

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:

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

Also Present:

Matt Erb

John Arnold called the regular meeting.

24-077 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes of the February 12, 2024, Regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-078 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for February 29, 2024. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-079 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for March 1, 2024. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-080 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as February 23, 2024 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

24-081 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of February 23, 2024 in the amount of \$88,565.50 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Jeremy Yoder yes
Steve Miller yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – public hearing notice and Draft FY 2024-2028 Stark County Consolidated Plan; March 2024 meeting notice
2. FirstEnergy Corp – updated pole attachment process for license plate readers and security camera requests
3. Stark County Health Department – notice of March 7th District Advisory Council Annual Meeting
4. Stark County Prosecutor’s Office – information regarding upcoming Stark County Crime Prevention Breakfast on Wednesday, March 27th
5. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of contracts and amendments
6. Stark County Township Association – February meeting recap
7. Mike Sohar – concerns about flyers being placed in mailboxes
8. Stark Economic Development Board/Strengthening Stark – Stark County Housing Study reminder
9. NEFCO – meeting packet for the *Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board* on February 21st
10. AT&T – inquiry about ROW Permit Application, specifically, blanket bond
11. State Employment Relations Board – confirmation of receipt of *SERB 2024 Health Insurance Survey Submission*
12. Stark County Commissioners – information regarding large Wind and/or Solar Facilities
13. Bureau Veritas – records request for 10524/10526 Boston Avenue
14. Stark County Schools Council of Governments – information regarding reporting of 1095B form

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

24-082 Trustee Arnold moved the adoption of the following resolution:

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, nonentitlement 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 the February 15, 2024, Estimate from Canton Aluminum and authorizing an expenditure, for the Lake Township Administrative Offices, in the amount of \$2,410.00 to replace an office window at 12360 Market Avenue, as detailed in said Estimate/Proposal.** (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: \$2,410.00 .
3. The Project described herein serves the objectives of the Act by providing services traditionally provided by a government, namely:

✓ **General government administration, staff, and administrative facilities**

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 Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- 24-083 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the resignation of full-time Road Department employee, Scott Sprankle, effective March 29, 2024. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- 24-084 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permits:

- O-24-02: AT&T, Meridian Circle (fiber optic upgrade)
- D-24-06: Dominion Energy, 1160 & 1162 Geib (new long side service line)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- 24-085 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing an expenditure, pursuant to Article 20 of the FOP Contract, lodging for two nights (March 3rd-March 4th, 2024) at a total cost of \$263.21 for Angela Molea to attend a two-day training session to be held at the Ohio Police Officers Training Academy in London Ohio. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

- 24-086 Trustee Arnold moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Summer Terra has been working for the Uniontown Police Department/Lake Township Trustees as part-time dispatcher since January, 2024, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees desire to change her employment status with the township from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher/secretary with the Uniontown Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, as of March 4, 2024, Summer Terra's employment status will change from part-time dispatcher to full-time dispatcher/secretary with the Uniontown Police Department with an hourly rate change to \$19.00 per hour, and

FURTHERMORE, Summer's full-time benefits and all provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook will commence as of March 4, 2024, as though she were a newly hired full-time Lake Township employee.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

24-087 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing solicitation for Statements of Qualifications from Criteria Architect agencies and organizations to provide Criteria Architect Services relating to the construction of the following:

- New Township Road Department Facility consisting of a steel building approximately 70' x 150' and may include a heated truck/equipment storage area or a mechanics garage, open storage, office space and restrooms.

The deadline for submission of SOQ's is 4:00 p.m. on Monday, March 25, 2024.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- None

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

24-088 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. 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

24-089 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourn the meeting at 4:39 p.m.
Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

John Arnold, President

Jeremy Yoder, Vice President

Steve Miller, Member

