

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met in regular session at 5:11 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:

Steve Miller, President
John Arnold, Vice President

Also Present:

Matt Erb	Becky Oberg
Will Oberg	Bob Rayman
Ruthie Rayman	Jeremy Guenther
Brian Andrick	Tami Andrick
Derek Shaffer	Mike Lorentz

Steve Miller called the regular meeting to order a little late as they were having technical difficulties.

23-280 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the minutes of the September 11, 2023 Meeting as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

23-281 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as September 25, 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

23-282 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing payment and processing of payroll for September 29, 2023. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	Yes
John Arnold	yes

23-283 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of September 25, 2023 in the amount of \$1,042,126.44, 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

- The Fiscal Officer noted this included a payment of \$891,783.09 to NorthStar for the 2022 Paving Plan which was finished in 2023.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark County Township Association – Notice of upcoming October 19th meeting and recap of September 21st meeting
 2. Nancy Dollard – concerns over gas stoves causing 1 in 8 asthma cases in the U.S.
 3. Jon Greathouse – electric aggregation question
 4. Stark Economic Development Board, Inc. – legislative news
 5. Lashanna Pastrana – inquiry into renting the Greentown Community Park Building
 6. Ohio Administrative Services – weekly report of contracts and addendums for the Cooperative Purchasing Program
 7. NEFCO – meeting packet for the September 20th “Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board
 8. Greentown Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – request for ARPA funds and proposed use of funds
 9. Uniontown Fire Department -- request for ARPA funds and proposed use of funds
 10. Hartville Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. – request for ARPA funds and proposed use of funds
 11. Ford Motor Company – recall notices for certain police interceptor UTL vehicles
 12. Stark County Engineer’s Office – Stark County Salt Purchase Co Op / Status as of September 8
 13. Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District – copy of notices sent to residents in area affected by the upcoming P-620 Water Main Looping Project
- In reference to Correspondence Nos. 8, 9 and 10 – Trustee Arnold noted that the fire departments’ request for ARPA funds are all in and has been forward to legal counsel.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None.

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

23-284 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit:

- D-23-20: Dominion Energy, Redwood Ave. (long side service line)

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

23-285 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute the following cemetery deeds:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 70, Graves 4 & 5
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 108, Grave 4
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 24, Graves 1 & 2

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

23-286 Trustee Miller motioned the following:

WHEREAS, Nicholas Gall has been working for the Uniontown Police Department/Lake Township Trustees as a reserve officer since August of 2022, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees desire to change his employment status with the township from reserve officer to full-time police officer/patrolman with the Uniontown Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, as of October 1, 2023, Mr. Gall's employment status will change from reserve officer to full-time police officer/patrolman with the Uniontown Police Department with an hourly rate change to \$23.11 which is in accordance with the Probationary Patrolman rate under the current Fraternal Order of Police Contract.

FURTHERMORE, all other provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook and/or the Fraternal Order of Police Contract shall apply to Mr. Gall as though he were a newly hired full-time Lake Township/Uniontown Police Department employee. This shall include a 1-year probation period beginning October 1, 2023. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- The Board noted Officer Gall was not in attendance as he was fulfilling his commitment to his other part-time position with Mogadore Police Department.

23-287 Trustee Miller motioned the following:

WHEREAS, the Township has received a distribution of monies (the “ARPA Funds”) from the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021 (“ARPA” or the “Act”); and

WHEREAS, Congress passed the Act effective March 11, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Section 603 created the Coronavirus Local Fiscal Recovery Fund which, among other things, appropriated money to cities, non-entitlement units of local government, and counties to mitigate the fiscal effects stemming from the public health emergency with respect to the Coronavirus Disease (Covid-19); and

WHEREAS, Department of Treasury Final Rule, published on January 6, 2022, and effective April 1, 2022, provides in part that:

Treasury presumes that up to \$10 million in revenue has been lost due to the public health emergency and recipients are permitted to use that amount (not to exceed the award amount) to fund “government services.” [The “standard allowance”].

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has identified a project which, in the judgment of the Board, qualifies as a permitted use of the ARPA Funds, in direct support of governmental services, which consists of the following:

- Accepting a quote (No. 14916, dated 09.22.2023) from Haymaker Tree and Lawn and authorizing an expenditure, for the Administrative Office, in the amount of \$2,200.00. Said expenditure is to cut back 2 Maple trees and remove 1 smaller Maple Tree from the property located at 12360 Market Avenue N as detailed in Estimate No. 14916.

(the “Project”).

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

1. The Township elected to use the standard allowance by way of Resolution No. 22-138 and its presumption of revenue loss due to the public health emergency and to use the amount authorized herein to fund government services.
2. The “Project” is hereby authorized and shall be paid for from the ARPA Funds in an amount not to exceed: \$2,200.00.
3. The Project described herein serves the objectives of the Act by providing services traditionally provided by a government.
4. Accordingly, the Project is in the best interests of the Township and is deemed a priority for the community.
5. No obligations paid under the authority of this Resolution were incurred prior to March 3, 2021.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- The Board noted this needs to be completed before the 35-year-old roof can be replaced and all expenditures of ARPA funds need to be carefully documented for future audits.

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Miller met with Stark Soil and Water on Sugarbush Ave. regarding the situation that was brought to their attention at the last meeting. We were not able to act today on the concerns of pollution in the storm water, however he did notice some potential zoning violations the Zoning Administrator will investigate.
- Trustee Miller also had multiple conversations this week with a contractor in Alliance regarding a steel building for the road department. We are running out of space and need to expand. ARPA funds will be used for this project.
- Trustee Arnold reported that the Land Bank is contacting several auction companies to have a public auction for the Mogadore property.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

23-288 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

Robert & Ruthie Rayman, 3560 Pine St NW, Uniontown: Mr. & Mrs. Rayman addressed the board regarding the condition of a neighboring property. They noted that the Zoning Administrator has been addressing the tall grass and noxious weed situation, but they were wondering if the township could pass an ordinance to address the condition of the house. The Board explained that a township is limited by the Ohio Revised Code as to what they can do. A home rule township has the ability to adopt ordinances and enforce them. Lake is large enough to be a home rule township, but step one is to have township wide police. Unfortunately, that has been voted down by residents. They will speak with the Zoning Administrator and the health department to see if there is anything else we can do.

Brian & Tami Andrick, 3421 Hilltop St, Uniontown: Mr. & Mrs. Andrick addressed the Board regarding the condition of their road. The road is on private property owned by the United States of America. The Board will look into who is responsible for maintaining the road. Someone will be in contact with them within a week.

23-289 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to adjourn the meeting at 5:33 p.m.
Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

Steve Miller, President

John Arnold, Vice President

-absent-

Jeremy Yoder, Member

