

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:

Steve Miller, President
John Arnold, Vice President

Also Present:

Robert Moss	Pam Bixler
Joy Dingman	Tina Wise
Bob Wise	Dominic Peluso
Gloria Morgan	Sam Miller
Becky Oberg	Lauren Kearns

Steve Miller called the regular meeting to order.

20-053 A resolution was made by Steve Miller acknowledging an amendment to the January 3, 2020 “2019 Year End Minutes” as follows:

Originally prepared as follows:

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:

Jeremy Yoder, President
Steve Miller, Vice President
John Arnold, Member

Amended to correct and read as follows:

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met in special session at 9:00 a.m. at 12360 Market Avenue North, Hartville, Ohio to conduct any final business and payment of any final bills to close-out the 2019 year with the following members present:

Jeremy Yoder, President
Steve Miller, Vice President
John Arnold, Member

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes

20-054 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to amend Resolution No. 20-039 to clarify approving MINUTES of January 3, 2020 “2019 Year End Meeting” as amended (re-sign) and Approve MINUTES of January 3, 2020 Organizational Meeting. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes

20-055 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing processing and payment of payroll for January 31, 2020. Seconded John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes

20-056 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the Minutes of January 13, 2020 with amendment to Resolution No. 20-039 above. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes

20-057 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing processing and payment of payroll for February 7, 2020. Seconded John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes

20-058 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as of January 27, 2020 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes

20-059 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of January 27, 2020 in the amount of \$260,086.92, reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Ohio Treasurer/Robert Sprague – 2019 OhioCheckbook.com update
2. State Employment Relations Board – request for 2020 Health Insurance Survey; notice of SPBR Conference
3. Landmark Dividend – interest in buyout of current cellular tower lease
4. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – copies of preliminary plats, etc. for February 3, 2020 Regional Planning Commission meeting; copy of correspondence regarding The Boroughs No. 7, Pleasant Manor No. 2 and Alloway Meadows Allotments; notice of February 4, 2020 Planning Commission meeting at 7:30 p.m.; notice of Saturday, February 29th Governmental Law Seminar
5. Cathy Clark – inquiring about possible flashing lights on curves on Lake Center and Market Avenue and status of open pocketbook

6. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation – notice of Annual Recordkeeping Report due February 1st
7. Chevrolet – notice of safety recall for certain 2017 Chevrolet Tahoe vehicles
8. Robert and Tina Wise – concerns over tree-trimming work at 11611 Holbrook Ave.
9. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – notice of amendments to certain purchasing contracts
10. Ag-Pro Companies – information about their services
11. Ohio Township Association – legislative alerts and information
12. NEFCO – notice of upcoming public hearings regarding the draft update of Clean Water Plan Chapter 3
13. Ohio Department of Commerce/Division of Liquor Control – notice of February 5, 2020 Hearing regarding a new permit application for VFW Post 9904 Greentown
14. Stark County Engineer – notice of Annual Township Highway System Mileage Certification for year 2019 to be confirmed and returned no later than April 1, 2020
15. Stark County Township Association – notice forwarded from FirstEnergy regarding energy efficient kits for FirstEnergy (Ohio Edison) customers
16. Matt Tedrick – looking for recycled ceramics or ceramic tile
17. School Choice Week – proclamation request
18. Spitzer Ford – notice of complimentary inspection/correction for Explorer recall
19. Ohio Department of Transportation – seeking documents in connection with the SR619 Rehabilitation SIB Loan
20. The University of Akron/CUE – inquiry for approximately 400 ton of salt needed for Summit Co. member; salt remaining from Cargill under 2019-2020 Salt Contract

- In reference to Correspondence Nos. 1 & 5 - Trustee Arnold asked the Fiscal Officer, Bob Moss, about the open checkbook. Mr. Moss stated that the update is already in place and his office spoke with Ms. Clark advising her how to access the information.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

20-060 A resolution was made by Steve Miller Resolution rescheduling the February 10, 2020 Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees to Wednesday, February 12, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in order to accommodate travel schedules. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

20-061 Trustee Miller motioned the following resolution

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees, at their Regular Meeting of March 25, 2013, adopted Resolution No. 13-127; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 13-127 made provisions, in part, for a township board of trustees to levy an additional excise tax not to exceed three per cent on transactions by which a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees, now desires to provide an option for the excise tax to be paid not only on an annual basis as originally adopted, but to offer quarterly payments as well;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that effective immediately, the Board of Lake Township Trustees amends Resolution No. 13-127 to read as follows:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Sections 505.56 and 5739.08 permit a township board of trustees to levy an additional excise tax not to exceed three per cent on transactions by which a hotel is or is to be furnished to transient guests, and that all funds arising from such excise tax may be expended for any lawful purpose; and

WHEREAS, for the purpose of providing additional revenue to meet the needs of the township for the use of the general revenue fund, in addition to those from

general and special property taxes, and from other sources the Lake Township Board of Trustees should levy a lodging excise tax of three per cent on transactions of any hotel, motel, tourist home, bed and breakfast, or other establishment kept, maintained, advertised or held out to the public to be a place where sleeping accommodations are offered to guests, whether such accommodations are in one or more than one building; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 505.56 and 5739.08 (B) the Lake Township Board of Trustees does hereby levy a lodging tax of three per cent (3.0%) on all transactions by which lodging by a hotel, motel, tourist home, bed and breakfast, or other establishment, kept, maintained, advertised or held out to the public to be a place where sleeping accommodations are offered to guests, whether such accommodations are in one or more than one building, within the unincorporated areas of Lake Township, Stark County; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that effective January 1, 2013 and on or before January 15, of each year **or the 15th of each month following the end of each quarter**, the owner or person in charge of each such hotel, motel, tourist home, bed and breakfast, or other establishment, kept, maintained, advertised or held out to the public to be a place where sleeping accommodations are offered to guests, shall remit to the Lake Township Fiscal Officer the amount of lodging excise tax due for the preceding year **or preceding quarter**, together with a written return in such form as the Lake Township Fiscal Officer may prescribe, showing the amount of transactions in the preceding year **or preceding quarter** and other information necessary to accurately determine the amount of tax due and payable; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Lake Township Fiscal Officer shall audit each return, and in his/her discretion may conduct, or cause to be conducted, an audit of the books and records of a taxpayer. The Fiscal Officer shall give the taxpayer thirty (30) days written notice of the date, time and place of an audit of books and records; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that unless the determination is appealed to the Lake Township Board of Trustees within thirty (30) days from the date of Notice of the final determination by the Lake Township Fiscal Officer of the tax due, either by correcting errors in the return or as a result of an audit, said taxes shall be paid within thirty (30) days following written Notice to the taxpayer of the amount due; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, a taxpayer may appeal the Fiscal Officer's determination of the tax due to the Lake Township Board of Trustees by filing a written notice of appeal within thirty (30) days after the date of Notice of the amount of tax due. The appeal shall be heard before the Lake Township Board of Trustees at the next regular meeting of the Board of Trustees; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, all tax revenues received pursuant to this Resolution shall be deposited by the Fiscal Officer into the Lake Township General fund.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

20-062 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the January 14, 2020 Quote No. 001005 from 415 Group and authorizing an expense, for the Administrative Office, in the amount of \$615.00 for the purchase of a Synology NAS Storage DiskStation devise along with 2 Western Digital 2TB Hard Drives. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- Trustee Miller explained that this is for our computer back up system which will be done in house replacing the cloud-based backup, saving the township a considerable amount of money.

20-063 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit:

- D-20-02 Dominion Energy Ohio – 8493 Deacon Ave. (new short service line)

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

20-064 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the January 24, 2020 Estimate No. 213 from North Canton Truck Center and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, for an amount not to exceed \$9,000.00 for the necessary repairs of a 2006 International Single axle snow and ice truck (R/B Unit No. 1106) as detailed in said estimate. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

20-065 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute the following cemetery deed:

- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery, Section P, Lot 101, Grave 2

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

20-066 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Uniontown Police Department to waive the \$15.00 cruiser usage fee for the 1-day per week off-duty officer details at Advent Lutheran Church located at 1516 Edison Street NW, Uniontown. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Miller met with Sarah Matheny from Stark Soil and Water and Mrs. Marchion, a homeowner on Howard, regarding the pipe in her back yard installed by the county three years ago which has floated to the surface. Ms. Matheny stated this was an unusual circumstance since the county put it in. Mr. Miller stated that we are pushing as the Township for the county to go back to the bonded installer to have it repaired. Ms. Matheny will write a report and submit to Mrs. Marchion and the Trustees.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

20-067 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Tina Wise, 11611 Holbrook Ave., Uniontown; Ms. Wise read into the record a letter of complaint they sent to the Board of Trustees on January 18, 2020 concerning the tree trimming work performed at their property by the township road department.

Bob Wise, 11611 Holbrook Ave, Uniontown. Mr. Wise addressed the Board regarding his displeasure concerning township employees performing work that appears to have not only been in road right of way but on their private property as well. He said had he been notified that the trees needed trimmed he would have taken care of it at no cost to the township taxpayers. He also voiced his concern as how their complaint has been handled so far. The Trustees informed

him that a letter has been sent to him from the township legal counsel and that they would review the measures used in these kinds of situations.

20-068 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 p.m. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

Robert Moss, Fiscal Officer

Steve Miller, President

John Arnold, Vice President

- Absent -

Jeremy Yoder, Member

