

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met in regular session at 6:30 p.m. at 12360 Market Avenue North, Hartville, Ohio with the following members present:

John Arnold, President  
Ellis Erb, Vice President  
Galen Stoll, Member

Also Present:

Ben Sommers  
Jack Coontz  
Joy Dingman  
James Thorp  
Travis Weible  
Charlie Hall

Dan Stiles  
Jim Sullivan  
Greg Campbell  
Mary Ann Kannam  
Sam Miller

John Arnold called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

- 11-053 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of January 10, 2011, as submitted. Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:  
John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes
- 11-054 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment of payroll for January 31, 2011 in the amount of \$12,038.47. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:  
John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes
- 11-055 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment of payroll for February 4, 2011 in the amount of \$51,518.18. Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:  
John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes
- 11-056 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting/approving the Financial Report as of January 24, 2011, as submitted by the Lake Township Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:  
John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes
- 11-057 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment of bills as of January 24, 2011 in the amount of \$71,155.46. Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:  
John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

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**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Chuck Hess -- inquiring about trash pickup rates
2. Stark County Transportation Improvement District -- Transportation Infrastructure Grant Notification
3. Ohio Department of Public Safety -- License Tax Statistics Reports
4. Stark County Township Association (Perry Township) -- notification of SCTA membership dues
5. Sasha & Jason Anderson -- thanking the road department for cleaning the snow/ice in their allotment
6. Hartville Fire Department -- notification of January 27th Stark County Firefighters Association Meeting
7. Ohio Insurance Services -- information on their attendance at the upcoming Ohio Township Association Conference and about their services
8. State Employment Relations Board -- Annual Employer Information Report
9. Stark County Township Association (Perry Township) -- information regarding Leadership Stark County Government Academy
10. Ohio Township Association -- request for help at the Ohio Township Association Conference
11. Lehman Website Design and Marketing -- information about his services
12. The Canton Exchange Club -- notice of the annual Crime Prevention Breakfast on Tuesday, February 8th
13. B and B Tree Service -- information about their services
14. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System -- January 14, 2011 *Employer Notice*
15. Bricker & Eckler -- information about prevailing wage and their services
16. Ohio Township Association -- requests for information from various township entities
17. NEFCO -- January Board agenda
18. Ohio Economic Development Association -- January 2011 *Dateline Newsletter*
19. Kent State University -- information on The Elected Officials Academy
20. Ohio Township Association -- legislative updates

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Department**

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the Uniontown Police Department 2010 Transactions Report.

11-058 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Mr. James Welsh as a Reserve Officer for the Uniontown Police Department, subject to the provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook. The Board further acknowledges that he has successfully passed his psychological and drug screening test. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

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11-059 A resolution was made by John Arnold determining that the Uniontown Police Department/Lake Township is in possession of certain items that are obsolete and unfit for the use for which they were acquired and are no longer needed by the Township. Further determining that this property has no value; therefore, the following items will be disposed of in accordance with Section 505.10 of the Ohio Revised Code:

- (2) Acer 17" flat screen monitors (originally purchased June 2005)
  - Serial No. ETL 170A2285130169BPY02
  - Serial No. ETL 170A228513016BFPY02

Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

### **Road Department**

11-060 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Paul Schrock as an auxiliary road department employee (group "A") at \$12.00/hour, subject to the provisions of the Lake Township Employee handbook and contingent upon successful completion of a drug test. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

### **Zoning Department**

- The Board acknowledged the receipt of the Zoning Report of December 2010.

### **Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office**

- The Board noted that the Annual Disaster Planning Meeting will be held on Monday February 7, 2011 at 9:00 a.m. at the Lake Township Hall.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

11-061 A resolution was made by John Arnold in an effort to support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards, the Lake Township Board of Trustees hereby offer their support of the Greentown Volunteer Fire Department in pursuing a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to acquire knock boxes for local businesses. The Board acknowledges that the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant is part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants and is under the purview of the Grant Programs Directorate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

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11-062 A resolution was made by John Arnold in an effort to support projects that enhance the safety of the public and firefighters from fire and related hazards, the Lake Township Board of Trustees hereby offer their support of the Lake Township Fire Prevention Officer in pursuing a Fire Prevention and Safety Grant to assist in acquiring smoke detectors for local residents. The Board acknowledges that the Fire Prevention and Safety Grant is part of the Assistance to Firefighters Grants and is under the purview of the Grant Programs Directorate in the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

**NEW BUSINESS:**

11-063 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing an expenditure for registration and costs associated for the elected officials, Danny Kamerer, Sophia Kapadia, Christy Bresson and Steve Lacey to attend the 2011 Winter Conference. Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

11-064 Mr. Arnold moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks Program, and

WHEREAS, Lake Township Board of Trustees desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lake Township Board of Trustees

1. That the Lake Township Board of Trustees approves filing an application for financial assistance.
2. That Lake Township Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.
3. That the Lake Township Board of Trustees does agree to obligate the funds required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Program.

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Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

11-065 Mr. Arnold moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees, upon recommendation of the township's insurance provider, has determined to remove (Resolution 10-328) and to improve the playground equipment and surface, and;

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees sought proposals and price quotes for plans, designs and playground equipment at the Lake Community Park, and;

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees received proposals from John Curtis Design, Inc., Playworld Midstates, Landscape Structures, Inc., and ForeverLawn SWPA/SPCKLC Enterprise, LLC, and;

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees, after reviewing four (4) separate submissions hereby authorizes the Lake Township Fiscal Officer to rank, negotiate and seek additional price quotes and proposals, if necessary, and execute a final plan and design contract at a cost to not exceed Twenty Five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00), and;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake Township Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to proceed to rank, negotiate and execute a final plan and design contract with a reputable playground or recreational design and plan construction firm, for playground equipment and ground cover products for the Lake Community Park contingent upon the following:

the options proposed to the Lake Township Board of Trustees for the Lake Community Park playground equipment and surface covering shall meet or exceed all Ohio and Federal American's with Disability Act requirements;

the options proposed shall meet the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant minimum accessibility requirements;

the total cost of the project (plan, design, acquisition and construction) shall not exceed Twenty-five Thousand Dollars (\$25,000.00);  
Lake Township shall apply for and be granted the Ohio Department of Natural Resources NatureWorks Grant at not less than Fifty per cent (50%) of the total estimated cost of the project.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer and Clerk of this Board be, and he hereby is, directed and authorized to proceed with all things necessary to be done in order to accomplish the purpose of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

11-066 A resolution was made by John Arnold reappointing Tim Muckley to the Zoning Commission for a five year term, commencing on January 24, 2011. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

11-067 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Road Open Permit:

O-11-01: C&T Energy of East Canton - Mogadore Avenue  
(connect to a Dominion East Ohio)

Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

11-068 A resolution was made by John Arnold requesting the Stark County Auditor pursuant to ORC Sec 5705.03 (B) to certify to the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio as taxing authority for the Lake Township Fire District, the total current tax valuation of the Lake Township Fire District as a subdivision and the dollar amount of revenue that will be generated by a levy of three (3.0) mills renewing an existing tax pursuant to ORC 5705.19 (I) for a period not to exceed five (5) years, first due in tax year 2011, first collected in tax year 2012. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

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11-069 Mr. Arnold moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, upon due investigation and consideration, the board has determined that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten (10) mill limitation in and for the Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, for the next five (5) years will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firemen employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company for the Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, by reason thereof, this board has determined that it will be necessary to levy a renewal of a tax levy for the benefit of the Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio of three (3.0) mills, which is in excess of such limitation, for a period of five (5) years for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firemen employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company for Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark Count, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, by reason of the facts above set forth, this board has determined that it should, and hereby does, declare itself to submit to the electors of the Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, at the primary election to be held May 3, 2011, the question of levying a renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township outside the ten (10) mill limitation for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment and maintenance of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firemen employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company for the Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, for a period not to exceed five (5) years, being tax years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that there shall be submitted to the electors of the Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, at the primary election on May 3, 2011, the question of a renewal of a tax levy outside the ten (10) mill limitation in and for said Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, in the amount of three (3.0) mills for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firemen employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company for Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, and that said renewal of a tax of three (3.0) mills shall be levied for a period of five (5) years, being tax years 2011, 2012, 2013, 2014 and 2015.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the submission of said proposal, the notice of election, the form of ballot, the certification of the levy as voted outside the ten (10) mill limitation, and the levying of such renewed millage shall be in accordance with the provisions of Sections 5705.19(I), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25 and other related Sections of the Revised Code of Ohio and in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of ballot cast at such election shall be:

**PROPOSED TAX LEVY – (RENEWAL TAX)  
LAKE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, LAKE TOWNSHIP**

A majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, appliances, buildings, or sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, or the establishment of lines of fire alarm telegraph, or the payment of permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighters or firefighting companies to operate the same, including the payment of the firemen employer's contribution required under Section 742.34 of the Revised Code, or to purchase ambulance equipment, or to provide ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company at a rate not exceeding three (3.0) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to thirty cents (\$0.30) for each one

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hundred dollars of valuation, for five (5) years, commencing in 2011, first due in calendar year 2012.

	<b>FOR THE TAX LEVY</b>
	<b>AGAINST THE TAX LEVY</b>

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that pursuant to Revised Code Section 5705.03 (B) that this issue was certified to the Stark County Auditor for the Stark County Auditor to tabulate the monies generated by the current levy, the monies to be generated by the proposed additional levy, and the monies to be generated by the additional levy after rescission of the current levy.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer and Clerk of this Board be, and he herby is, directed and authorized to proceed forthwith the certification hereof to the Board of Elections of Stark County, Ohio, pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5705.19 (I), 5705.191, 5705.192, and 5705.25 and other related statutes and to proceed with all things necessary to be done in order to accomplish the purpose of this Resolution.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal actions, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

11-070 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deeds:

Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery - Section K, Lot 13, Grave 5  
Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery - Section K, Lot 13, Graves 1 & 2

Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

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**MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS**

- Ben Sommers and John Arnold attended the Stark County Township Association meeting. The township legal counsel, Charlie Hall, spoke regarding ways to protect the general fund.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

11-071 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders and Vouchers. Seconded by Ellis Erb. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

**PUBLIC SPEAKS**

*Jim Thorp, 1835 Chowning Circle, Uniontown;* Mr. Thorp addressed the Board regarding the trustee's salaries coming out of various township funds and inheritance taxes. He also asked if the upcoming 3 mill Fire Levy renewal will be on the ballot in May. The Board told Mr. Thorp that it would be on the May 3, 2011 ballot.

*Travis Weible, Uniontown;* Travis Weible attended the meeting as a member of Boy Scout Troop 135.

11-072 A resolution was made by John Arnold to enter into executive session at 6:57 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, Police Chief and legal counsel. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

11-073 A resolution was made by John Arnold to return from executive session at 7:43 p.m. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

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11-074 A resolution was made by John Arnold adjourning the meeting at 7:44 p.m. Seconded by Galen Stoll. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes  
Ellis Erb yes  
Galen Stoll yes

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Ben Sommers, Fiscal Officer

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John Arnold, President

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Ellis Erb, Vice President

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Galen Stoll, Member

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