

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met at 4:50 p.m. at 12360 Market Avenue North, Hartville, Ohio for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment No. 20-245 immediately following in regular session. The meeting was open to limited public access and streamed live via Facebook with the following members present:

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

Also Present:

Matthew Erb  
Sam Miller

Sophia Troyer  
Nicole Wilkinson

Steve Miller called the Public Hearing to order at 4:50 p.m. and stated the purpose of the hearing is for Zoning Amendment No. 20-245 a proposed rezone of one (1) tract of land aka 12700 Bixler Avenue NE, Hartville OH 44632, Parcel No. 1903968 (Hartville Station, LLC), approximately 0.69 acres, located on the east side of Bixler Avenue and north of Edison/SR 619 in the SE ¼ Section 10, Lake Township from R-1 Low Density Residential/C-2 General Commercial to R-1 Low Density Residential/C-2 General Commercial

Mr. Miller noted that both Stark County Regional Planning and the Lake Township Zoning Commission recommended approval of Zoning Amendment No. 20-245.

Mr. Miller explained that the zoning is essentially staying the same, but the size of each zoned portion will change. The change will not affect the aesthetic from the road, there is a home there that is used as a residential property. The way the zoning exists at this time the home is not able to be sold as a residential property. This zoning change will remedy that situation so that the home can be sold as a residential property.

Mr. Yoder noted that the current owner also owns the Giant Eagle Plaza and their goal is to sell the property as a residential property.

Mr. Arnold stated that he does not see a negative impact.

Mr. Miller opened and closed public comment as no one was in attendance to comment.

**PUBLIC SPEAKS**

None

Mr. Yoder noted that a sign was posted and people have been made aware of the change request. We have had some phone calls and any questions were addressed.

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Mr. Arnold asked the Zoning Administrator, Nicole Wilkinson, if there were any negative feedback from people once the zoning change request was explained.

Ms. Wilkinson stated that she was able to respond to all questions and never hear any additional concerns once it was explained. She also noted that no public attended the Zoning Commission hearing.

20-306 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the zoning change as recommended by Stark County Regional Planning Commission and the Lake Township Zoning Commission, as proposed under Zoning Amendment No. 20-245, a request for the rezoning of one (1) tract of land aka 12700 Bixler Avenue NE, Hartville OH 44632, Parcel No. 1903968 (Hartville Station, LLC), approximately 0.69 acres, located on the east side of Bixler Avenue and north of Edison/SR 619 in the SE ¼ Section 10, Lake Township from R-1 Low Density Residential/C-2 General Commercial to R-1 Low Density Residential/C-2 General Commercial. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-307 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to adjourn the public hearing. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

Steve Miller called the regular meeting to order.

20-308 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the Minutes of August 24, 2020 as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-309 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as of September 14, 2020 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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20-310 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of September 14, 2020 in the amount of \$187,241.94 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
Jeremy Yoder	yes

### CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – notice of Special Meeting on Thursday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020
2. Stark Council of Governments – September 1<sup>st</sup> SCOG meeting reminder and draft agenda
3. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – September 8<sup>th</sup> meeting call in instructions and supporting documents; Subdivision Engineer correspondence regarding Chestnut Ridge Allotment sidewalk performance bond release request; RPC Zoning Presentation for September 8<sup>th</sup>; copy of correspondence regarding The Farms at Enclave and Oldestone Crossing.
4. Deborah Six – questions regarding noise ordinance
5. Stark County Township Association – inquiry regarding membership meeting preference; Ohio Public Health Advisory System Levels; 2020 Fall Newsletter
6. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – notice of new contracts and amendments to current contracts; program update for political subdivisions
7. Ohio Township Association – legislatives alerts and information
8. Stark County Commissioners – copy of resolution approving Agreement for Cleveland Avenue and Heckman Street project
9. Ford Motor Company – notice of missing information from owners manual
10. Stark County Board of Elections – notice of Stark County Board of Elections certification of Issue 13 Lake Township Fire Renewal and Issue 14 Lake Township Road Renewal for the November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 General Election Ballot
11. Bob Wise – public records request for job description for Administrative Coordinator, various payroll and time worked records for Road Superintendent
12. Lara Memmer – mailbox damage on Pine Street due to SR619 improvement project
13. Ford F-Series Door Latch Class Action Settlement – notice of potential claim
14. Stark County Engineer – NEWS RELEASE new signal activation at State Street/Middlebranch Avenue intersection beginning Tuesday, September 15<sup>th</sup>
15. NEFCO – Tentative Agenda for the September 16<sup>th</sup>, 2020 Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board
16. Bob Wise – request for salary increase information for all township employees from 01/01/2018 through 08/01/2020, etc.
17. Commissioner Richard Regula c/o Stark County Commissioners – 2020 Census information

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18. Mary Hoy – question from Lake teacher to Trustee Arnold regarding involvement with Lake Local as a member of the Lake Township Trustees
19. Chad Axline – employment inquiry
20. Brian and Theresa Haskins – interest in purchasing a portion of township property (Midway/Market)

- In reference to Correspondence No. 20 - Trustee Miller noted that this would be discussed at a future meeting.

### **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

#### **Police Department**

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the August 2020 Statistical Report for the Uniontown Police Department.

#### **Road Department**

- None

#### **Zoning Department**

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the August 2020 Zoning Statistical Report.

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

- None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

20-311 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the September 9, 2020 Estimate No. 4 from Wells Quality Excavating for snow/ice removal services for township property including township cemeteries and other township real property as specified in said estimate. Further resolving the Board accept the renewal and authorized the execution of the Snow Plowing Agreement commencing November 1, 2020 and continuing through April 30, 2021. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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- The Board noted there is no increase in pricing with the exception of adding the new cemetery on Mt. Pleasant. The Board discussed that due to the lack of records for the new cemetery we most likely will not be able to sell grave space there.

20-312 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following:

- D-20-29: Dominion Energy – 2261 Royer St. NE. (new long side service line)
- D-20-30: Dominion Energy – 892 Andrews St. (new short side service line)
- D-20-31: Dominion Energy – 9796 White Pine Ave. (new long side service line)
- D-20-32: Dominion Energy – Mt. Pleasant Street (service to new development)
- D-20-33: Dominion Energy – 11030 Sagebrush Ave. (new short side service line)

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-313 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 37, Graves 1 & 2

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-314 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the September 1, 2020 Proposal No. 12329 from Central Allied Enterprises, Inc. and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$7,045.00 for the striping of Market Avenue N. within the township limits. The Board further acknowledges the work that has been performed and authorizes the President of the Board to execute said Proposal.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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- 20-315 A resolution was made by Steve Miller agreeing to a one-time closeout amount of \$3,000.00 as full and final payment for any and all obligations arising from or related to the RUMA Agreement and/or Township Roads. The Board acknowledges that said "Lake Township RUMA Release and Settlement" Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the township's additional legal counsel. The Board hereby approves and authorizes itself to sign said Settlement Agreement upon receipt of the original from NEXUS Gas Transmission, LLC. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:
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| Steve Miller | yes |
| John Arnold  | yes |
| Jeremy Yoder | yes |

- 20-316 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the request and authorizing an expenditure, for the police department, in the amount of \$8,580.00 for the purchase of twenty (20) 9mm Glock handguns from Atwell's Police & Fire Equipment Co., Painesville, Ohio

The Board further resolves that it has certain township property that is no longer needed by the township and has determined that the fair market value is less than \$2,500.00; therefore, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.10, the following property will be sold to SeeGifts LLC located at 1289 Edison Street:

- Eight (8) .45 caliber Glock handguns at \$300.00 each for a total sale price of \$2,400.00

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- The Board noted that the Police Department will now all have the same handguns and will all be able to use the same ammunition, which will save money.

- 20-317 A resolution was made by Steve Miller hiring Cole Stafford as a Reserve Officer for the Uniontown Police Department, at an hourly rate of \$15.00 per hour in accordance with the part-time officer pay scale, and pursuant to the provisions contained in Resolution No. 20-037, adopted January 3, 2020 and subject to all provisions of the Lake Township Trustees and the Lake Township Employee handbook. Employment is contingent upon successful completions of a drug test, polygraph exam and psychological exam. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:
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| Steve Miller | yes |
| John Arnold  | yes |
| Jeremy Yoder | yes |

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20-318 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the September 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2020 Estimate No. 5555 from Haymaker Tree and Lawn and authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$4,500.00 to trim up low hanging trees and remove certain trees throughout Woods Cemetery. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

**MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS**

- Trustee Miller noted that he has received calls regarding the condition of the roundabouts on Rt. 619. He stated that Lake Center Christian School has volunteered to maintain the roundabout at Kaufman, but we as a Township need to secure someone to maintain the roundabout at King Church.

Trustee Yoder stated that it was an Ohio Department of Transportation Project and we did not have the ability to design it and we do not have a legal right to maintain it. Trustee Yoder noted that he does not necessarily want the road department taking care of them as it is not their area of expertise. He also would like to see some guidelines on how they are to be maintained.

Trustee Miller wants to research to see if there is a way the township can legally maintain the roundabouts, even if that means contracting with a landscaping company to do the work.

Trustee Arnold noted that he believes ODOT is required to maintain the areas only 4 times a year, so if that is the case, they need to do something that is going to holdup between those 4 visits.

The Township Administrator will reach out to ODOT and the City of Green to see what she can find out.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

20-319 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
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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20-320 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Lake Township Fiscal Officer to certify to the Stark County Auditor the Amended 2020 Annual Street Lighting Assessments for Lake Township. The assessments shall be collected and distributed to the Lake Township Board of Trustees in the year 2021. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-321 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Fiscal Officer to submit to the Stark County Auditor a request for an Additional Amended Certificate in the amount of \$95,561.91 for Fund #2272 (Local Coronavirus Relief Fund) pursuant to CARES Act HB 481. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- The Board discussed that some of these funds are being used to upgrade the meeting room to make it more technically accessible for the public.

### **PUBLIC SPEAKS**

- None
- 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)

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20-322 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to adjourn the meeting at 5:15 p.m.  
Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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Matthew Erb, Fiscal Officer

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Steve Miller, President

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John Arnold, Vice President

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Jeremy Yoder, Member

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