

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:

Steve Miller, President
John Arnold, Vice President

Also Present:

Matt Erb	Sam Miller
Pam Bixler	Seth Marana
Becky Oberg	Derek Shaffer
Jeremy Guenther	

Steve Miller called the regular meeting.

23-290 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the minutes of the September 25, 2023 Meeting as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

23-291 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing payment and processing of payroll for October 13, 2023. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	Yes
John Arnold	yes

23-292 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as October 9, 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

23-293 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of October 9, 2023 in the amount of \$1,924,391.30, 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

- Trustee Arnold noted this includes \$1,027,909.26 in payments to the Fire Departments, \$541,544.75 to Barbicas Construction for the 2023 Paving Plan and \$306,642.54 to Concord Equipment to outfit 2 trucks for the Road Department.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Sean Ferguson – inquiry about water line project in the vicinity of his property
2. NEFCO – Clean Water Plan 30-day public review comment period press release
3. Stark County Regional Planning – October 2023 Subdivision Review meeting packet; RPC newsletter
4. Stark County Engineer’s Office – Mt. Pleasant Street/Pittsburg Roundabout Project street closing
5. Nicole Jacques – inquiry about Greentown Park pavilion rental
6. Katrina Milhoan – looking for hall rental for birthday party
7. Ford Motor Company – safety recalls for certain 2019 Police Interceptor Utility Vehicles
8. Barbicas – request for copy of Notice of Commencement in relation to 2023 Paving Project
9. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of contracts and amendments
10. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – October 10th meeting packet
11. Ryan and Anthony Rittenour – questions about regulations for building a detached garage
12. Randall Lavy – thank you to Road Department for new catch basin on Church Avenue
13. Glenna Hayes – looking for a group or organization that can install grab bars in a private home

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None.

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

23-294 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permits:

- D-23-21: Dominion Energy, White Pine Ave. (new long side svc. line)
- D-23-22: Dominion Energy Jan Circle (new short service line)
- D-23-23: Dominion Energy, Dancer Ave. (mainline extension)

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

23-295 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the September 27, 2023, quote from The Dexter Company and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department, in the amount of \$5,635.00 for the purchase of a pre-wet stainless-steel tank as part of Sourcewell Contract No. 062222-AEB and as detailed in said quote. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

23-296 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute the following cemetery deeds:

- East Nimishillen Cemetery – Section C, Lot 105, Grave 4
- East Nimishillen Cemetery – Section C, Lot 104, Grave 4

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

23-297 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the September 11, 2023, Estimate No. 108 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. The Board acknowledges that there is no increase in price from 2022. The Board further resolves to accept the renewal and execution of the 2023-2024 Snow Plowing Agreement commencing November 1, 2023, and continuing through April 30, 2024. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

23-298 A resolution was made by Steve Miller of support by the Lake Township Board of Trustees, for the Stark County Health Department, in the matter of 3574 Pine Street NW, Uniontown (Linda Toppel/owner) should the health department decide to seek action, in court, with an order for removal of a home unfit for habitation. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- Trustee Miller noted this has been an ongoing issue for several years, it is a dilapidated home unfit for habitation.

23-299 A resolution was made by Steve Miller 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 **does** exist at **3750 Carl Street NW, Uniontown OH 44685**, due to, but not limited to **the owner's (Eleanor Douglas) maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris.**

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 four (4) days after receipt of certified "Notice to Abate Nuisance".

If such vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris is not abated, controlled or removed within four (4) days, this board will 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 four (4) 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:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- Trustee Miller noted that this property has already been dealt with once this year. Some improvements had been made but it is back and worse than before. The Board noted that they have to follow the rules and regulations of the state and will continue to do what they can to help these situations.

23-300 Trustee Miller moved the following:

WHEREAS, Lake Township has five (5) Lighting Districts, Uniontown, Greentown, Mt. Pleasant, Willowhurst, and Windgate, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees must authorize the fiscal officer to certify the amounts needed to assess each parcel for the cost of street lighting in each lighting district in Lake Township in the Stark County Auditor, and

Now, therefore, be it resolved by the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark Count, Ohio, that:

The Lake Township Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized to certify to the Stark County Auditor the 2023 Annual Street Lighting Assessments for Lake Township, and

The assessments shall be collected and distributed to the Lake Township Board of Trustees in the year 2024 as follows

Be it further resolved that the total amount to be collected in 2023 for all five (5) street lighting districts in Lake Township equals \$97,957.20

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 23-301 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute a *Street Lighting Request-Information Agreement* with Ohio Edison for (7) 9500L 100W HPS Standard Square Colonial lights on 16' Tapered Fiberglass Posts with a 12' mounting height. Developer to pay installation and connection fee costs and maintained at a monthly operating cost in accordance to said Agreement. Said lights are to be installed in "The Farms at Enclave No. 1" development and be included in the "Lake Twp. - The Farms at Enclave No. 1" Lighting District. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Fiscal Officer Erb attended a first responders' event at Ramsburg Insurance last Friday. He noted there was a good showing from all the departments.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

- 23-302 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

Philip Amendola, 3735 Carl St, Uniontown: Mr. Amendola asked the Board if there is a way to get parking regulations enforced, is there an open burning ordinance and do we have a noise ordinance? Trustee Arnold stated there is not an enforceable noise ordinance, we are limited by the Ohio Revised Code. The attending Fire Chiefs stated that there are EPA regulations and bans at certain times of year for open burning. They suggested he call the fire department if he has concerns and they will check it out. Trustee Miller will ask Chief Batchik about parking regulations, but he believes that unless they are parked in such a manner as to block emergency vehicle access there isn't anything that can be done. The Trustees will continue to monitor the property and address what they can.

Becky Oberg, 13251 Sugarbush Ave, Uniontown: Mrs. Oberg asked the Board if there were any updates about the oil leaking into the storm drain from her neighbor's truck. Trustee Miller will check with the Zoning Administrator and get back to her.

23-303 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

