

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	Tonya Rogers
Dan Kamerer	Becky Oberg
Will Oberg	

John Arnold called the regular meeting to order.

24-367 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the November 12, 2024, Regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Jeremy Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	abstain

24-368 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for December 6, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-369 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as November 25, 2024 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

24-370 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of November 25, 2024 in the amount of \$370,760.70 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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation – notice of acceptance into the Group-Retrospective Rating Program of policy year beginning January 1, 2025
2. Ohio Department of Commerce Division of Liquor Control – Notice to legislative authorities for *Objections to Renewal of a Retail Liquor Permit*
3. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of new contracts and amendments
4. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – December 2024 *Meeting Notice*
5. Stark Economic Development Board – weekly legislative news
6. Bob Parenti – thank you for adopting noise regulations
7. NEFCO – Meeting agenda for the November 20th *Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board*
8. The Klingstedt Brothers Company – notice of holiday closings
9. Ohio EPA – *News Release* Portage County to Receive \$2 Million through H2Ohio funding for water infrastructure projects
10. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – 2025 tentative bimonthly meeting schedule and notice of cancellation of December 9th meeting

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

24-371 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 115, Grave 1
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 115, Grave 3
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 51, Grave 1

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-372 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit:

- D-24-27: Dominion Energy – 1499 Midway Street (long side service line)
- D-24-28: Dominion Energy - 13395 Fern Ave. (short side service line)
- O-24-29: Custom Utilicom Inc. – 8252 St. Patrick (replace existing cable)
- O-24-30: Custom Utilicom Inc. – 13071 Williamsburg (replace existing cable)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-373 Trustee Arnold motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Cole Stafford has been working for the Uniontown Police Department/Lake Township Trustees as a reserve officer, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees desire to change his employment status with the township from reserve officer to full-time police officer/patrolman with the Uniontown Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, as of December 1, 2024, Cole Stafford's employment status will change from reserve officer to full-time police officer/patrolman with the Uniontown Police Department with an hourly rate change to \$23.80 which is in accordance with the Probationary Patrolman rate under the current Fraternal Order of Police Contract, and

FURTHERMORE, all other provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook and/or the Fraternal Order of Police Contract shall apply to Mr. Stafford as though he

were a newly hired full-time Lake Township/Uniontown Police Department employee. This shall include a 1-year probation period beginning December 1, 2024.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-374 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 Lake Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) 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 Lake Township Fire District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined the necessity for a renewal tax levy to sustain the operations of Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, pursuant to the authority of R.C. 5705.19(I); and

WHEREAS, this Board intends to place the question of a one and one-quarter (1.25) mill renewal levy on the May 6, 2025, Primary Election ballot, for operating expenses of Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, as provided for in R.C. 5705.19(I), for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, requires this Board to request certification of the total current tax valuation of the Lake Township Fire 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 Primary Election to be held May 6, 2025, the question of a renewal tax levy for operating expenses of the Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, within the meaning of R.C. 5705.19(I), for a period of five (5) years.

2. It is necessary to assess a tax, for a period of five (5) years, for operating expenses of the Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, namely:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Lake Township Fire District for the purpose of providing for Emergency Medical Services that the county auditor estimates will collect \$[TBD by Auditor] annually, at a rate not exceeding one and one-quarter (1.25) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$[TBD by Auditor] for each \$100,000 of the county auditor’s appraised value, for five (5) years, 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 Lake Township Fire District, 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 Steve Miller . Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-375 Trustee Yoder 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 Lake Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) 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 Lake Township Fire District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined the necessity for a replacement tax levy to sustain the operations of Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, pursuant to the authority of R.C. 5705.19(I); and

WHEREAS, this Board intends to place the question of a one and one-quarter (1.25) mill replacement levy on the May 6, 2025, Primary Election ballot, for operating

expenses of Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, as provided for in R.C. 5705.19(I), for a period of five (5) years; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03 requires this Board to request certification of the total current tax valuation of the Lake Township Fire 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 Primary Election to be held May 6, 2025, the question of a replacement tax levy for operating expenses of the Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, within the meaning of R.C. 5705.19(I), for a period of five (5) years.

2. It is necessary to assess a tax, for a period of five (5) years, for operating expenses of the Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, namely:

A replacement of a tax for the benefit of the Lake Township Fire District for the purpose of providing for Emergency Medical Services; that the county auditor estimates will collect \$[TBD by Auditor] annually, at a rate not exceeding one and one-quarter (1.25) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$[TBD by Auditor] for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for five (5) years, 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 Lake Township Fire District, 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 Steve Miller . Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-376 A resolution was made by John Arnold in accordance with Section 5501.03(A)(3) of the Ohio Revised Code, authorizing the Board to enter into a Memorandum of Agreement between the Ohio Department of Transportation and the Lake Township Board of Trustees for the purposes of coordinating efforts for snow and ice control. It is in the interest and safety of the traveling public for the STATE to permit LAKE TOWNSHIP to acquire brine solution from the STATE at a cost of \$0.067 per gallon. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-377 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder executing the renewal of Memorandum of Understanding between Lake Township and Stark County Soil & Water Conservation District for Technical Assistance in satisfying certain requirements of the MS4 Operator's Ohio EPA National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Small MS4 Storm Water Discharge Permit regulations. The board acknowledges that there is no price increase from the prior Memorandum of Understanding for said services. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-378 A resolution was made by John Arnold in conjunction with the request of the Stark County Engineers Office, reducing the limit set for vehicles and loads on the County and Township Road System to 25% of the legal limits, a schedule listing the following Lake Township roadways will be filed with the Stark County Engineers Office for submission to the Board of Stark County Commissioners, and those roadways will be posted with the appropriate signage, as required by Section 5577.07 of the Ohio Revised Code:

William Penn Ave. NW	Nimishillen Church St. NW
Lake O'Pines St. NW	Mt. Pleasant St. NW
Brumbaugh St. NW	Rolling Hills Avenue NW
Stonebridge Ave. NW	Midway Street NW
Wright Road NW	Hoover Avenue NW
Mogadore Ave. NW	Boston Avenue NW
Market Avenue North	Andrews Street NW
Lake Street NW	Wolf Avenue NW
Gans Avenue NW	Fromes Avenue NW
Tully Avenue	

Upon approval from the Stark County Board of Commissioners this weight reduction will be effective January 1, 2025, through May 1, 2025. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-379 A resolution was made by John Arnold moving the December 9th meeting to 2:00 pm on December 11, 2024 due to a conflict in their schedules. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-380 A resolution was made by John Arnold pursuant to O.R.C. 309.09, the Board of Lake Township Trustees accepts the November 25, 2024, Proposal and agrees to renew and retain the services of Tonya J. Rogers and the law firm of Baker, Dublikar, Beck, Wiley & Mathews, as additional legal counsel for Lake Township with no changes in services or cost. Said renewal shall take effect January 1, 2025, and continue through December 31, 2025, at the rate of \$4,000/month, for a total of \$48,000.00 per year. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Yoder met with Lake Local Schools and the YMCA to discuss how to use ARPA funds. He also met with a group that does rural and urban engineering to discuss potentially working with them. He will report when he has more details.
- Trustee Miller reported that the sewer tie in on Sylvan is complete. He also met with the developer who purchased the greenhouse property regarding how he would like to develop it.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

24-381 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

Will Oberg, 13251 Sugarbush Ave, Mogadore; Mr. Oberg asked the Board about the Tavern that has opened across from the Bell Store, he was wondering who is in charge of allowing bars in the area. The Board said it is in the Village of Hartville. Township Legal Counsel, Tonya Rogers stated that the Ohio Department of Liquor Control oversees it. There is some local jurisdiction over it, there is a complicated process where it goes to the county first. The township gets to weigh in with the county decision.

- 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

24-382 A resolution was made by John Arnold to convene an executive session at 5:22 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee and to include the Trustees, Fiscal Officer and the Road Superintendent. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-383 A resolution was made by John Arnold to return from executive session at 6:19 p.m. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-384 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 6:20 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
