

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met at 4:50 p.m. at 12360 Market Avenue North, Hartsville, Ohio for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing for Zoning Amendment No. 20-246 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
Adam Corder
Nichole Wilkinson

Sam Miller
Derek Shaffer

Steve Miller called the Public Hearing to order at 4:50 p.m. and stated the purpose of the hearing is for a proposed rezone of vacant land Wright Road NW, Uniontown OH 44685, Parcel No. 2014718 located in Quarter Section 19 SE and owned by NEXUS Gas Transmission LLC. The property is currently zoned R-1 Low Density Residential. The property is proposed to be rezoned C-1

Mr. Miller noted that Stark County Regional Planning recommended a denial and the Lake Township Zoning Commission recommended approval of Zoning Amendment No. 20-246.

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Adam Corder, 11068 Bancroft Ave NW, Uniontown: Mr. Corder addressed the Board regarding his request along with the current owner, Nexus, for the rezone. Mr. Corder explained that he would like to purchase the property which is one of three of 3 parcels. One parcel located on Cleveland Ave is zoned C1 while the two remaining parcels are R1. The current zoning does not allow for the proper parking requirements for a building located on the C1 parcel. By rezoning the adjoining parcel, it would allow for the parking spaces needed to meet the zoning requirements.

Trustee Miller asked if this was for his own use or if he was building to rent. Mr. Corder responded it would mainly be for himself, his business is currently located in Canton. He does however have aspirations to be offer office space for rent in the future.

Trustee Yoder asked what his timeline was. Mr. Corder responded it would be a year or two before he would consider breaking ground.

Trustee Miller asked if he was purchasing all three properties and if it was contingent upon the approval of the rezone request. Mr. Corder responded yes.

The Trustees asked the Zoning Administrator if she had received any calls regarding the rezone request. She said they did have calls but after answering their questions no one attended the meeting.

Trustee Arnold noted that with the Nexus pipeline running through this property that this is a good use of the property.

The Board noted that there would still be a buffer between the commercial property and the residential properties. They would like to see the Cleveland Ave corridor developed so this works with that.

20-393 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the zoning change as recommended by the Lake Township Zoning Commission, which is opposite the Stark County Regional Planning Commission's recommendation of denial of rezone as proposed under Zoning Amendment No. 20-246. Said request is for the rezoning of one tract, approximately 0.44 acres, part of lots 123 & 124 in Greentree Allotment No. 4, located on the south side of Wright Road NW and east of Cleveland Avenue in the SE ¼ Section 19, Lake Township aka Parcel No. 2014718. The property is currently zoned R-1 Low Density Residential. The property is proposed to be rezoned C-1 Light Commercial. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-394 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.

20-395 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the Minutes of November 9, 2020 with an amendment to Resolution No. 20-378 to be addressed later in the Agenda. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-396 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing payment and processing of payroll for November 27, 2020. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

Jeremy Yoder yes

20-397 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as of November 23, 2020 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

20-398 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of November 23, 2020 in the amount of \$503,193.28 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 Engineer – request for list of streets for seasonal weight reduction
2. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – copy of correspondence regarding Windgate North Allotment/streets; Clean Ohio Conservation Program Notification
3. Ohio Township Association – legislative alerts
4. Chris Miller – concerns and questions regarding residents burning leaves, furniture, etc. in backyard
5. NEFCO – Tentative Agenda of the November 18th, 2020 Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board
6. Ford Motor Company – notice of warranty extension on the steering linkage damper for 2017 Ford F550
7. Uniontown Fire Department – notice of appointment of Assistant Chief Derek Shaffer as interim Fire Chief

- In reference to correspondence no. 4 – Trustee Miller noted that those types of complaints need to be made to the fire department. If you have any questions or concerns regarding burning please contact your local fire department.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

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

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

20-399 A resolution was made by Steve Miller amending Resolution No. 20-378, adopted November 9th, 2020 to read as follows:

Resolution accepting the November 4th, 2020 Proposal from All Comfort Heating & Air Conditioning, LLC and authorizing an expenditure, as part of the CARES Act funds, for the Administrative Department, in the total amount of \$4,740.00. As detailed in said Proposal, this is for the purchase and installation of three (3) Aprilaire fan powered humidifiers and three (3) Bi-Polar Ionization air purifiers at the Lake Township Administrative building located at 12360 Market Avenue North. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

NEW BUSINESS:

20-400 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following:

- D-20-42: Dominion Energy – 12945 Market Ave N (new long side service line)
- D-20-43: Dominion Energy – 8305 MacThomas Ave. (new long side service line)
- D-20-44: Dominion Energy – Brumbaugh/MacKenzie (install magnesium anode)
- D-20-45: Dominion Energy – 8308 MacThomas Ave (new short service line)

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-401 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 58, Graves 4 & 5
- Woods Cemetery – Section South, Lot 484, Grave 1

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-402 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the November 12, 2020 Estimated Work Order No. 5089284 from Ziegler Tire and authorizing an expenditure, for the road department, in the amount of \$4,742.60 for the purchase and installation of tires on three (3) single axle snow/ice dump trucks. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-403 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the November 6, 2020 estimate from Orion Construction and authorizing an expenditure, for the police department, in the amount of \$2,857.97 for repair of a wall in the training room and enclosure of two (2) exhaust fans located in the basement of the police department at 1635 Edison Street, Uniontown. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-404 A resolution was made by Steve Miller Consider amending Article VII-BENEFITS/Life Insurance of the Lake Township Employee Handbook to increase the term life and accidental death and dismemberment coverage that the Employer shall provide, for all non-bargaining employees, from \$25,000.00 each employee to \$50,000.00 each employee. Said section will be amended to read as follows:

Life Insurance

The Employer shall provide term life and accidental death and dismemberment coverage in the amount of ~~\$25,000~~ \$50,000.00 for each employee.

Employees may purchase additional term life insurance at the group rate, in \$5,000 increments, up to a maximum of \$60,000 coverage in addition to Employer paid coverage. Modifications to this provision may be necessary to comply with requirements of the insurance carrier. The value of the life insurance reduces by

50% at age 65. The specific terms of the policy are contained in the life insurance contract.

The Board further resolves that said increase will take effect January 1, 2021. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- 20-405 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the President of the Lake Township Trustees to accept and execute, on behalf of the Board, the Stark County Emergency Management Agency Asset Transfer Form for three (3) North American Rescue 8 Pack Clear Intermediate Bleeding Control Kits 80-0461. The Board recognizes and acknowledges that said Kits were purchased with State Homeland Security Grant Funds and agree to said terms under the Asset Transfer Agreement.

The Board further resolves that, in considering the optimal placement of the bleeding control kits for the community, it has been determined that placement of these kits will be with the Greentown Volunteer, Hartville Volunteer and Uniontown Fire Departments. The assets will be transferred to the Fire Departments upon acceptance and execution of an Asset Transfer Form by each department. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- 20-406 A resolution was made by Steve Miller in recognition of the current COVID-19 pandemic, the Board authorizes, in lieu of the normal in-person Christmas luncheon event, an expenditure for a lunch and/or pie voucher from the Hartville Kitchen for Lake Township employees, elected officials and zoning board members. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-407 A resolution was made by Steve Miller hiring Andrew Gleespen as a part-time 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 Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-408 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the November 19, 2020 Quote No. 001487 from 415 Group and authorizing an expenditure, for the police department, for the purchase of three (3) Adobe Pro DC Subscriptions, as detailed in said Quote. The software will provide the ability to redact sensitive, personal information from documents such as crash reports and incident reports and provide the ability to include supporting information to these documents before emailing to the Prosecutor's office in preparation for court hearings. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- The Board discussed the request of a homeowner to have an unimproved alley next to her recently purchased property vacated. Trustee Miller noted that the property has already transferred ownership, so it doesn't need to be vacated to complete the sale. He thinks its best to vacate the alley so if the property sells again in the future it will not be a problem. Trustee Yoder noted that we are not maintaining the alley. It was noted that there is a storm water line that runs through there so an easement would need to be created to address a storm water issue if needed.

20-409 A resolution was made by Steve Miller acknowledging the request received from Kristin Millard of 3485 State Street NW, Uniontown to begin the process of vacating an unimproved alley directly east of Parcel No. 2000437. The Board recognizes, and it has been determined, that a storm sewer runs within a portion of this unimproved alley and the board further authorizes the township administrator to work with legal counsel and the road superintendent to determine if vacating the unimproved alley is in the best interest of the township. If it is so determined that it is, the Board further authorizes that the necessary documents be prepared for the Board's consideration in moving forward with this request. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

20-410 A resolution was made by Steve Miller requesting the auditor to certify the amount of revenue that will be produced by a proposed renewal of a current 3.00 mills firefighting levy for the Lake Township Fire District. The Resolution, in its entirety, will be attached to and made part of these Minutes. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- The Board noted that the fire departments would like this to be a replacement levy. A renewal levy means the levy is renewed with no new money collected. A replacement levy would adjust the amount of money received based current property values. The Board is asking for the amount to be certified both ways.

20-411 A resolution was made by Steve Miller request the auditor to certify the amount of revenue that will be produced by a proposed replacement of a current 3.00 mills firefighting levy for the Lake Township Fire District. The Resolution, in its entirety, will be attached to and made part of these Minutes. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Yoder noted that there is still time to apply for the CARES subgrant money. If you have had direct cost to your business to mediate the effects of COVID this is an opportunity to seek reimbursement. The deadline is November 30th, 2020. Please spread the word to Lake Township Businesses.
- Trustee Arnold noted that he has spoken with Allen Harold regarding the cleanup of Bishops Gate and there may be an avenue to help with this.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

20-412 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

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

20-413 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.
Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

Matthew Erb, Fiscal Officer

Steve Miller, President

John Arnold, Vice President

Jeremy Yoder, Member

