

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met in regular session at 5:00 p.m. at 12360 Market Avenue North, Hartsville, Ohio. The meeting was open to the public and streamed live via Facebook with the following members present:

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

Also Present:

Matt Erb	Sam Miller
Daniel R. Kamerer	Jeremy Guenther
Derek Shaffer	Bill Green

Steve Miller called the regular meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

23-122 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the minutes of the March 27, 2023 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-123 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing payment and processing of payroll for April 14, 2023. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-124 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as April 10, 2023 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
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-125 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of April 10, 2023 in the amount of \$1,387,056.61, 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
Jeremey Yoder	yes

- The Board noted that amount included disbursements to the Fire Departments as well as payments for 2 new trucks for the road department and the annual payment for the township property and casualty insurance. They also noted that the disbursement to

Hartville Fire Department is lower than the other 2 because the Village of Hartville contributes the difference.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Community University Education (CUE) Purchasing – information regarding salt contract
 2. FirstEnergyCorp – Community Grant for Electric Vehicle Charging Infrastructure; notice of FirstEnergy working to restore power; crews making repairs following storm; crews preparing for severe weekend weather
 3. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly reports of contracts and amendments for Cooperative Purchasing Program and Program updates
 4. Ohio Department of Job & Family Services – notice that it’s time to file/pay Q1 2023 Ohio Unemployment Compensation Tax Return
 5. Carrie Maloy – questions regarding the construction at the end of Selby off of Billingham
 6. Stark Economic Development Board – weekly legislative news
 7. Steven Espenschied – inquiring whether his prior correspondence was received regarding ARPA funds
 8. Chris Fuller – concerns about water main cap
 9. Adrienne Bock c/o Stark Soil & Water Conservation District – education check-in
 10. John Nicora – question about 2023 paving
 11. Stark County Township Association – notice of Stark Parks April 15th event to benefit their levy campaign; notice of Stark County Township Association dues; information on Local Government Illegal Dumping Tire Disposal Program
 12. Theresa Sites – electric aggregation question
 13. Doug Meilinger -question regarding yard waste opening early due to recent storm
 14. GM Vehicle Safety – notice of 2013 Chevrolet Silverado HD inclusion in Takata Airbag Safety recall
 15. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – CDBG Urban Requalification; information about 2023 Zoning Commission and Zoning Board of Appeals Workshop; April 4, 2023 RPC Meeting Packet; FHWA Information/FY 23 Safe Streets and Roads for all NOFO published; RPC Newsletter
 16. Kim Alltop – concerns about Greentown School being torn down
 17. Stark County Engineer – Summary March 2023 Stark Co-Op Salt Program
 18. Deb Dougherty – question regarding yard waste opening early due to recent storm
 19. Jeff Finerock – tree down on Hoover Avenue/status
 20. Carolyn Rehfus – power outage concerns
 21. Stark County – Clean Ohio Conservation Program notification
- Trustee Yoder thanked the Road Department for their efforts in the storm cleanup last week.
 - Trustee Miller reminded everyone the Road Department is not qualified to take down trees in power lines, this is handled by the power company.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

23-126 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deeds:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 54, Grave 3
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 65, Graves 1 & 2

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- The Board discussed the road department levy that is coming due, which will be on the ballot this fall. They discussed whether it should be a replacement or renewal. A renewal is whatever money a levy generates in its original form is all it will bring in as a renewal regardless of the tax value of the property in Lake Township. Technically on a per house basis your tax could go down. A replacement levy means whatever the millage was on the original levy, it would then be recertified with the new tax values. Thus generating more money. They asked the Road Superintendent and Fiscal Officer if our numbers were where they needed to be then they were fine with it being a renewal. No new taxes. The Fiscal Officer noted that they have been able to use some of the ARPA funds to update our fleet and we are in good shape, and they have budgeted out

the next couple of years. They feel very confident that they can continue with just a renewal.

23-127 Trustee Miller motioned the following:

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees is a taxing authority empowered to submit a tax levy on its behalf, and for the Lake Township Road District, within the meaning of R.C. 5705.01; and

WHEREAS, R.C. 5705.19(G) authorizes the board of trustees of any township, to request that the question of a tax levy be submitted by the taxing authority to the electors of the subdivision or the Road District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined the necessity for a Renewal tax levy to sustain the operations of the Township Road District, pursuant to the authority of R.C. 5705.19(G) and R.C. 5705.191; and

WHEREAS, this Board intends to place the question of a 1.25 mills Renewal levy on the November 7, 2023, General Election ballot, for the Lake Township Road District as provided for in R.C. 5705.19(G), for a period of five (5) years, namely: For the purpose of providing for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges in the Lake Township Road District.

WHEREAS, R.C. 5705.03, requires this Board to request certification of the total current tax valuation of the Lake Township Road District, the total amount of revenue that would be generated by the requested levy, and additional pertinent information from the County Auditor.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that:

1. The Board intends to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of Lake Township, at the General Election to be held November 7, 2023, the question of a Renewal tax levy for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of street, road and bridges in the Lake Township Road District, within the meaning of R.C. 5705.19(G), for a period of five (5) years beginning with tax year 2024, to be first collected in calendar year 2025 and for the five successive tax years being 2024, 2025 2026, 2027 and 2028.

2. It is necessary to assess a tax, for a period of five (5) years, for operating expenses of the Township Road District, namely:

A Renewal tax for the benefit of Lake Township Road District for the purpose of providing for the general construction, reconstruction, resurfacing and repair of streets, roads and bridges, that the county

auditor estimates will collect \$[TBD by the Auditor] annually, at a rate not exceeding 1.25 mills for \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$[TBD by the Auditor] for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of five (5) years, commencing in 2024, first due in calendar year 2025.

3. The Stark County Auditor is hereby requested to certify the total current tax valuation of Lake Township Road District, the levy's rate, expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value, the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by the specified number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value, and an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

4. The Lake Township Road District is located entirely within Stark County, Ohio, and the tax question shall be submitted to the entire territory of Lake Township, to be levied upon the entire territory of the Township.

5. The Fiscal Officer is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Stark County Auditor.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-128 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the resignation of Anthony Nichols, a road department employee, and accepting his last day worked as April 14, 2023.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- The Board wished him the best in his future endeavors.

23-129 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Lake Township Clerk/Fiscal Officer to invest Lake Township public funds in a manner which he determines will meet the cash flow demands of the township while providing for the highest possible investment return, in conformance with the Lake Township Investment Policy dated September 27, 1996. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-130 A resolution was made by Steve Miller scheduling the Annual Records Commission Meeting for May 8, 2023 at 4:55 p.m. with the regular meeting to follow immediately. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-131 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the March 27, 2023, Quote from Wells Quality Excavating and authorizing an expenditure, for the cemeteries, in the amount of \$1,700.00 to remove two (2) trees at Mt. Peace Cemetery that fell during the storm. Cost includes cut/remove trees, grind stumps and seed grass. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- The Board congratulated Chief Jeremy Guenther on being appointed the new Chief of the Greentown Fire Department.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

23-132 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

Bill Green, 9345 Pauline St., Massillon: Mr. Green is with the Stark County Board of Developmental Disabilities. He addressed the Board regarding Issue 21, a renewal levy on the May 2nd ballot. They support 4100 people with disabilities in our community, 130 of them here in Lake Township. They provide lifelong support and funding to families. Issue 21 is not a new tax. The Board thanked him for attending and sharing his information.

Richard Beck, 13697 Nutmeg Cir, Uniontown: Mr. Beck is a member of the Sierra Club an environmental group. He asked the Board about correspondence no. 2 from First Energy regarding a community grant for Electrical Vehicle Charging infrastructure. He asked the Board if Lake Township has an EV station? The Board said we did not. He would like to have an EV charging station here.

Sam Miller 10368 Sudbury Cir, North Canton: Mr. Miller addressed the Board regarding the road department renewal levy. He cautioned the Board not to get behind and not to be afraid to do a replacement if needed.

- 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

23-133 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 5:17 p.m.
Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

Steve Miller, President

John Arnold, Vice President

Jeremy Yoder, Member

