

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
Kim Berry
Seth Marana
Jeremy Guenther
Chief Batchik

Steve Miller called the regular meeting.

23-376 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the minutes of the December 11, 2023, Regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

23-377 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing payment and processing of payroll for December 29, 2023. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

23-378 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing payment and processing of payroll for January 5, 2024. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

23-379 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as December 26, 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

23-380 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of December 26, 2023 in the amount of \$47,233.10 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. Ohio Township Association – notice of 2024 membership renewal and fee due for inclusion into the *Coalition of Large Ohio Urban Townships*
2. NEFCO – December Board meeting agenda
3. The National Lime & Stone Company – notice of upcoming price adjustments
4. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of Contracts and Amendments
5. Stark Economic Development Board, Inc. – weekly legislative news
6. Stark County Township Association – notice of passing of Bethlehem Township Trustee Mark Dearing; recap of December 2023 meeting
7. McIntosh Oil Co. – Gasoline and Diesel Fuel exemption forms
8. Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation – notice of annual recordkeeping forms due February 1, 2024
9. Spectrum Enterprise – notice of changes to Spectrum Enterprise TV service
10. Molly Yost – concerns about Market Avenue/Andrews Street intersection
11. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of contracts and amendments

Regarding Correspondence No. 10 – Trustee Yoder stated it is a situation we are watching. A traffic study was completed in that area and came back that everything was where it should be.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- Chief Batchik and Kim Berry addressed the Board regarding the December 9th Shop with the Cop. They raised the most amount of money and were able to take the most kids in all the years they have been doing this. Chief thanked Kim for all her efforts to make the program such a success. Kim Berry thanked everyone who donated and purchased tickets. She also thanked Uniontown Fire Dept, Chief Shaffer and the auxiliary team who came up with the idea to have the UPD vs UFD Chili cookoff which was a huge boost for the fund raising. This will be an annual event. She also thanked Kate Thurston & Springfield Twp PD who coordinates the entire shop with a cop event at Springfield High School. Uniontown Police Dept also participated in Operation Santa Sleigh with

agencies for Stark and Summit Counties. Officers Beverage and Simco represented the department at the event at Akron Childrens Hospital. The Board thanked them for all their hard work behind the scenes and community policing.

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

23-381 A resolution was made by Steve Miller pursuant to O.R.C. 309.09, the Board of Lake Township Trustees accepts the December 15, 2023, Proposal and agrees to renew and retain the services of Tonya J. Rogers and the law firm of Baker, Dublikar, Beck, Wiley & Mathews, as additional legal counsel for Lake Township with no changes in services or cost. Said renewal shall take effect January 1, 2024, and continue through December 31, 2024, at the rate of \$4,000/month, for a total of \$48,000.00 per year. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-382 A resolution was made by Steve Miller hiring Summer Terra as a part-time dispatcher for the Uniontown Police Department at an hourly rate of \$16.00 per hour and pursuant to the provisions contained in Resolution No. 23-037, adopted January 3, 2023, and subject to all provisions of the Lake Township Trustees and the Lake Township Employee handbook. Employment is contingent upon completion of a successful drug test. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-383 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the Proposal presented to the Uniontown Police Department from *AT&T Mobility Services-FirstNet Primary* as received December 6, 2023, for mobile services including cell phones, hotspots and customer-owned MDT's. The Board further authorizes the police department to switch from their current provider, Verizon Wireless, to FirstNet by AT&T. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- The Board noted this is a cost savings measure.

23-384 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 75, Graves 1,2 & 3

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

23-385 A resolution was made by Steve Miller rescheduling the January 8, 2024 regular trustees meeting to Friday January 5, 2024 at 3:00 p.m. due to scheduling conflicts. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- None

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

23-386 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

23-387 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the 2024 Temporary Appropriations in the amount of \$11,462,376.68 and hereby acknowledging that a copy of which will be attached to and made a part of these minutes. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Seth Marana, 2663 Cury Cir NW, Uniontown: Mr. Marana is the Chairman of the Board for Lake Township Chamber of Commerce and announced that they voted as a board to extend a board member position to the Fiscal Officer of Lake Township to continue the collaboration between them and the township as they do with the Village of Hartville.

- 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

23-388 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to adjourn the meeting at 5:12 p.m. Seconded by John Arnold. 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

