

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met in regular session at 3:00 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:

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

Also Present:

Matt Erb

Pam Bixler

John Arnold called the regular meeting.

24-039 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the December 26, 2023, Regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-040 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the December 26, 2023, "2024 Organization Meeting" as submitted. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-041 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for January 19, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-042 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as January 5, 2024 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-043 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of January 8, 2024 in the amount of \$49,376.07 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – Notice of January 9th meeting; Notice of Subdivision Review/meeting packet; Stark County GIS Newsletter; RPC Newsletter; Fair Housing Newsletter
2. Cara Reahm – recycling question
3. Kelly Booth – inquiry about sewage smell in vicinity of Whitmer Avenue
4. SRM Concrete – announcement of acquisition of R.W. Sidley, Inc.
5. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of contracts and amendments
6. Ohio Department of Unemployment – 2023 Quarter 4 Ohio Unemployment Compensation Quarterly Tax Return reminder.
7. Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation – information regarding annual payroll true-up report
8. Molly Yost – follow-up regarding intersection of Market Avenue and Andrews Street
9. Stark County Commissioners – copy of Resolution setting the 2024 weight limit reductions for County and Township roads
10. Stark County Township Association – January 18th meeting notice
11. Ohio State Employment Relations Board – 2024 Public Sector Annual Health Insurance Survey

In reference to Correspondence No. 8 – the Board noted this will be addressed in new business.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

24-044 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:

- Woods Cemetery – Section South, Lot 587, Grave 2

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-045 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following:

- O-24-01: Custom Utilicom, 3532 Chisom Trail (replace existing cable in conduit)
- O-22-11: AT&T, Enclave Street (conduit for fiber optic cable)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-046 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting and executing the 2024 Police Dispatching Service Agreement with Nimishillen Township Board of Trustees for police dispatching services from January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2024 at a price of \$2,375.00 per month. The Board acknowledges that there is no increase in price or change in terms from the 2023 Agreement. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- The Board discussed the research that was conducted by the Stark County Engineers Officer at the intersection of Market Ave and Andrews Street. They recommended an all-way stop be installed due to inadequate site distance.

24-047 Trustee Arnold motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Andrews Street/Market Avenue intersection is located within the jurisdiction of Lake Township; and

WHEREAS, the township has the authority, pursuant to ORC 4511.65(D), to designate an intersection as a stop or yield intersection; and

WHEREAS, in accordance with the Ohio Manual of Uniform Traffic Control Devices (OMUTCD), specifically Section 2B.07, the township requested an engineering study on this intersection; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Engineer’s Office determined, in part, that due to the vertical and horizontal curve on the southbound approach, sight distance is minimal and does not meet intersection Sight Distance for the current posted speed limit. Additionally, support of a multiway stop (All-Way Stop) condition can be justified because the road user on Andrews Street, “after stopping, cannot see conflicting traffic and is not able to negotiate the intersection unless conflicting traffic is also required to stop.”.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the LAKE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF TRUSTEES, based on the aforementioned information, does hereby authorize the Lake Township Road Department to move forward with taking the necessary steps to designate Andrews Street/Market Avenue as a multiway (All-Way Stop) intersection.

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- The Board also noted this intersection falls under the jurisdiction of the Stark County Sheriff’s Office and cannot be monitored as closely as roads within the local police jurisdictions.

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- None

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

24-048 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

- None
- 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

24-049 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 3:10 p.m. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

John Arnold, President

Jeremy Yoder, Vice President

Steve Miller, Member

