

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
Bonnie Parenti
Bob Parenti
Jeremy Guenther

John Arnold called the regular meeting.

24-224 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the June 24, 2024, regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-225 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for July 19, 2024. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-226 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as July 8, 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

24-227 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of July 8, 2024, in the amount of \$1,288,192.23 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

- The Board noted that this includes almost \$1,000,000.00 in payments to the Fire Departments.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ohio Department of Job & Family Services – notice to file 2024 Quarter 2 Ohio Unemployment Compensation Quarterly Tax Return
 2. Vertical Bridge – 12360 Market Avenue / Leach Tank Fiber Optic line issue
 3. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of new contracts and amendments for State Cooperative Purchasing Program
 4. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – RPC Newsletter; Notice of Application Workshop Stark County HOME-ARP; FY 2026 Infrastructure Application Notification; July 9th 2024 meeting packet
 5. Akshay Soman – records request for public records pertaining to the Powell Electrical Systems, Inc. facility at 8967 Pleasantwood Avenue
 6. Ali Griffith – inquiry regarding yard waste hours on July 5th
 7. Stark County Engineer – State Street (in Marlboro Township) road closing notice
 8. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – July 9th meeting packet
 9. State Personnel Board of Review – August 22, 2024 SPBR Conference notice
 10. Stark Council of Governments – Zoom Meeting notification
 11. Ford Motor Company – notice to update the Powertrain Control Module software free of charge for certain 2021 Ford Explorer models
 12. Tim Kelleher – interested in purchasing Parcel 2015199 (1.96 acres on Midway) from the township or obtaining an easement for additional access
 13. Stark County Health Department – notice of West Nile Virus detected in mosquitoes collected in trap located at Alderglen Street NW
 14. Stark Council of Governments – July 9th meeting notice
 15. Stark County Township Association – distribution of job posting for Perry Township Assistant Zoning Inspector; notice that Marilyn Carrick will be resigning the position of SCTA Coordinator
 16. Josh Rixey/Instant 360 – inquiring as to whether the township would like to include the Lake Township Recycle Facility to Google Street View
- In reference to the following correspondence No. 12 - Trustee Miller stated they would have to say no to the request as it would landlock another parcel we have by the Road Department.
 - Trustee Miller also noted they are still waiting to hear back from the Stark County Sheriff's Office regarding fireworks and their ability to enforce state law as to when and where you can shoot them off.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

24-228 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 Uniontown Police District.
2. The question of such replacement tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the Uniontown 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 Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-229 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder hiring Tiffany Wolfe as a reserve part-time dispatcher for the Uniontown Police Department, at an hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour. Said employment is pursuant to the provisions contained in Resolution No. 24-037, adopted December 26, 2023, and subject to all provisions of the Lake Township Trustees and the Lake Township Employee handbook. 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

24-230 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder re-hiring Cole Stafford as a part-time reserve officer for the Uniontown Police Department, at an hourly rate of \$21.00 per hour which is in-line with the part-time officer pay scale. Said employment is pursuant to the provisions contained in Resolution No. 24-037, adopted December 26, 2023, and subject to all provisions of the Lake Township Trustees and the Lake Township Employee handbook. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a drug test, polygraph exam and psychological exam. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-231 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following:

- D-24-14: Dominion Energy, 8393 Burkey Rd. (new short side service line)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-232 A resolution was made by John Arnold acknowledging that due to staffing issues, Angela Molea will be unable to attend the patrol rifle instructor course training class July 9th – July 12, 2024, authorized pursuant to Resolution No. 24-219. The Board hereby rescinds Resolution No. 24-219 and acknowledges that Officer Molea will reschedule the training for a future date. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-233 A resolution was made by John Arnold acknowledging damages occurring to a headstone as a result of a motorcycle vs headstone accident that occurred on June 22nd, 2024, at Mt. Peace Cemetery. The Board acknowledges that replacement/repairs to the headstone will be made by Hillis Monument as authorized by the township and reimbursement for said costs, in the amount of \$2,860.54, will be received from the responsible party's insurance company, Progressive Specialty Insurance Company. The Board further accepts and authorizes a FULL RELEASE OF ALL FIXED PROPERTY DAMAGE CLAIMS form to be signed. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-234 A resolution was made by John Arnold Authorize Fiscal Officer to release bond for Road Open Permit No.:

- O-23-10: FlowPros for work performed on Beech Hill Rd.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-235 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the July 3rd, 2024, Quote No. 201006877 from Vasu Communications Inc. and authorizing an expenditure, for the Police Department, in the amount of \$4,719.25 for authentication upgrades and autotune of certain 800mhz radios. The Board further acknowledges that the July 3rd, 2024, Quote supersedes the March 23, 2022, Quote No. 201006827 accepted by the Board under Resolution No. 22-125 because said work could not be performed due to a delay in the programming key required to complete the necessary upgrades in 2022.

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- None

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

24-236 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

Mary Greer, 12125 Cleveland Ave, Uniontown, Ms. Greer addressed the Board regarding the township cemeteries. She had some ideas to raise funds for maintenance and preserving the history of the cemeteries.

- 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

24-237 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 5:34 p.m.
Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. 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

