

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 with the following members present:

Jeremy Yoder, President  
John Arnold, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb

Jeremy Guenther

Jeremy Yoder called the regular meeting to order.

25-038 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the minutes of the December 23, 2024 Regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
John Arnold     yes

25-039 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the minutes of the December 23, 2024, 2025 Organizational meeting as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
John Arnold     yes

25-040 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing payment and processing of payroll for January 17, 2025. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
John Arnold     yes

25-041 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as January 13, 2025 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
John Arnold     yes

25-042 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of January 13, 2025 in the amount of \$513,086.59 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
John Arnold     yes

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Stark County Commissioners – copy of Resolution setting 2025 weight limit reductions for County and Township roads during times of thawing and moisture
2. U.S. Census Bureau – 2025 Boundary and Annexation Survey
3. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of new contracts and amendments for the State Cooperative Purchasing Program
4. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – *Newsletter*, notice of revisions to the “Side Lot Disposition Program Policy” and “Vacant Lot Disposition Program Policy, Notice of Subdivision Review, copy of correspondence sent to Stephen Campbell regarding Helen G. Kurtz, No. 2; January 7, 2025, meeting packet.
5. State Employment Relations Board – request for submission of insurance information for the SERB 2025 Health Insurance Survey
6. Recycled Concrete Products, Inc. – pricing structure effective after February 1, 2025
7. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – January 13, 2025, meeting notice and 2025 bimonthly meeting schedule
8. Crafc0, Inc. – notice of Crafc0 acquisition of DJL Material & Supply and National Highway Maintenance System, Ltd.
9. Ford Motor Company – safety notice for certain 2020 and 2021 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles
10. Chevrolet – safety notice of seat belt components on certain Chevy/GM vehicles
11. Martin Matheny – concerns about proposed 85 affordable housing project under Zoning Amendment Nos. 24-252 and 24-253
12. The National Lime & Stone Company – pricing structure effective January 1, 2025

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Department**

- None

**Road Department**

- None

**Zoning Department**

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the November and December 2024 Zoning Reports.

**Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

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**NEW BUSINESS:**

25-043 A resolution was made by Jeremy determining that the Township is in possession of the following computer equipment that is obsolete and is unfit for the use for which it was acquired and is no longer needed by the Township. Further determining that this property has no value; therefore, the following items will be destroyed and/or disposed of in accordance with Section 505.10 (A)(7) of the Ohio Revised Code:

Qty.	Item Description	Inventory No.	Year Purchased /Received	Proposed Method of Disposition
<u>Police Department</u>				
3	Panasonic Semi-Rugged Toughbook CF 54 (Cars 8, 9, 10)	PD580	2016	Destroy/Dispose

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
 John Arnold    yes

25-044 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing a pay increase for Road Department auxiliary employee, Sam Laspisa, to \$18.00/hour commencing with the pay period beginning January 18, 2025. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
 John Arnold    yes

25-045 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the January 2, 2025, Quote No. 2522 from Stertil-Koni USA, Inc, and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$10,400.76 for the purchase of jackstands/accessories for the new truck lift system. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
 John Arnold    yes

25-046 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder determining that certain township property is no longer needed by the township and further determining that the fair market value is greater than \$2,500.00.

Therefore, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.10 and Lake Township Resolution No. 10-158, the following property will be sold by internet auction on [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com) and will be sold "as is" to the highest bidder, subject to the provisions of the "Online Sales-Terms and Conditions" as listed on [www.govdeals.com](http://www.govdeals.com):

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1. 2010 INTERNATIONAL 7400 MAXFORCE DUMP TRUCK (INVENTORY No. RB 09-02)  
VIN 1HTWDAAR1AH268319

**ENGINE:** 7.6L DIESEL ENGINE

**SPECIFICATIONS:**

TRANSMISSION -- AUTOMATIC  
GVWR  
MILEAGE – 57,163  
GLEDHILL SNOWPLOW  
BOSCH-REXROTH HYDRAULICS  
STAINLESS STEEL TAILGATE SALT SPREADER

**MINIMUM BID:** \$20,000.00

Auction will commence Friday, February 7, 2025, and run for a period of 11 days.

The minimum bid amount will be accepted and the listing will include the option of extending a "second chance" offer if needed.

The Board will sell said item in compliance with all provisions of Ohio Revised Code Sections 102 and 2921.

A Bill of Sale will be issued to the winning bidder and a copy shall be kept on file.

Notice will be published in the Hartville News the week of January 23, 2025. Item will remain out of service until sold. Item will be on display, Monday through Friday, for public inspection at the Lake Township Road Service Garage, 1499 Midway Street, Uniontown, Ohio 44685 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For further information, please call (330) 877-8359 or (330) 418-0499.

Notice will also be published on the Lake Township internet web site at [www.laketwpstarkco.com](http://www.laketwpstarkco.com), click on the "News" tab to access this notice. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

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25-047 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing a 4% increase in compensation for all full-time non-bargaining employees and both part-time police department dispatchers/secretaries, with the following exceptions:

- Mike Batchik 5%
- Kim Berry 13%
- Summer Terra 10%

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- The Board noted the exceptions are to bring the Police Chief in line with other entities, Kim Berry and Summer Terra have taken on additional responsibilities and new roles.

25-048 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 a Township Fire 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 period of five years, for operating expenses of the Lake Township Fire District provided for in 5705.19(I), namely:

For the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section [145.48](#) or [742.34](#) of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs for the Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio.

WHEREAS, the Board's determination is consistent with Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) and R.C. 505.39, which authorizes the Board of Trustees of any township to request the question of a tax levy be submitted by the taxing authority to the electors of the Township, or Fire 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

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will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount necessary for the expenses relating to the operation of the Township Fire District and, thus, it is necessary for a replacement tax levy in excess of that limitation to sustain the operations of the Township Fire District, pursuant to R.C. 5705.192 and the authority of R.C. 5705.19(I) and R.C. 505.39; 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 Lake Township Fire 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 \$1,419,000 during the first year of collection, based upon the current assessed valuation of the territory of the subdivision of Lake Township Fire District. 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 Fire District.
2. The question of such replacement tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of Lake Township Fire District at the election to be held on May 6, 2025.
3. Such tax levy shall be at a rate not exceeding one and one-quarter (1.25) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$44 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of five (5) years.
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 providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section [145.48](#) or [742.34](#) of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated

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by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs for the Lake Township Fire District, at a rate not exceeding one and one-quarter (1.25) mills, for period of five (5) years, beginning with the 2025 tax list and duplicate, shall be submitted under R.C. Section 5705.19(I) and R.C. 505.39, and pursuant to R.C. 5705.192, to the electors of Lake Township Fire District at the Primary Election to be held therein on May 6, 2025.

6. The form of the ballot to be cast at the election on the question of this tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

LAKE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT  
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (REPLACEMENT)

A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A replacement tax for the benefit of Lake Township Fire District for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section [145.48](#) or [742.34](#) of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs for the Lake Township Fire District, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$1,419,000 annually, at a rate not exceeding one and one-quarter (1.25) mills per \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$44 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of five (5) years, 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, 5705.191, 5705.192 and 5705.25 and other related sections of the Revised Code.

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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 John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
John Arnold     yes

- The Board noted that we have a levy that is going to expire and needs to be renewed or replaced They are seeking replacement so we don't fall behind and can retain quality employees.

25-049 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the resignation of Zoning Commission member, John Elsey, effective January 3, 2025. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
John Arnold     yes

25-050 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permits:

- D-25-01: Dominion Energy, 8264 MacThomas Ave. (new short side service line)

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
John Arnold     yes

### **MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS**

- None

### **FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

25-051 A resolution was made by Jeremey Yoder authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder    yes  
John Arnold     yes

### **PUBLIC SPEAKS**

Richard Beck 13697 Nutmeg Cir, Mogadore; Mr. Beck addressed the Board regarding renewable energy. He would like to see local establishments install charging stations. He supports the replacement of the fire levy vs a renewal.

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- 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](mailto:info@laketwpstarkco.com)

25-052 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

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Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

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Jeremy Yoder, President

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Steve Miller, Vice President

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John Arnold, Member

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