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 and streamed live via Facebook with the following members present:

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

Also Present: Matt Erb Derek Shaffer

Sam Miller

Jermey Yoder called the regular meeting to order.

22-368 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the minutes of the November 28, 2022 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

22-369 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing payment and processing of payroll for December 23, 2022. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

22-370 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as of December 12, 2022 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

22-371 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of December 12, 2022 in the amount of \$942,000.34 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

• The Board noted that this amount included \$882,419.86 for disbursement to the fire departments

# **CORRESPONDENCE**

- 1. Ohio EPA notice of NPDES Construction Stormwater General Permit Renewal's Public Notice for Comment
- 2. US EPA copy of mailer being sent to residents west of the IEL; updated information and link to interactive map on US EPA website pertaining to 1,4 Dioxane at Uniontown IEL
- 3. National Opioid Settlement Distributor Year 2 Allocation Notice
- 4. Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation notice of upcoming deadline to submit Summary of Work-Related Injuries and Illnesses report to PERRP prior to February 1, 2023
- 5. Tanya McSwiggen inquiry about pet leash law
- 6. Josh Nussbaum concerns over electric bill rate increase
- 7. Stark County Township Association 2022 Year in Review and 2023 SCTA meeting schedule
- 8. National Lime & Stone Company notice of 2023 pricing structure
- 9. Stark County Recorder annual notice of duty to file Zoning Resolutions and Amendments with the County Recorder
- Stark Council of Governments December 6<sup>th</sup>, 2022 General Membership Meeting Packet
- Dominion Energy Notice of Filing New PIR Adjustment Case No. PUCO 22-1019-GA-RDR
- 12. Carolee Dasher copies of certain UPD police reports
- 13. FirstEnergy notice that FirstEnergy is wrapping up inspections and maintenance operations to ensure reliable electric service to customers during the winter months
- 14. Stark County Regional Planning Commission December 6<sup>th</sup>, Meeting Packet and meeting notices
- 15. Stark Housing Network Public Hearing Notice from the City of Canton for the HOME-ARP Allocation Plan set for December 14, 2022
- 16. Ohio Department of Administrative Services weekly report of Cooperative Purchasing Program contracts and amendments
- 17. Ohio Department of Transportation/LTAP registration open for upcoming 2023 FHWA Value Capture Strategies National Webinar Series
- 18. Shawna DeVoe concerns regarding property at 3097 Brumbaugh Street NW
  - Trustee Yoder said in response to recent inquiries regarding the ARPA Funds that the township has a plan to potentially have a working group some time in the first quarter of 2023. Bringing in stakeholders from the township, different residents and business owners, to share ideas so that we can be thoughtful as to how we spend those funds. Trustee Miller noted that we have almost 2.4 million remaining that has not been allocated. We have until the end of 2023 to spend it. Trustee Arnold added that we waited because the rules were changing, now we know what it can be used for. They are a lot less restrictions after several amendments.

## DEPARTMENT REPORTS

#### **Police Department**

• None

#### **Road Department**

• None

#### **Zoning Department**

• None

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

• None

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

• None

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

22-372 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87, and based on, in part, from information and photos provided by the Zoning Administrator, the Board has determined that a nuisance <u>does</u> exist at <u>3574 Pine Street</u> <u>NW, Uniontown OH 44685</u>, due to, but not limited to <u>the owner's (Linda Tippel)</u> <u>maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris.</u>

Further resolving that the owner of such premises is hereby ORDERED to abate, control and remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris from said premises within seven (7) days after receipt of certified "Notice to Abate Nuisance".

If such vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris is not abated, controlled or removed within seven (7) days, this board herby accepts the quote of <u>Nichols Lawn</u> <u>Service, Inc.</u> in the amount of <u>\$350.00</u> to provide for such abatement and/or control of vegetation, debris, refuse and garbage. Any expenses so incurred by this Board will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

The property owner may contact this Board within seven (7) days and enter into an agreement with said Board providing for either party to the agreement to perform the abatement, control or removal. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

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22-373 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the November 30, 2022 Quote 340322 from Southeastern Equipment Company and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$10,167.37 for hydraulic repairs needed to the 2017 CASE 521 XR Loader. Seconded by Steve Miller . Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

22-374 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder scheduling a Public Hearing on Tuesday, December 27, 2022 at \_4:45 p.m. for Zoning Amendment No. 22-247 (Peter Denissoff/Denissoff Properties, LLC) proposed rezone of one (1) tract of land, approximately 4.18 acres, located on the west side of Cleveland Avenue and south of Dotwood Street in the NE ¼ Section 30, Lake Township, from R-1 Low Density Residential/C-1 Light Commercial to R-1 Low Density Residential/C-1 Light Commercial. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder rescheduling the Regular Meeting of the Board of Trustees from Monday, December 26<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to Tuesday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2022 to begin immediately following the public hearing for Zoning Amendment No. 22-247, but no sooner than 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

22-376 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder reappointing Bob Sanderson as a member of the Lake Township Board of Zoning Appeals. Said appointment shall commence immediately and continue through December 11, 2027. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

22-377 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the November 29, 2022, estimate from the Stark County Engineer's Office and authorizing an expenditure for the Road Department in the amount of \$3,571.16 for the repair of a guardrail located on Mt. Pleasant Street (west of Pleasantwood Avenue NW) that was damaged in an automobile accident. The Board acknowledges that the Road Department will pursue full reimbursement from the vehicle owner and/or driver of the rented vehicle. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

22-378 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder in conformance with Section 149.43 (E) of the Ohio Revised Code, authorizing the Board to appoint Steve Lacey as the designee to fulfill the Public Records Policy training requirement on behalf of the township elected officials and to complete such training sessions as necessary and as approved by the office of the Ohio Attorney General. Such appointment shall continue until such time as may be amended by further Resolution of the Board. This appointment succeeds Resolution 07-382, adopted October 8, 2007, which appointed Sophia Kapadia as the designee. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

22-379 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the November 30, 2022, Estimate from Davidson Water Well Drilling and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$32,626.00 for drilling of a new replacement water well at 1499 Midway Avenue. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- Trustee Arnold noted that what is there is inadequate for mixing our own brine and other needs. It is a residential well that will be upgraded to a commercial well.
- 22-380 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:
  - Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery Section P, Lot 135, Grave 1

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

22-381 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing a 4% pay increase for all full-time non-bargaining employees effective 01.01.2023 with the exception of:

Jennifer Roman who will receive a \$2.94 increase effective 01.01.2023

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

• The Board noted that Jennifer has been with the township since 2019 and has increased her level of responsibility and accountability. After speaking with the Road Superintendent who spoke positively about her performance, they want to make sure she was fairly compensated. They want to take steps to insure they do not loose good people and this puts her inline with were she should be. They also noted that 4% is a bit greater than they have done in the past but based considered the current economic issues. The township had previously adopted a 3-year plan for the non-bargaining employees. But the last couple years with all the fluctuations they felt it needed to be revisited so the current economy could be considered.

# MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Arnold announced that the greenhouse on Mogadore is gone however an underground fuel tank was discovered. It is a pre-1984 tank therefore it is not on the Buried Underground Storage Tank Removal (BUSTR) List which list all underground storage tanks from 1984 and later. Tanks on the BUSTR list have to have licensed contractors specific to that program to be removed. Since it is not on the BUSTR List the permitting will go through Uniontown Fire Department. Fire Chief Schaffer said the well has been tested and it's 90% water & 10% petroleum product, it will be removed by Akron Canton Waste Oil. The Land Bank has been in contact with the fire department to stay abreast of the situation.
- Trustee Miller drove by Lake Township Park and the restroom is progressing. The masonry walls are up and the roof is on. It should be completed in the next 4 to 6 weeks. We are working with the schools for internet access to operate the surveillance cameras.
- Trustee Miller noted that there is a property on Carl St in Uniontown that we have had complaints about the condition. He visited the property with the Zoning Administrator a month ago and the property owner was given 30 days to make improvements. They revisited the property last week and there was limited if any improvement. At this point it has been turned over to the township's legal counsel. He will keep everyone apprised of how we will proceed. It is a legitimate concern and he understands why people are frustrated.

## FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

22-382 A resolution was made by Jeremy 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
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

## **PUBLIC SPEAKS**

Sam Miller, 10368 Sudbury Cir., N. Canton: Mr. Miller stated that this past year was bad due to fuel price and anything to do with roads. He asked the Board if any of the budgets were stressed beyond what they could handle? Fiscal Officer Erb responded that financially we are in pretty good shape due to numerous amounts of funds given to us over the last couple of years from the government. With these funds we have actually been able to save money by using these funds toward the police and fire departments. Trustee Yoder noted that last year we paved 14 miles, this year we paved 10 and the budget was about the same so we had to flex down on some of our paving program. We have to evaluate every year to make sure we are doing it right. Mr. Erb noted that the Board thinks things through; we generally like to save the money, make a plan and then move forward. Trustee Yoder stated that we also maximize grants such as the one we received for public parks that is being used towards the park bathrooms. Trustee Miller noted that the tax revenue continues to go up as well, so we have not felt a huge crunch. The Board noted that the Police Chief and Road Superintendent are on top of their departments and are very prudent with their spending.

- There will be no public speaks through the Facebook Live streaming; however, the Trustees still welcome your "public speaks" comments to be emailed to <u>info@laketwpstarkco.com</u>
- 22-383 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder to adjourn the meeting at 5:23 p.m. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

Jeremy Yoder, President

Steve Miller, Vice President

John Arnold, Member