

April 15, 2025

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:

Steve Miller, Vice President
John Arnold, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb
Christine Bellrose
Rod Davis

Bryan Bellrose
Chance Piotrowski
Chris Novelli

Steve Miller called the regular meeting to order.

Steve Miller tabled the approval of minutes for the March 10, 2025 and March 24, 2025 Regular meetings.

- 25-128 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the minutes for the April 1, 2025 Public Hearing as submitted. Seconded by John Arnold . Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-129 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing payment and processing of payroll for April 25, 2025. Seconded by John Arnold . Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-130 A resolution was made by Steve Miller approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as April 15, 2025 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

- 25-131 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of April 15, 2025 in the amount of \$1,097,822.90 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

- The Board noted that this includes payments for the Fire Departments.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Tiffanie Palas – inquiry about Greentown Community Park rentals

2. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – reminder to file and pay “2025 Quarter 1 Ohio Unemployment Compensation Quarterly Tax Return”
3. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – April 2025 meeting packet and notice; RPC Newsletter
4. Erick Jonke – thank you for your vote at the April 1st Public Hearing regarding Lake Center rezone
5. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly report of new DAS Contracts and Amendments
6. Debbie Lingenhoel – please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
7. Blue Raven Solar – seeking contractor licensing or registration requirements, if any, prior to submitting permit applications for residential solar installations
8. Daniel Burnham – comments on April 1st Public Hearing (Lake Center Street rezone)
9. Don Marquette -- please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
10. Carolyn Marquette -- please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
11. Travis Vargas -- please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
12. Marie Vargas -- please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
13. Chelsea and Richard Teeple – concerns and please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
14. Susan Bacon – concern about condition of park restroom
15. John Barickman - please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
16. Erich and Christy Weiss -- please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
17. Mary Lou Belden -- please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
18. Carol Jackson -- please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
19. Kathy Strong – questions about electric aggregation
20. Doug Smith – opposed to proposed rezone on Lake Center
21. Mary Schrembeck -- please vote no to rezone the land on Lake Center
22. Chevrolet – information about a voluntary emission recall affecting certain Chevrolet Silverado trucks
23. NEFCO – April Board meeting agenda

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the February 2025 Zoning Statistical Report.

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

The Board invited Chris Novelli and Chance Piotrowski from the Stark County Health Department to speak. Mr. Novelli introduced himself and Mr. Piotrowski to the Board and shared their contact information. They work closely with zoning for additional evaluations, pools, and accessory structures to make sure they won't impact the septic or well. They also handle new construction septic. They deal with nuisances and property issues that aren't being maintained. They also do well inspections. Septic inspections are mandatory in Stark County if you are selling your home; well inspections are voluntary. Any system that has a mechanical component are required to be inspected twice a year and have a service contract. They work closely with the Sanitary Engineer, if sewer becomes available you do have to tie in at some point.

He noted that the Environmental Health Division is working on a water well map that will map all the wells in the county, this will be helpful in the event of an emergency. The Nursing Division has implemented an infection control program for long term care and the Administrative portion of the Health Department created a new position to work on grants

He also touched on the avian flu that has been in the news. In Stark county there has been one confirmed positive case in an animal but no bird to human contact spread.

25-132 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the March 31, 2025, Quote No. 000971 from Mitchell Communications and authorizing an expenditure in the amount of \$1,453.00, for the Administrative Offices, for digital mobile radio upgrades including equipment and installation as detailed in said quote. Upgrade is necessary so that radios are compatible with Road Department equipment. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-133 A resolution was made by Steve authorizing an expenditure for the renewal of the Stark County Township Association membership for 2025-2026 as follows:

- ACTIVE Member \$80
- AFFILIATE Member \$35
- ASSOCIATE Member \$25

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-134 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deeds:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 46, Grave4

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-135 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permits:

- D-25-08: Dominion Energy/Enbridge – 2902 Brumbaugh Street NW (install new short service line)
- D-25-09: Dominion Energy/Enbridge – 325 Pontius Road (extend existing gas mainline and hook up new service)

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-136 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the township to participate in the Ohio Bureau of Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Program, sponsored through the Ohio Township Association and to renew services with Sedgwick to act as our Third-Party Administrator. The Board further authorizes payment of the \$3,250.00 Sedgwick Administrative/Enrollment Fee and for the President of the Board to execute the following necessary documents to complete the enrollment:

- Employer Statement for Group Retrospective Rating Program (BWC Form U-153)
- Exhibit “A” (Invoice) accepting terms and conditions of Service Agreement

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-137 Trustee Miller motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Michael Arena has been working for the Uniontown Police Department/Lake Township Trustees as a reserve officer since May 11, 2020, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees desire to change his employment status with the township from reserve officer to full-time police officer/patrolman with the Uniontown Police Department,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, as of May 3, 2025, Michael Arena's employment status will change from reserve officer to full-time police officer/patrolman with the Uniontown Police Department. The Trustees further resolve, upon the recommendation of the Chief of Police, and in accordance with the clause contained with Article 25 COMPENSATION of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement, to place Mr. Arena at the 2025 "After one (1) year" pay step of \$26.86 per hour.

FURTHERMORE, all other provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook and/or the Fraternal Order of Police Contract shall apply to Mr. Arena as though he were a newly hired full-time Lake Township/Uniontown Police Department employee. This shall include a 1-year probation period beginning May 3, 2025.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-138 A resolution was made by Steve Miller based upon a recommendation of Chief Batchik, the Board hereby authorizes Cole Stafford to advance to the 2025 "After one (1) year" step in the current Fraternal Order of Police Collective Bargaining Agreement pay scale chart. Said move shall be effective with the April 12, 2025, pay period.
Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-139 A resolution was made by Steve Miller hiring Dylan Soisson as a full-time officer for the Uniontown Police Department, effective May 3, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$24.99 which is in accordance with Article 25 COMPENSATION "Probationary Patrolmen" of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. All provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook and/or the Fraternal Order of Police Contract shall apply to Mr. Soisson, including a 1-year probationary period beginning May 3, 2025. Employment is contingent upon the successful completion of psychological and polygraph exams and successful completion of a drug test. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-140 A resolution was made by Steve Miller adopting the following part-time officer pay scale which was previously amended and adopted under Resolution No. 21-394 on January 3, 2022. The following pay scale rates shall take effect on the next available pay period which begins April 26, 2025:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Hourly Rate</u>
less than 1 yr	\$25.00
after 1 year of qualified service	\$26.00
after 2 years of qualified service	\$27.00
after 3 years of qualified service	\$28.00
after 4 years of qualified service	\$29.00
after 5 years of qualified service	\$30.00

*Qualified service = the officer works at least 24 hours a calendar month, each calendar month from anniversary date to anniversary date. Each officer will be reviewed on his/her anniversary date to see if they qualify to move to the next level. If an officer fails to meet the 24 hours each calendar month, then they will not be moved to the next step. They will only move to the next step (without skipping any steps) when they next meet the 24 hours a month for each calendar month from anniversary date to anniversary date

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-141 A resolution was made by Steve Miller hiring Melissa House as a part-time reserve officer for the Uniontown Police Department, effective May 3, 2025, at an hourly rate of \$25.00 which is in accordance with the part-time officer pay scale adopted under Resolution No. 21-394 and amended April 15, 2025. Said hiring is pursuant to the provisions contained in Resolution No. 22-036, adopted January 3, 2022, and subject to all provisions of the Lake Township Trustees and the Lake Township Employee handbook. Employment for Melissa House is contingent upon the successful completion of psychological and polygraph examinations as well as a successful drug test. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-142 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the March 19, 2025, Quote No. 64976 from Vance's Law Enforcement and authorizing an expenditure of \$2,810.99, for the police department, for the purchase of ammunition and new lights for the department's patrol rifles. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-143 A resolution was made by Steve Miller authorizing the police department to move forward with upgrading their website as requested and proposed. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-144 A resolution was made by Steve accepting the resignation, effective March 28, 2025, of Tiffany Wolfe as a part-time dispatcher with the Uniontown Police Department. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-145 A resolution was made by Steve Miller appointing Brian Linc as an alternate member of the Lake Township Board of Zoning Appeals, effective April 24, 2025 and continuing for a period of two (2) years. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-146 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the April 8, 2025 purchase quote from Southeastern Equipment Co., Inc. and authorizing an expenditure, for the road department, in the amount of \$187,932.84, for the purchase of a 2024 Case 521G XR Wheel Loader under Sourcewell Contract No. 011723-CNH as detailed in said quote. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-147 A resolution was made by Steve Miller that the Board of Trustees finds it has equipment that is not needed and no longer used by the Township; therefore, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Sections 505.10 and 505.101, the Board hereby accepts the offer of \$62,947.00 from the Village of Hartville for the purchase of the following equipment:

- 2017 Case 521G XR Wheel Loader
SERIAL NO. JEEN0521EHF243298
INVENTORY NO. RB 17-3

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-148 A resolution was made by Steve Miller accepting the March 24, 2025, quote from Terry's Truck & Trailer Equipment and authorizing an expenditure, for the road department, in the amount of \$36,430.00 , for the purchase and installation of two (2) aluminum service bodies for the road department 1-ton pickup trucks as detailed in said quote. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller yes
John Arnold yes

25-149 A resolution was made by Steve Miller determining that certain township property is no longer needed by the township and further determining that the fair market value is greater than \$2,500.00.

Therefore, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.10 and Lake Township Resolution No. 10-158, the following property will be sold by internet auction on www.govdeals.com and will be sold "as is" to the highest bidder, subject to the provisions of the "Online Sales-Terms and Conditions" as listed on www.govdeals.com:

1. 2010 INTERNATIONAL 7400 MAXFORCE DUMP TRUCK
(INVENTORY No. RB 09-02)

VIN 1HTWDAAR1AH268319

ENGINE: 7.6L DIESEL ENGINE

SPECIFICATIONS:

TRANSMISSION -- AUTOMATIC
GVWR
MILEAGE – 57,163
GLEDHILL SNOWPLOW
BOSCH-REXROTH HYDRAULICS
STAINLESS STEEL TAILGATE SALT SPREADER

MINIMUM BID: \$14 ,000.00

Auction will commence Friday, May 9, 2025, and run for a period of 11 days.

The minimum bid amount will be accepted, and the listing will include the option of extending a "second chance" offer if needed.

The Board will sell said item in compliance with all provisions of Ohio Revised Code Sections 102 and 2921.

A Bill of Sale will be issued to the winning bidder, and a copy shall be kept on file.

Notice will be published in the Hartville News the week of April 24, 2025. Item will remain out of service until sold. Item will be on display, Monday through Friday, for public inspection at the Lake Township Road Service Garage, 1499 Midway Street, Uniontown, Ohio 44685 from 8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m. For further information, please call (330) 877-8359 or (330) 418-0499.

Notice will also be published on the Lake Township internet website at www.laketwpstarkco.com, click on the “News” tab to access this notice.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-150 A resolution was made by John Arnold acknowledging the agreed upon settlement for Stark County Case No. 2024CV01318 (Lake Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio vs Chris Church, et al.) for the property located at 3097 Brumbaugh Street NW, North Canton, Ohio. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- Trustee Miller noted that an unpermitted business was being operated at the residence. The property owner has agreed to terminate all operations.

- 25-151 A resolution was made by John Arnold scheduling the Lake Township Spring Cleanup for Wednesday, June 4, 2025, through Friday, June 6, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturday, June 7, 2025, from 8:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. and authorizing staff to obtain pricing for the same. In addition, the Board further resolves that the township will no longer accept tires of any kind, during the cleanup events. No Yard Waste will be accepted. No hazardous materials will be accepted; this includes, but is not limited to batteries of any type, propane tanks, paint, antifreeze etc. Township businesses will be allowed to dispose of no more than one pickup truck load during the cleanup. The cleanup will be held behind the Road Department building and identifications will be checked. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-152 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing Lake Township Road Department and Police Department personnel, as needed, to assist with traffic control and road detours necessary on Sunday, August 17, 2025, as part of the Lake Community YMCA “Lake Community Hope Scholarship Fund” 5K Run/Walk event. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-153 A resolution was made by John Arnold amending Resolution No. 25-121, adopted March 24, 2025, to add the following language:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that on this date March 24, 2025, the Lake Township Board of Trustees, in Stark County hereby authorizes the Township to purchase and use the employee dishonesty and faithful performance of duty policy through Hanover Insurance Company as presented in the Insurance & Risk Management Proposal for Policy Period April 1, 2025 – April 1, 2026, from Wichert Insurance and Ramsburg Insurance. This is instead of individual surety bonds for officers, employees, and appointees who are otherwise required by law to acquire a bond before entering upon the discharge of duties.

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-154 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board of Lake Township Trustees to enter into a “Standard Form of Agreement Between Owner And Design-Builder-Lump Sum” contract with C. Tucker Cope & Associates for the Lake Township Road Department Equipment Storage Building Project. The Board acknowledges that the Agreement has been reviewed and approved by township legal counsel. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- None

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

- 25-155 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

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Bryan Bellrose, 11234 Hoover Ave.; Mr. Bellrose thanked the Board for their time at the April 1, 2025 Public Hearing. He asked the Board what they see for the development of Lake in the future. Trustee Arnold replied that the zoning resolution does not preserve 5 acre lots, but it does offer some security in that regard. People can always ask for changes, but the majority opinion matters. Trustee Miller noted that he would like to see business development along Cleveland Ave. Trustee Arnold noted that is the reason behind the roundabouts and the

widening of 619. Cleveland Ave was widened years ago to attract business. Those are the corridors they would like to see developed. Trustee Miller would love to see a multi-use type area like Noble Pond in Jackson. Mr. Bellrose asked if any of the roads would ever be widened to get ahead of farmland being developed in the future. They responded that until they have a traffic study saying that it is needed, then it would be addressed with future developers possibly bearing some of the cost.

- 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

25-156 A resolution was made by Steve Miller to adjourn the meeting at 5:42 p.m. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- ABSENT -

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

Jeremy Yoder , President

Steve Miller , Vice President

John Arnold, Member
