireworks being set off outside of the allowed time frame and how this can be addressed. The Township has the same restrictions as the State of Ohio, the resident asked the township to adopt stricter regulations as the State regulations are not being enforced by the Stark County Sheriff’s Department. The Trustees need to investigate as to why the Sheriff cannot enforce the state regulations. Trustee Arnold will follow up with the Sheriff’s Department.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

24-213 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to renew and execute a cleaning agreement with Carol Brown DBA Carol Brown Cleaning Services commencing July 1, 2024, and continuing through June 30, 2025, with no price increase from the previous contract. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-214 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 Uniontown Police 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 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 \$_1,236,000___ annually, at a rate not exceeding four (4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$_140__ for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

WHEREAS, the Board's determination is consistent with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(J) and R.C. 505.51 which authorize 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 subdivision, or Police 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 operation of the Police District and, thus, it is necessary for a replacement tax levy in excess of that limitation to sustain the operations of the Police District, pursuant to R.C. 5705.192 and the authority of R.C. 5705.19(J), R.C. 505.51; 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 the Uniontown Police 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 \$ 1,236,000 during the first year of collection, based upon the current assessed valuation of the territory of the subdivision of \$ 309,092,620. 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 Union Police District.
2. The question of such replacement tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the Union Police District at the election to be held on November 5, 2024.
3. Such tax levy shall be at a rate not exceeding four (4) mills for each one dollar of valuation, for a continuing period of time.
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 Police District, for its operating expenses, at a rate not exceeding four (4) mills, for a continuing period of time, beginning with the 2025 tax list and duplicate, shall be submitted under R.C. 5705.19(J) and R.C. 505.51, and pursuant to R.C. 5705.192, to the electors of the Uniontown Police 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:

UNIONTOWN POLICE DISTRICT
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (REPLACEMENT and DECREASE)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

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 \$ 1,236,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding four (4) mills for \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$ 140 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a continuing period of time, 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, 5705.192 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

- The Board noted this is a replacement levy with a 1 mill reduction from what it was when it was initially passed in 1989 for 5 mills. This will bring it down to 4 mills.

24-215 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the June 4, 2024, Estimate No. Q2024-63.01 from Stark Development and authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$5,965.00, for the Police Department. Said expenditure is for the removal of the exterior staircase to remedy the issue of water entering the basement at the police station located at 1635 Edison Street NW, Uniontown. The Board acknowledges and approves the provision within the Estimate that if work needs to be done to the existing downspout system, additional costs will be charged at cost + 15%. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-216 Trustee Yoder motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution 23-156, Vince Criswell's employment status was changed from part-time/auxiliary road department employee to full-time road department laborer/operator effective May 15, 2023; and

WHEREAS Vince Criswell has completed his 1-year probationary period, and it is the Board's intent to bring Mr. Criswell's compensation in line with the wage rate provided for in ARTICLE XXI of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Mr. Criswell successfully completing his one-year probationary period, his hourly rate will change from \$26.54 per hour to \$27.60 per hour. Said increase shall be retroactive to May 16, 2024. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-217 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing legal counsel to take all necessary steps in filing a *Complaint for Declaratory Judgment and Injunction* against Chris Church, Christi Franks and Five Star Roofing CSC LLC (3097 Brumbaugh St NW) Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-218 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the 2024 *Managed IT Services Agreement* from 415 Group. The Board acknowledges that there are no price increases and authorizes the Board President to execute the same. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-219 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing, pursuant to Article 20 of the FOP Contract, an expenditure for 4 nights of lodging for Angela Molea to attend a patrol rifle instructor course training class to be held at the Ohio Police Officers Training Academy in London Ohio, July 9th – July 12th, 2024. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-220 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following:

- O-24-15: BG Custom Homes, 2863 Lake Center (water line hookup)
- O-24-16: Custom Cable Const., 11109 Cottingham (replace cable)
- D-24-13: Dominion Energy, 9813 Evergreen Cir. (new short side service line)

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-221 A resolution was made by John Arnold requesting a speed zone study for Lovers Lane Street between Kent Avenue and Larch Avenue for a length of .97 miles and a speed zone study for Larch Avenue between Mt. Pleasant Street and Lovers Lane Street for a length of .50 miles. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Miller met with legal counsel regarding the above resolution 24-217 to address an unpermitted business operating from a residential home.
- Trustee Yoder is scheduling a meeting with the Zoning Administrator and the Stark County Development Board to look at different opportunities to promote development in the township. He also noted that Stark County has completed a residential housing study and there is a need for affordable housing.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

24-222 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

24-223 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.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

