

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 with the following members present:

Jeremy Yoder, President

John Arnold, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb

Don Vandersll

Stacie Feiock

Wayne Ross

Ralph Van Horn

Sam Miller

Rod Davis

Doug Feiock

Attila Varga

Kevin Geiser

Jeremy Yoder called the regular meeting to order.

- 25-095 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the minutes of the February 24, 2025 Regular meeting as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder yes

John Arnold yes

- 25-096 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing payment and processing of payroll for March 14, 2025. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder yes

John Arnold yes

- 25-097 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as March 10, 2025 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder yes

John Arnold yes

- 25-098 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of March 10, 2025 in the amount of \$51,508.95 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jermy Yoder yes

John Arnold yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark Council of Governments – March 4th meeting packet and notice
2. CUE Purchasing – salt allocation request for 2025-2026 season
3. Linny Roberts – opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
4. Matthew McNerney / Ohio Deferred Compensation – seeking updated contact Information
5. Ohio State Employment Relations Board – 2024 Wage Settlement Report
6. Lisa Sheets – opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
7. Adam Galbreath – opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
8. State Farm Insurance – information about December 30th claim
9. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly reports of new contracts and amendments
10. Brandi McCray – concerns over speeding construction vehicles
11. Stark County Combined General Health District – reminder of March 6th District Advisory Council Annual Meeting
12. Tim Martin – junk vehicle concern
13. Marty and Tricia Knoch – several concerns regarding Lake Center Street rezone request
14. Brandon Tomajko – question about sidewalks
15. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – copy of correspondence regarding Flagstone project; Notice of Subdivision Review Meeting and March 4th Meeting Packet; information regarding SCRPC Annual Dinner Meeting; copy of correspondence regarding Fleming Estates
16. Stark County Metropolitan Sewer District – use of manhole adjusting rings on township or village road resurfacing projects
17. Steve and Lisa Steffensen – seeking information about Dynegy
18. Mark Patti – seeking information regarding repaving of Lake Center/King Church area
19. Marilyn Dietz – opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
20. Mike Caldwell -- opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
21. Mark Milano/Sedwick – Group Retro savings history
22. Nick Artman/Court Logging – public records request for communications and technology expenses
23. Stephen Brown -- opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
24. Stephanie Jackson -- seeking intention of the Board regarding proposed Lake Center Street rezone request
25. Pam Jacobs – opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
26. Sid and Judy Semroc -- opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
27. Rick Powell -- opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
28. Abbey Keller – event rental inquiries
29. Mary Reno – questions about electric aggregation
30. William and Lisa Dye – request for review of zoning restrictions at 13066 Mogadore Avenue NW

31. Stark Parks – notice of 2025-2035 Comprehensive Plan update and schedule of public meetings
 32. K. Kurt Seebacher – follow up on Royer Street issues
 33. Jeffrey McLaughlin -- opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
 34. Andrew Cook – question about disposal of paint cans or used halogen light bulbs
 35. Kristin Cross – streetlight burned out across from 8648 Burkey Road
 36. Ohio Auditor of State, Keith Faber – *The General Standard* for February 2025
 37. Regional Income Tax Agency – tax reminder for Form 17 filing
 38. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – March 10th meeting packet
 39. Carol Kohler – opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
 40. Doug and Stacie Feiock – opposition to Lake Center Street rezone request
 41. Ken Kerata – in favor of Lake Center Street rezone request if developer reduces the units to 150 or so
 42. Justin Wenig c/o Try Star Jump – request for information, specifically certain purchase orders issued by township from January 1, 2022 to present
 43. Connie Wetzal – questions about gas/electric aggregations programs
 44. Aden Browning -- concerns about potholes on Market Avenue near Lake High School
- The Board noted there were quite a few emails from the community regarding the potential development on Lake Center St.
 - The Board noted that the pricing for the electric aggregate seems a little high but will protect you when prices rise this summer. If you are already locked into a deal with another company at a lower price you will not be put into the aggregate. The Fiscal Officer encourages everyone to look at the Apples-to-Apples webpage to compare rates.
 - The Board noted there were a couple of emails regarding potholes on Market and King Church, those are Village of Hartville roads. However we are trying to work with them to get them a better price as we are looking at paving our portion of Lake Center.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the January 2025 Zoning Report.

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

25-099 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Fiscal Officer to release bonds for Road Open Permit Nos:

- O-24-18: AT&T for work performed at 2181 Brumbaugh
- O-24-08: Andrew Glick for work performed on Lee Street

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-100 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deeds:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 6, Grave 5
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section K, Lot 35, Graves 3 & 5
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 153, Graves 2 & 3

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- Trustee Arnold noted that we are going to have to address the pricing at the Cemeteries as the cost are rising.

25-101 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit Nos:

- D-25-03: Dominion Energy – 9953 White Pine Ave. (short side service line)
- D-25-04: Dominion Energy – 2066 Lovers Lane (long side service line)
- D-25-05: Dominion Energy – 9765 Evergreen Cir. (short side service line)
- D-25-06: Dominion Energy – 9987 White Pine Ave. (short side service line)

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-102 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing an expenditure of \$45.00 per person for the administrative staff, elected officials, road superintendent and zoning board members who would like to attend the 2025 Stark County Regional Planning Commission Annual Dinner/Meeting at *Tozzi's On 12th* on Wednesday, March 12, 2025. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-103 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing final payments of accumulated/unused sick time, comp time and vacation time, if any, be paid out to Corinna Short in accordance with the employee handbook and after the final balances post with the March 14, 2025 pay date. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-104 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder scheduling a public hearing for Zoning Amendment No. 24-254 a proposed rezone of one tract of land, approximately 95.84 acres, located on the south side of Lake Center, east of Hoover in the SE & SW $\frac{1}{4}$ Section 16, Lake Township, from R-1 Low Density Residential to PR-C Planned Residential Condominium. The hearing will take place at **5:00 p.m.** on Tuesday, April 1, 2025, and will be held at Lake Center Christian School in the Cafenadium (entrance at Door 10) located at 12893 Kaufman Avenue NW, Hartsville. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-105 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the February 21, 2025, Lawn Mowing and Maintenance Proposal received from *Quality Landscape Services* and authorizing the Board to execute the **2025-2029 Grounds Maintenance Agreement**. Furthermore, the Board acknowledges/accepts the 5-Year Option (no price increase) within the Proposal. All actions are contingent upon receipt of the contractor's current Bureau of Workers' Compensation Certificate, Insurance Certificate, and fully executed contract. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-106 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the township to participate in the *Community University Education (CUE) Purchasing Association Program* for rock salt for the 2025-2026 Winter Season as follows:

- 2025-2026 Commitment = 2,000 Tons

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- The Board noted this will bring our stock back to where it was; it's been a busy winter.

25-107 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the 02.20.2025 Quote No. 000950 from Mitchell Communications and authorizing an expenditure for the road department of \$22,458.00 for the labor, materials and equipment necessary to upgrade the road department 2-way radios. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-108 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the 02.28.2025 quote from Dutcher Door, Inc. and authorizing an expenditure for the road department of \$2,575.00 for the labor and materials necessary to replace an existing garage door opener at the Midway Street facility. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-109 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the 03.07.2025 Quote No. 87265-001 from ProDoor & Security and authorizing an expenditure for the road department of \$5,554.31 for the labor and materials to remove and replace two existing steel/masonry doors at the Midway Street facility. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Yoder noted that he had a meeting with Forever Lawn and the YMCA regarding the potential location of the pickleball courts. He needs to meet with the school to make sure all the agreements are in place. They feel confident they can have the pickleball courts up and running in June.

- Trustee Arnold attended a SCOG meeting where they discussed dispatching. The state has been covering the cost of handheld radios but they have not passed a resolution to continue to do that so there is the potential for a cost increase for radios. They are looking for dispatchers, if anyone is interested, he can connect you with the right people. Also discussed were Bed and Breakfast and hotel taxes. There is legislation regarding addressing this. If this bill passes and Bed and Breakfast pay hotel taxes we will not be able to disallow people from using their property for this purpose.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

25-110 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Wayne Ross, 11384 Hoover Ave NW, Uniontown; Mr. Ross addressed the Board regarding the Lake Center rezoning request. He prays for the Board to have the wisdom to make the right decision. He asked the Board if they would want this next to their house. He feels it would create too much traffic on Lake Center and effect the water table in that area.

Doug Feiock, 1554 Lake Center St; Mr. Feiock asked the Board if the meeting for the Lake Center rezoning request could be changed to 5:30 to make it easier for people who work to attend. The Board said it will still be going on for people to attend after work, they anticipated the meeting to last a couple of hours. He also asked why the electric aggregate is an opt out program and not an opt in? Trustee Arnold said if it's not an opt out then nobody does it and it generally save money over the life of the aggregate.

Wayne Ross, 11384 Hoover Ave NW, Uniontown; Mr. Ross asked the Board if any of them are associated with the Home Builders Association? The Board responded that Trustee Miller is. Mr. Ross asked if that would play a part in their decision and if there would be a conflict of interest. The Board responded absolutely not. Trustee Yoder noted that most farmland is zoned R-1 and could potential by developed as such.

- 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

25-111 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder to adjourn the meeting at 5:24 p.m. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

Jeremy Yoder, President

- Absent -

Steve Miller, Vice President

John Arnold, Member
