

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  
Jeremy Yoder, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb	Sam Miller
Jennifer Finefrock	Ellis Godale
Jeff Finefrock	B. Oberg
Derek Shaffer	Seth Marana
Andrew Carper	Jeremy Guenther

Steve Miller called the regular meeting.

23-343 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the minutes of the November 13, 2023, Regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-344 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing payment and processing of payroll for November 30, 2023. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-345 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing payment and processing of payroll for December 8, 2023. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-346 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as November 27, 2023 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
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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23-347 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of November 27, 2023 in the amount of \$106,774.22 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

**CORRESPONDENCE**

1. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – notice of December 8<sup>th</sup> application workshop for the Ohio Department of Aging; December 5<sup>th</sup> meeting notice
  2. Stark County Township Association – information from AEP regarding telephone pole signs; November SCTA meeting recap; December SCTA meeting notice
  3. Klingstedt Brothers Company – notice of holiday hours
  4. Ohio Department of Job & Family Services – change in Ohio law pertaining to unemployment benefits
  5. Stark Soil & Water Conservation District – copy of “Notice of Violation & Fine” mailed to A-List Land Development regarding The Farms at Enclave No. 2
  6. Carolee Dasher – public records request for amounts paid for legal services ... by the State of Ohio ....
  7. Stark County Engineer – notice of Seasonal Weight Restrictions
  8. Love Our Community – notice of Local Mission House Build event
  9. Stark Economic Development Board – weekly legislative news
  10. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of contracts and amendments
  11. FirstEnergy – announcement that FirstEnergy appoints two senior executives to accelerate transformation into Premier Electric Utility
- The Board noted that the Yard Waste Facility is closed for the season. It will be open for a week for live Christmas tree drop off by cardholders in January. It will reopen for the season on April 1, 2024.

**DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

**Police Department**

- None.

**Road Department**

- None

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**Zoning Department**

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the October 2023 Zoning Department Statistical Report.

**Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office**

- None

**OLD BUSINESS:**

- None

**NEW BUSINESS:**

23-348 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit:

- D-23-25: Dominion Energy, Lake Center St. (new long side service line)
- D-23-26: Dominion Energy, Heckman Street (new short service line)
- O-23-26: Underground Services, Lake Center St. (sanitary sewer lateral)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-349 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute the following cemetery deeds:

- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 88, Grave 4
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 53, Graves 1 & 2

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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23-350 A resolution was made by Steve Miller in conjunction with the request of the Stark County Engineers Office, reducing the limit set for vehicles and loads on the County and Township Road System to 25% of the legal limits, a schedule listing the following Lake Township roadways will be filed with the Stark County Engineers Office for submission to the Board of Stark County Commissioners, and those roadways will be posted with the appropriate signage, as required by Section 5577.07 of the Ohio Revised Code:

William Penn Ave. NW	Nimishillen Church St. NW
Lake O’Pines St. NW	Mt. Pleasant St. NW
Brumbaugh St. NW	Rolling Hills Avenue NW
Stonebridge Ave. NW	Midway Street NW
Wright Road NW	Hoover Avenue NW
Mogadore Ave. NW	Boston Avenue NW
Market Avenue North	Andrews Street NW
Lake Street NW	Wolf Avenue NW
Gans Avenue NW	Fromes Avenue NW
Tully Avenue	

Upon approval from the Stark County Board of Commissioners this weight reduction will be effective January 1, 2024, through May 1, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-351 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting Quote #004794 from 415 Group for the purchase of Sonic Firewalls, and authorizing a total expenditure in the amount of \$4,280.00 for the Administrative, Police and Road Departments as detailed in said quote and as follows:

• Administrative Office:	SonicWall TZ370	\$1,670.00
• Police Department:	SonicWall TZ370	\$1,670.00
• Road Department:	SonicWall TZ270	\$ 940.00

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- The Board noted that this should remedy the problem at all locations with slow internet speeds.

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**MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS**

- Trustee Arnold noted that the Mogadore property that they have been working on for more than a decade was sold on November 24, 2023. The proceeds will be split with the Land Bank after some remaining expenses are paid. Mr. Arnold estimated the Township will receive around \$125,000. The Land Bank's share will go into a fund to help take care of other blighted properties. The township's share will go to the general fund to be used as the trustees see fit to benefit the community.

When the Board first started working on this project, they received estimates for 1.2 million dollars to clean up the property. But through the assistance of the land bank, they were acutely able to make money on the property.

**FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT**

23-352 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

**PUBLIC SPEAKS**

Ellis Godale, Uniontown: Ms. Godale is a senior in high school and is applying for the Ohio Township Association Scholarship. The Board thanked her for attending.

23-353 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to convene an executive session at 5:10 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee and to include the Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-354 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to return from executive session at 5:45 p.m. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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23-355 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to adjourn the meeting at 5:45 p.m.  
Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

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Jeremy Yoder, Member

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