

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

Also Present:

Matt Erb
Daniel R. Kamerer
Jeff Read
Derek Shaffer
Fritz Drake

John Arnold called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

Fritz Drake, Scioto Energy: Mr. Drake presented a one-year update of the community aggregation program. The supplier for the aggregate is Energy Harbor. He noted the average home uses about 9,600 kWh per year resulting in savings of \$338.94 per year for First Energy customers and \$373.31 per year for AEP customers. The current agreement expires in May 2025. He will be contacting the township in January to look at pricing for next year.

- Trustee Arnold tabled the approval the minutes of September 23, 2024 until the next regular meeting.

24-314 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for October 25, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

24-315 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as October 14, 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

24-316 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of October 14, 2024 in the amount of \$1,854,286.51 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

- The Board noted that this included payments to the Fire Departments and paving.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – notice of cancellation of the October 15th SCTID Meeting
2. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – RPC Newsletter; October meeting packet
3. Nik Untch – seeking information regarding barking dogs
4. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly reports of new contracts and amendments for the ODAS Cooperative Purchasing Program
5. Stark County GIS – *GIS Newsletter*
6. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – Q3 Ohio Unemployment Compensation Quarterly Tax Return reminder
7. Stark County Township Association – October 17th Meeting Notice
8. Rob Case – question for Greentown Community Park
9. Dan Jett – tree down (NOTE: Meant for Lake Township, Wood County, Ohio)
10. MACK Trucks, Inc. – Three (3) recall notices for certain 2015 to 2023 Mack GU and GR model vehicles
11. Stark Soil & Water Conservation District – copy of correspondence regarding *The Farms at Enclave No. 2 violation letter*.
12. Ohio Auditor of State Keith Faber – *The General Standard* for September 2024
13. National Opioid Official Settlement – Non-Opioid Remediation Use Reporting for States and Subdivisions with Backstop Funds
14. NEFCO – October 16th meeting agenda for the *Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board*

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the May, June, July, August, and September 2024 Zoning Reports.

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

24-317 Trustee Arnold motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS the Lake Township Board of Trustees contracts with the Greentown Volunteer Fire Department for fire and emergency medical services for the residents and property owners of Lake Township; and

WHEREAS, the Greentown Volunteer Fire Department is in the process of purchasing and securing financing for a Pierce Saber Pumper and they need to supply certain documents to the financing company, including pursuant to section 147(f) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, an *Approval and Written Contract* form, signed by the Chief Elected Official of the agency that is serviced by their department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio does hereby acknowledge the October 2, 2024, execution of the *Approval and Written Contract* form by the President of the Lake Township Board of Trustees pursuant to the financing company's requirement. The Board further acknowledges that in accordance with the *Approval and Written Contract* form, approval does not in any way constitute any financial involvement or obligation of the Municipality/Agency

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

24-318 A resolution was made by John Arnold scheduling Public Hearings on Monday, October 28, 2024, at 4:30 p.m. for the following Zoning Amendments:

- No. 24-252 (Applicants: Pulte Homes of Ohio, LLC; Owner: Delbert's Glen Family Limited Partnership) proposed rezone of one tract, approximately 36.1 acres, located on the east side of Mogadore, south of Edison/SR 619 in the NW ¼ Section 8, Lake Township, from R-1 Low Density Residential to PRD Planned Residential Development.
- No. 24-253 (Applicants: NM Terry Properties, LLC; Owner: Paula Cheviron-Winn) proposed rezone of one tract, approximately 3.4 acres, located at the north side of State, west of Boston in the NW ¼ Section 30, Lake Township, from R-1 Low Density Residential to I-2 General Industrial

Public Hearings 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

24-319 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the September 30, 2024, Estimate No. E27896 from Unkefer Sales, LLC and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$3,783.30 for necessary repairs to the Kubota Tractor. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

24-320 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deeds:

- East Nimishillen Cemetery – Section C, Lot 104 (Graves 2 & 3)
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 160 (Graves 2 & 3)
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 71 (Graves 3 & 4)
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 99 (Grave 3)
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section N, Lot 102 (Graves 1 & 2)
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 5 (Grave 2)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

24-321 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permits:

- D-24-18: Dominion Energy, 3026 Dotwood St. (short side service line)
- D-24-19: Dominion Energy, 3048 Dotwood St. (short side service line)
- D-24-20: Dominion Energy, 8951 Meridian Cir. (short side service line)
- D-24-21: Dominion Energy, 12144 Wm. Penn Ave. (long side service line)
- D-24-22: Dominion Energy, 1113 Camelia St. (longside service line)
- O-24-24: Custom Utilicom, 12450 King Church Ave. (replace existing cable)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

24-322 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Fiscal Officer to release the bonds for Road Open Permits:

- O-24-21: Custom Utilicom Inc. for work performed on San Marino Ave.
- O-24-20: Custom Utilicom Inc. for work performed on Laura Lee Ave.
- O-24-16: Custom Utilicom Inc. for work performed at 11109 Cottingham Cir.
- O-24-12: Custom Utilicom Inc. for work performed on Angora Circle
- O-24-11: Custom Utilicom Inc. for work performed on Peach Glen Ave.
- O-24-01: Custom Utilicom Inc. for work performed on Chisom Trail
- O-24-23: Michael Vargo for work performed at 13100 Mogadore Ave.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

24-323 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Travis Nesbitt as a full-time Road Department Mechanic / Labor Operator commencing October 28, 2024, at a starting hourly rate of \$29.23 to be held at this rate for one (1) year, or unless otherwise amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees and revisited upon successful completion of Mr. Nesbitt's probationary period.

FURTHERMORE, Mr. Nesbitt's medical insurance will begin on November 1, 2024. All other provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook and/or the Utility Workers Union of America AFL-CIO Local #578 Contract other than the new hourly rate, shall apply to Mr. Nesbitt including a 1-year probation period beginning October 28, 2024. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a drug test.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

24-324 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 projects which, in the judgment of the Board, qualify as permitted uses of the ARPA Funds, in direct support of governmental services, which consists of the following:

- **Accepting the September 22, 2024, Estimate No. 869018 from Palya Painting, LLC and Authorizing an expenditure for the Administrative Offices, in the amount of \$5,000.00 for power washing and painting the exterior of the Lake Township Administrative Office Building at 12360 Market Avenue North, as detailed in said Estimate;**

and

- **Accepting the September 22, 2024, Estimate No. 869019 from Palya Painting, LLC and authorizing an expenditure for the Uniontown Police Department, in the amount of \$1,800.00 for power washing and staining certain exterior areas of the Police Department facility located at 1635 Edison Street NW as detailed in said Estimate;**

and

- **Accepting the October 4, 2024, Proposal from Barbicas Paving LLC and authorizing an expenditure for the Administrative Offices, in the amount of \$49,784.20 for the milling, resurfacing and pavement marking of the Lake Township Administrative Parking Lot at 12360 Market Avenue North, as detailed in said Proposal;**

and

- **Accepting the September 23, 2024, Quote from Haley Contracting LLC and authorizing an expenditure for the Administrative Offices, in the amount of \$2,500.00 for stucco repairs needed to the exterior of the Lake Township Administrative Office Building at 12360 Market Avenue North, as detailed in said Quote.**

(the “Projects”).

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 “Projects” are hereby authorized and shall be paid for from the ARPA Funds in a total amount not to exceed: \$59,084.20.

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 John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

24-325 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the resignation of full-time Road Department Laborer/Operator, Matt Pulliam, with last date of employment being October 11, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

24-326 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Scott Sprankle as an auxiliary Road Department employee at an hourly rate of \$18.00 per hour pursuant to Resolution No. 24-012. Employment is subject to the provisions contained in Resolution No. 24-037, adopted December 26, 2023 and to all provisions of the Lake Township Trustees and the Lake Township Employee handbook and is contingent upon completion of a successful drug test. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

24-327 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the October 2, 2024, Quote No. 201011791 from VASU Communications, Inc. and authorizing an expenditure, for the Police Department, in the amount of \$1,783.75 for the reprogramming of department-owned radios with encryption. The Board further acknowledges prior acceptance of this Proposal, by Chief Batchik, in order to expedite this process. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

24-328 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the “City of Canton Communications Proposal for Services” for radio dispatching services provided to the Uniontown Police Department at a cost of \$6.50 per capita totaling \$71,500.0 annually to be paid in quarterly installments, effective November 1, 2024. The Board is further authorized to execute an Agreement for Dispatching Services with the City of Canton, upon final amendments, review, and approval by legal counsel. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Yoder has had meetings over the last month in the spirit of economic development. They are ongoing and he has nothing to report at this time.
- Trustee Arnold met with Kirk McCully on a project he is working on, he referred him to Ray Hexamer for assistance.
- Fiscal Officer Erb reported that Ramsburg Insurance had a luncheon for First Responders, there was a good turnout. He thanked Chris Ramsburg for giving back.
- Uniontown Fire Department is hosting a Chili Cookoff on October 20th from Noon to 3:00 p.m.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

24-329 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

24-330 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the 2025 Amounts and Rates as determined by the Stark County Budget Commission and authorizing the Fiscal Officer to certify them to the County Auditor, a copy of which will be attached to these Minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Jeff Read, 12610 Mogadore Ave, Uniontown: Mr. Read asked the Board for the date of the public hearing referenced in New Business item 2. They responded it will be October 28th at 4:30 p.m.

- 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

24-331 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 5:31 p.m.
Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

John Arnold, President

Jeremy Yoder, Vice President

-absent-

Steve Miller, Member

