

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
Steve Miller, Vice President
John Arnold, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb
Daniel Kameron
Sandra Roberts

Sam Miller
Jerry Guenther

Jeremy Yoder called the regular meeting to order.

- Trustee Yoder opened and reviewed the bids received for the 2025 PAVING PROJECT pursuant to Resolution No. 25-178, adopted May 12, 2025. Five bids were received.

1) Barbicas Construction Company

Base Bid Roads	\$1,017,958.15
Alternate 1	100,030.40
Alternate 2	153,991.00
Alternate 3	246,765.60
Alternate 4	140,325.50

2) Northstar Asphalt

Base Bid Roads	\$ 933,716.00
Alternate 1	83,209.50
Alternate 2	143,216.50
Alternate 3	288,831.00
Alternate 4	136,334.50

3) The Shelly & Sands Company

Base Bid Roads	\$1,028,741.16
Alternate 1	111,150.23
Alternate 2	173,616.21
Alternate 3	272,641.54
Alternate 4	167,530.51

4) The Shelly Company

Base Bid Roads	\$ 950,362.60
Alternate 1	110,238.10
Alternate 2	151,552.95
Alternate 3	233,002.60
Alternate 4	147,777.40

5) Karvo Company

Base Bid Roads	\$ 987,000.00
Alternate 1	105,233.58
Alternate 2	147,524.55
Alternate 3	243,270.38
Alternate 4	139,344.16

The Board asked the Road Superintendent and Township Administrator to review the bids.

25-202 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the minutes for the May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Steve Miller . Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-203 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing payment and processing of payroll for June 20, 2025. Seconded by John Arnold . Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-204 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as June 9, 2025 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by John Arnold . Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-205 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of June 9, 2025 in the amount of \$93,082.10 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by John Arnold . Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark Soil & Water Conservation District – copies of correspondence regarding Oldestone Crossing No. 2, 3 & 4; AEM Building Expansion and Glen Meadows (Timbering Plan)
2. Mindy Brand – concerns about visibility at the intersection of Congress Lake and Pontius Street
3. FirstEnergy – information on energy supply price increases June 1st for Ohio
4. OPERS – *Employer Notice*/Instructions for 2025 Notice of Election packet

5. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly reports of new DAS contracts and amendments for the Cooperative Purchasing Program
6. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – June 3rd meeting packet
7. Stark Housing Network, Inc. – A Community Guide for People Facing Homelessness
8. Stark County Council of Governments – meeting change notice
9. Ohio Auditor of State – *The General Standard* May 2025 edition
10. Chris Feller – speed limit signs/St. Ives Allotment
11. 415 Group – notice of upcoming price increase for Microsoft 365 security protections
12. Melanie Conner – seeking information about electric and gas aggregation rates

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

25-206 Mr. Yoder moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Lake Township Trustees, having been informed in writing that [Canada Thistle](#) is growing on the lands in charge of [Richard S. Kerney](#) in this township, described as follows: [Parcel 2203400 Map Routing # 22 009SW 03-0400 \(12447 Springwater Avenue NW, Uniontown OH 44685\)](#)

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said [Richard S. Kerney](#) whose address is [12447 Springwater Avenue NW., Uniontown OH 44685](#) be notified by serving on him/her/them by certified mail with return receipt requested, a written copy of this resolution that said noxious weeds are growing on such lands and that they must be cut

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or destroyed within seven (7) days after the service of such notice or show this Board cause why there is not need for doing so under Section 5579.05 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-207 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87, and based on, in part, from information and photos provided by the Zoning Administrator, the Board has determined that a nuisance **does** exist at **11825 Basswood Avenue NW, Uniontown OH 44685**, due to, but not limited to **the owner's (Ella S. Gailey) maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris.**

Further resolving that the owner of such premises is hereby ORDERED to abate, control and remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris from said premises within seven (7) days after receipt of certified "Notice to Abate Nuisance".

If such vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris is not abated, controlled or removed within seven (7) days, this board hereby accepts the quote of Nichols Lawn Service, Inc. in the amount of \$350.00 to provide for such abatement and/or control of vegetation, debris, refuse and garbage. Any expenses so incurred by this Board will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

The property owner may contact this Board within seven (7) days and enter into an agreement with said Board providing for either party to the agreement to perform the abatement, control or removal. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-208 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.87, and based on, in part, from information and photos provided by the Zoning Administrator, the Board has determined that a nuisance **does** exist at **11561 Peach Glen Avenue NW, Uniontown OH 44685**, due to, but not limited to **the owner's (Joshua Fox) maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris.**

Further resolving that the owner of such premises is hereby ORDERED to abate, control and remove the vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris from said premises within seven (7) days after receipt of certified "Notice to Abate Nuisance".

If such vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris is not abated, controlled or removed within seven (7) days, this board will provide for such abatement and/or control of vegetation, debris, refuse and garbage. Any expenses so incurred by this

Board will be entered upon the tax duplicate and will be a lien upon the land from the date of entry.

The property owner may contact this Board within seven (7) days and enter into an agreement with said Board providing for either party to the agreement to perform the abatement, control or removal. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-209 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing LaVonne Hays to attend the July 8, 2025, *Stark County Schools COG Benefit Conference* at the Stark County Educational Service Center. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-210 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the Community Reinvestment Area Agreement (Industrial Property) as proposed, by and between the Board of Commissioners of Stark County, Ohio and Forward Interlock, LLC with Lake Township added as an additional party. Said agreement pertains to Stark County Tax Parcel 2014788 and reflects a 75 percent (75%) abatement for a period of ten (10) years. The Board acknowledges that said agreement has been reviewed and approved by township legal counsel. Said Agreement supersedes the previous agreement accepted under Resolution No. 25-168 adopted April 28, 2025. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-211 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:

- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 18, Grave 4
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 73, Grave 3
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 73, Grave 4

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-212 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing correspondence be forwarded to the County Engineers Association of Ohio, indicating Lake Township's support that the professional surveyor requirement remain a license that the county engineer maintains. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-213 Mr. Miller moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees is a taxing authority empowered to submit a tax levy on its behalf, and for Lake Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I) authorizes the board of trustees of any township, to request that the question of a tax levy be submitted by the taxing authority to the electors of the Lake Township Fire District, and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has determined the necessity for a renewal tax levy to sustain the operations of Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, pursuant to the authority of R.C. 5705.19(I); and

WHEREAS, this Board intends to place the question of a one and one-quarter (1.25) mill renewal levy on the November 4, 2025, General Election ballot, for operating expenses of Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, as provided for in R.C. 5705.19(I), for a period of three (3) years; and

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, requires this Board to request certification of the total current tax valuation of the Lake Township Fire District and the total amount of revenue that would be generated by the requested levy.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees that:

1. The Board intends to initiate proceedings for the submission to the electors of Lake Township (Stark County, Ohio), at the General Election to be held November 4, 2025, the question of a renewal tax levy for operating expenses of the Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, within the meaning of R.C. 5705.19(I), for a period of three (3) years.

2. It is necessary to assess a tax, for a period of three (3) years, for operating expenses of the Township Emergency Medical Services within the Lake Township Fire District, namely:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Lake Township Fire District for the purpose of providing ambulance or emergency medical services operated by fire departments or firefighting companies and the payment of the fire departments or firefighting companies to operate the same in said Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County Ohio; that the county auditor estimates will collect \$[TBD by Auditor] annually, at a rate not exceeding one and one-quarter (1.25) mill for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$[TBD by Auditor] for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for three (3) years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026.

3. The Stark County Auditor is hereby requested to certify the current tax valuation of the Lake Township Fire District, the levy's rate, expressed in dollars, rounded to the nearest dollar, for each one hundred thousand dollars of the county auditor's appraised value, the dollar amount of revenue, rounded to the nearest dollar, that would be generated by the specified number of mills for each one dollar of taxable value, and an estimate of the levy's annual collections, rounded to the nearest one thousand dollars, which shall be calculated assuming that the amount of the tax list of the taxing authority remains throughout the life of the levy the same as the amount of the tax list for the current year, and if this is not determined, the estimated amount submitted by the auditor to the county budget commission.

4. The Fiscal Officer is directed to deliver a certified copy of this Resolution to the Stark County Auditor.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

- Trustee Arnold noted that there is a pending bill that will potentially disallow replacement levies. If this legislation passes it would be too late to put anything on the ballot for the fire departments. This will give us some options. This is a 20 year old levy which is still collecting the initial amount.

25-214 Mr. Yoder moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees received a request from the Catherine Richards Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to restore and place a commemorative bronze plaque on the grave of John and Katherine Richards in Woods Cemetery, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Resolution No. 25-179, the Lake Township Board of Trustees accepted the May 6, 2025, proposal from the Catherine Richards Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to restore and place a commemorative bronze plaque on the grave of John and Katherine Richards in Woods Cemetery, and

WHEREAS, the Catherine Richards Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, in emails dated June 8, 2025, and June 9, 2025 have expressed concerns over the requirement to set the soft stone tablet headstones into a cement foundation as they have received opinions of professional headstone restoration companies advising against this.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Lake Township Board of Trustees hereby acknowledges the concerns of the Catherine Richards Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution and waives the cement foundation requirement for the soft stone tablet headstones only. The Board further authorizes the Catherine Richards Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution to choose the headstone restoration company of their choice, to complete the setting of these tablet stones on the grave of John and Katherine Richards in Woods Cemetery. The Board further resolves that the setting of these stones, along with the setting of the plaque, be coordinated with the Lake Township Board of Trustees or its representative.

Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Yoder noted the pickleball courts should be moving forward soon.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

25-215 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
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Philip Amendola, 3735 Carl St. Uniontown; Mr. Amendola addressed the Board regarding the Douglas property. It's getting bad again with debris and junk vehicles. The Board responded that it is in court. Our legal counsel is working on it and our expectation is that the ruling will be against him.

Sandra Roberts, Kathrine Richards Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, Ms. Roberts asked for clarification on the resolution passed this evening. The Board explained they have given them special permission to set the stones in gravel, and she is free to proceed.

Richard Beck, 13697 Nutmeg Cir, Mogadore; Mr. Beck asked the Board to about the legislation that would disallow replacement levies. They responded that it is a language issue where they think the term replacement levy is confusing to the voting public, they consider it a new levy.

- 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

25-216 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the bid of **Northstar Asphalt Inc.** at a total cost of **\$1,245,756.50** for the "2025 Paving Project". The Board further resolves that this includes **9.99 miles** of roadway consisting of the "Base Bid Roads" plus Alternate(s) **1 & 3**. In addition, the Board authorizes legal counsel to prepare a contract for said project and further authorizes the Board to execute said contract. Seconded by Steve Miller. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

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25-217 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder to adjourn the meeting at 5:36 p.m. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes
John Arnold	yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

Jeremy Yoder , President

Steve Miller , Vice President

John Arnold, Member

