

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met in regular session at 2:00 p.m. at 12360 Market Avenue North, Hartville, Ohio. The meeting was open to the public with the following members present:

John Arnold, President

Jeremy Yoder, Vice President

Steve Miller, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb

John Arnold called the regular meeting to order.

24-385 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the November 25, 2024, Regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes

Jeremy Yoder yes

Steve Miller yes

24-386 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for December 20, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes

Jeremy Yoder yes

Steve Miller yes

24-387 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as December 11, 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

24-388 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of December 11, 2024 in the amount of \$1,575,026.33 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. Stark Council of Governments – December 3rd General Membership Meeting packet
2. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of new contracts and amendments for State Cooperative Purchasing Program
3. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – December 3rd meeting packet
4. Northeast Ohio Public Energy Council (NOPEC) – Paris Township and the City of Massillon as NOPEC members
5. Stark County Recorder – notice of duty to file Zoning Resolutions and Amendments with the County Recorder
6. Stark County Commissioners – information regarding Stark County Commissioners Support of Liquor Permit Objections and process for the same
7. Summit E-Cycle – information about their services

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the October 2024 Zoning Department Report.

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

24-389 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the quote from Tyler Technologies and authorizing an expenditure for the police department, in the amount of \$6,000.00, for the purchase of a Redundant VPN Appliance Bundle.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-390 Trustee Arnold 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:

- **Police Department** – consider November 12, 2024, Quote from Preston Chevrolet Kia for the purchase of two (2) 2025 Chevrolet Tahoe 4WD 4dr Commercial vehicles at a price of \$53,763.00 each for a total cost of \$107,526.00
- **Police Department** – consider November 26, 2024, Quote No. 2096348 from Stalker Radar Applied Concepts, Inc. for two (2) Dual – 2 Antenna Radar Systems for a total cost of \$4,208.00 as detailed in said quote.
- **Police Department** – consider November 4, 2024, Estimate No. 3684365 from Marazita Graphics, Inc. for materials and labor necessary to install vinyl graphics on two (2) Chevy Tahoe’s for a total cost of \$2,009.42 as detailed in said quote.
- **Police Department** – consider November 4, 2024, Quote No. 61607 from Strategic Sourcing, Inc. for computer equipment and hardware necessary for installation in the two (2) Chevy Tahoe’s for a total cost of \$10,570.00 as detailed in said quote.
- **Police Department** – consider November 26, 2024, Estimate No. 14562 from Hall Public Safety Upfitters for upfitting of two (2) 2025 Chevy Tahoe’s for a total cost of \$35,556.52 as detailed in said quote.

(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 a total amount not to exceed: **\$159,869.94**.

3. The Project described herein serves the objectives of the Act by providing services traditionally provided by a government, namely:

✓ **Police protection**

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

24-391 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:

- **Road Department** – consider November 8, 2024, Quote from Steril-Koni USA, Inc. for the purchase of a set of four (4) wireless battery-powered mobile lifts at a price of \$59,585.00 under Sourcewell State Contract No. RS900921-200 as detailed in said quote.
- **Road Department** – consider November 5, 2024, Quote No. 25204 from Schoner Chevrolet for a 2023 Chevrolet Silverado Medium Duty Truck for a total cost of \$61,718.52 as detailed in said quote.
- **Road Department** – consider Quote No. DH71027 from Fallsway Equipment Co., Inc. for materials and labor necessary to install a Reading Classic II Service Body + Go Power Invertor and E-tracks for a total cost of \$32,300.00 as detailed in said quote.
- **Road Department** – consider November 21, 2024, Quote from Versalift East, LLC for the purchase of equipment, materials and labor necessary to install an aerial tower on township-owned chassis for a total cost of \$67,475.27 detailed in said quote.
- **Road Department** – consider November 7, 2024, Quote No. DH71027-A from Fallsway Equipment Company, Inc. for one (1) Bucks 11’ Hook Lift Dump Body for a total cost of \$9,275.00 as detailed in said quote.
- **Road Department** – consider October 31, 2024, Quote No. 126 from Bobcat of Canton, Leppo for one (1) Generac MLT6KDS LED Light Tower for a total cost of \$14,225.00 as detailed in said quote.
- **Road Department** – consider December 10, 2024, configuration of an ICON Professional Toolbox from Harbor Freight for a total cost of \$8,744.00 as detailed in said configuration.
- **Road Department** – consider December 11, 2024, Quote from The Dexter Company for two (2) Monroe behind the cab pre-wet tanks for a total cost of \$13,130.00 as detailed in said quote.

(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 a total amount not to exceed: **\$266,452.79**.

3. The Project described herein serves the objectives of the Act by providing services traditionally provided by a government, namely:

✓ **Road repair, maintenance and other transportation and safety services**

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

24-392 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit:

- D-24-29: Dominion Energy – 9802 Evergreen Cir. (long side service line)
- O-24-27: ATT/Custom Utilicom Inc. – Daisywood, Daisybrook, etc. (install new fiber optic cable, pedestals and handholes)
- O-24-28: ATT/Custom Utilicom Inc. – Carrington, Prancer, etc. (fiber optic overbuild)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-393 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the amendment to Article VII-BENEFITS/**Holidays** of the Lake Township Employee Handbook, removing the 90-day probationary waiting period before a full-time employee receives holiday pay. Said section will be amended to read as follows and is retroactive to November 23, 2024:

HOLIDAYS - The township observes the following holidays: New Years Day, Martin Luther King Day, Presidents Day, Memorial Day, Juneteenth, Independence Day, Labor Day, Columbus Day, Veteran's Day, Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day. If a holiday falls on a Saturday, it will be observed on the preceding Friday, or if a holiday falls on a Sunday, it will be observed on the following Monday. Employees must be designated full-time ~~and must have completed the 90-day probationary period~~

~~prior to receiving~~ **to receive** holiday pay for those observed holidays occurring on a scheduled workday. On Good Friday and other nationally recognized religious days, township offices and departments will be open all day, but employees will be allowed reasonable time off without pay to attend religious services. Township employees who otherwise qualify for holiday pay shall receive eight (8) hours of holiday pay, (if paid hourly) or 1/10 of their biweekly gross salary, (if paid on a salary basis) for each of the foregoing and specified holidays. Employees who must actually work on a holiday shall receive pay for that day, if they are an hourly employee, in an amount equal to 1.5 times their hourly rate for those hours worked on that holiday, or if on a salary basis shall be paid a sum equal to 1/10 of their biweekly gross salary multiplied times 1.5.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-394 A resolution was made by John Arnold scheduling the “2025 Organizational Meeting” for 4:15 p.m. on Monday, December 23rd, preceding the regular meeting of the Board of Trustees scheduled for December 23rd at 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-395 Trustee Arnold 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:

- **Township Park** – consider December 5, 2024, Quote from ForeverLawn NEO for the materials and installation of six (6) Pickleball courts, storage shed, benches, separation of courts, and extra net sets for replacements at a price of \$230,000.00.

Said “Project” is subject to Ohio Prevailing Wage Rates, and is contingent upon a fully executed Agreement, as authorized to be drafted by Township Legal Counsel, to be in place no later than end of business on December 31, 2024.

(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 a total amount not to exceed: \$230,000.00.

3. The Project described herein serves the objectives of the Act by providing services traditionally provided by a government, namely:

- ✓ **Parks and recreational facilities and programs**

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 Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- None

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

24-396 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

Richard Beck 13697 Nutmeg Cir, Mogadore; Mr. Beck addressed the Board regarding electric vehicles. He stated they should speak with Michael Benson if they would like to learn more about the advantages of using electric vehicles for government agencies. The Road Superintendent replied they looked at a MACK e-truck but unfortunately they wouldn’t work for the township services.

- 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

24-397 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 2:19 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

