

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	Sam Miller
Will Oberg	Becky Oberg
Paul Mesko	

John Arnold called the regular meeting.

24-238 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the July 8, 2024, regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-239 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for July 31, 2024. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-240 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for August 2, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-241 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as July 22, 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

24-242 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of July 22, 2024 in the amount of \$124,948.29 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. Melanie Conner – questions about electric or gas aggregation in Lake Township
2. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – information about upcoming Stark County CDBG Virtual Application Workshop on August 9th
3. Stark County Health Department – detection of mosquitoes with West Nile Virus; mosquito spray schedule
4. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – Fiscal Year 2026 Infrastructure Application Notification; copy of correspondence regarding Glynnwod Country Estates No. 2
5. Diane Sturgill – concerns about neighbor shooting gun
6. Rhea Esmilla – interested in submitting proposal for lawn maintenance of township-owned properties
7. Community University Education (CUE) – bid tabulation Road Salt 2024-2025 Season
8. NEFCO – Tentative Agenda for the *Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board* on July 17, 2024
9. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System – inquiry into May reports
10. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly reports of new contracts and amendments
11. Tim Kelleher – follow-up to July 3rd email regarding purchasing township-owned land
12. Canton/Stark County Crime Laboratory – message from the Canton-Stark County Crime Lab Director
13. Stark Council of Governments – July 9th Meeting Packet; reminder change in meeting location
14. Brandi McCray – request for road signs
15. Civil & Environmental Consultants, Inc. – Road Open Permit (for informational purposes only) regarding Vertical Aquifer Sampling/Monitoring Well, 12765 Islandview Drive
16. AT&T Fiber Build – inquiry about blanket bond certificate/agreement

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

24-243 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Fiscal Officer to release the bonds for the following Road Open Permits:

- O-24-07 issued to AT&T for work applied for at 3196 Mt. Pleasant
- O-24-10 issued to Underground Services for work applied for on Highland Park

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-244 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permits:

- O-24-18 – AT&T, 2181 Brumbaugh (fiber optic cabinet)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-245 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the July 16, 2024, Proposal No. P-49066-2 from Buckeye Plumbing, and authorizing an expenditure, for the Administrative Offices, in the amount of \$1,742.22 for upgrades need to the water filtration system and a sprinkler head replacement as detailed in said Proposal. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-246 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing a request for reimbursement in the amount of \$207.95 to Jillian Humphrey (payable to Home Again Flowers) for damages occurring to hoses, located in weeds outside of road right-of-way, that were inadvertently damaged during roadside mowing operations. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-247 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the July 12, 2024, Estimate No. 3112 from Marlboro Supply and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$14,352.00 for the purchase of 2,400' of 12" perforated pipe as detailed in said Estimate. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-248 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the publication of bid notice in the Hartville News the week of August 2, 2024, and posted on the Lake Township website at www.lakeTownshipstarkco.com/news for 1 (one) **Hooklift Hoist/Snow and Ice Package**. Bid opening will be Monday, August 26, 2024, at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-249 A resolution was made by John Arnold acknowledging/authorizing the township initiation and submission to Stark County Regional Planning Commission of Zoning Amendment No. 24-251 which is a proposed map change to various parcels of land from OR and VR districts, rezoned to C-2 and R-2 districts. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-250 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing legal counsel to proceed with a nuisance action against the household of 3750 Carl Street NW, Uniontown, to obtain an injunction. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-251 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board of Lake Township Trustees to enter into an *Access and Driveway Easement Agreement* with Kristen L. Finefrock. Said Agreement is for an undeveloped/unimproved portion of Sugarbush Avenue NW, for the purposes of ingress/egress, to Stark County Parcel Number 10000561 and is pursuant to a May 30, 2024, decision made by the Lake Township Board of Zoning Appeals under Appeal No. 2024-2449. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-252 A resolution was made by John Arnold scheduling the Fall Cleanup for Wednesday, September 11th, 2024, through Friday, September 13th, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m. and Saturday, September 14th, 2024, from 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. and authorizing staff to obtain pricing for the same. In addition, the Board further resolves that the township will no longer accept tires of any kind, during the cleanup events. No Yard Waste will be accepted. No hazardous materials will be accepted; this includes, but is not limited to batteries of any type, propane tanks, paint, antifreeze etc. Township businesses will be allowed to dispose of no more than one pickup truck load during the cleanup. The cleanup will be held behind the Road Department building and identifications will be checked. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-253 Trustee Yoder 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

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:

- Authorizing an expenditure and payment to Pat Shannon Construction, Inc., for the Lake Township Administrative Offices, in the amount of \$4,500.00 for, in part, the removal and relocation of meeting room cabinets and the construction and finishing of new stage for meeting room desk at 12360 Market Avenue, as detailed in said Invoice.

(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: **\$4,500.00** .

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
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

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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 July 19th, 2024, Proposal No. 9468 from Homestead Contracting, Inc. and authorizing an expenditure, for the Lake Township Administrative Offices, in the amount of \$2,860.00 for additional improvements to the township meeting room table/desk at 12360 Market Avenue, as detailed in said Proposal.

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Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-255 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Township to participate in the Stark Council of Governments joint aggregation program for public building natural gas accounts, which program term is 4 years. The Board further resolves to execute the SCOG Natural Gas Program Consent Form. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- The Board discussed the purchase of a Mantis Roadside Mower. The road superintendent thinks it will ramp up efficiency, the one mower will be able to do more than the two we have which will cut down on manhours. Trustee Miller is in favor of the purchase. He stated there is \$115,000 from the equipment actions and we can also sell or trade the boom mower for around \$50,000. The Fiscal Officer went to a demonstration and was impressed. The trustees would like to go forward with the purchase at the next meeting.

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Miller met with Legal Counsel and the Zoning Administrator last week regarding zoning questions from Bloom Hill Farms that would like to have a wedding venue on Lake Center.
- He has a meeting with Vertical Bridge on Wednesday regarding them drilling through our septic tank and trying to get some resolution on that.
- He also has a meeting with Pulte Homes regarding a proposed rezone.
- Trustee Yoder has a meeting this week with Ray Heximer and some other folks from Stark County regarding a housing project they did and some parcels in the township that could be potential commercial opportunities.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

24-256 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Paul Mesko, 3720 Carl St., Uniontown: Mr. Mesko addressed the board regarding the situation at 3750 Carl St. He wondered if it was a possibility that nothing could be done. Trustee Miller said the final step for the township is to press criminal charges against them which the resolution made tonight does. It will be up to the courts from here.

Will Oberg, 13251 Sugarbush Ave, Uniontown; Mr. Oberg asked the Trustees about the resolution for a driveway easement on Sugarbush. The Trustees explained it is for access to the landlocked property.

Sam Miller 10368 Sudbury Cir, North Canton; Mr. Miller asked the Board if the Mantis mower would replace both mowers? One will be traded in, and one will be kept for a backup.

- 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

24-257 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 5:29 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

