

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

Sandy Eidam

Earle Wise

Sue Grabowski

Jim Sullivan

Derek Shaffer

Denny Morgan

Jeremy Yoder called the regular meeting to order.

25-218 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the minutes for the May 27, 2025 Regular Meeting with the following correction: Amend the June 9, 2025, expenditures amount from \$93,082.10 to \$88,621.91. Seconded by John Arnold . Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder yes

John Arnold yes

25-219 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing payment and processing of payroll for June 30, 2025. Seconded by John Arnold . Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder yes

John Arnold yes

25-220 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing payment and processing of payroll for July 4, 2025. Seconded by John Arnold . Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder yes

John Arnold yes

25-221 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as June 23, 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

25-222 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of June 9, 2025 in the amount of \$36,232.06 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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Todd Werstler – inappropriate signs at residence on Mt. Pleasant
2. Jacob Shanahan – Lake Manor closed road usage request to test prototype vehicles
3. Robert Barton – information regarding The Goodyear Hartville Country Blimp Day
4. Celebration
5. Daniel Mundy – concerns about condition of neighbor's yard
6. Vickie Hanna – concerns over road bump when going into St. Ives Condominiums
7. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – July 2025 RPC Meeting Notice
8. Stark County Soil & Water Conservation District – information regarding their 75th Birthday Party
9. National Opioid Settlement Center – breakdown of payments for years 1 and 2; 3rd year payment information
10. Stark County Schools Council of Governments – FY26 Premium Rates and Holidays
11. Frances Aranyosi – inquiring about where to buy blue reflective address numbers
12. Angela Scheuvront – on behalf of Hartville Cub Scout Pack 45 would like to arrange a field trip to recycle center/facility
13. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – weekly contract amendments and new contracts for the Cooperative Purchasing Program
14. Community University Education (CUE) 2025-2026 Road Salt Bid Tabulations and contract award
15. NEFCO – June 18, 2025 Tentative Agenda
16. Robert Rayman – concerns about abandoned house at 3574 Pine Street
17. Nationwide Mutua Insurance Company – notice of bond cancellation for DiPietro Construction LLC
18. Jeff Finefrock – would like to meet with board members and introduce himself
19. Ford Motor Company – safety recalls for certain 2016 and 2017 Fir Explorer Police Interceptor UTL vehicles
20. Ann Eikelberry – concerns about the condition of property on Schlabach Avenue.
21. Mosquito & Pest Authority – inquiry about treating Lake Township Recycle Facility
22. Ohio Auditor of State – *The General Standard* for June 2025
23. David Huffman – concerns over property on Rabbit Cove and variance request

- The Board noted that the Zoning Administrator is working on the zoning complaints.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS**Police Department**

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

25-223 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit:

- D-25-15: Enbridge fka Dominion Energy – 1710 Charolais St. (long side service line)

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
Steve Miller	yes

25-224 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 2, Lot 314, Graves 1, 2, & 3 plus Lot 315, Graves 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-225 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Board to renew and execute a cleaning agreement with Carol Brown DBA Carol Brown Cleaning Services commencing July 1, 2025, and continuing through June 30, 2026, with the following contract change:

- Increase weekly cleaning cost for the township park restrooms from \$75.00 to \$85.00.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-226 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder acknowledging correspondence forwarded to the Stark Community Foundation from Trustee Arnold, on behalf of the Board of Lake Township Trustees, supporting the *Stark Parks One Hundred Years at the Hollow Campaign* and their request for funding from the Foundation. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-227 Mr. Yoder moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, Jeff Rohrig has been working for Lake Township Road Department as an auxiliary road department employee since November, 2021, and

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees desire to change his employment status with the township from auxiliary road department employee to full-time road department labor/operator,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, as of July 1, 2025, Jeff Rohrig's employment status will change from auxiliary road employee to full-time road department labor/operator with an hourly rate change to Step 3 of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement (\$29.93) per hour. Mr. Rohrig shall remain at this rate for 1-year, unless further resolution of the Board prior to that 1-year anniversary, and

FURTHERMORE, all provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook and/or the Utility Workers Union of America AFL-CIO Local #578 Contract shall apply to Mr. Rohrig as though he were a newly hired full-time road department employee. This shall include a 1-year probation period beginning July 1, 2025.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- 25-228 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the June 17, 2025, Work Order No. 5138974 from Ziegler Tire, and authorizing an expenditure, from the General Fund (Yard Waste), in the amount of \$12,249.64 for the purchase and installation of new tires for the Caterpillar Wheel Loader. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-229 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the June 10, 2025, Quote No. S05080 from Southeastern Equipment Company, and authorizing an expenditure, for the Road Department in the amount of \$6,492.76 for repairs needed to the street sweeper. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-230 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder accepting the June 13, 2025, Estimate No. 3655, from Marlboro Supply, and authorizing an expenditure for the Road Department in the amount of \$17,194.60 for the purchase of 2,400 ft. of 12" N-12 Perforated Pipe and other drainage supplies as detailed in said quote. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

25-231 Mr. Yoder 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 a Township Fire District, within the meaning of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.01; and

WHEREAS, the Board previously determined it is necessary to assess a tax, for a period of three (3) years, for operation of the Fire District, namely:

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Lake Township fire District, Lake Township, Ohio, for the purpose of providing ambulance or emergency medical services operated by the fire departments or firefighting companies and the payment of fire departments or firefighting companies to operate the same in said Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, at a rate not exceeding one and one quarter (1.25) mills for each one hundred dollars of valuation, which amounts to \$20 dollars for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for three (3) years, commencing in 2025, first due in 2026.

WHEREAS, the Board's determination is consistent with Ohio Revised Code Sections 505.39 and 5705.19(I), which authorize 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 subdivision, or in a Fire District; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees has further determined the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten-mill limitation on the current tax list and duplicate will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount necessary for the operation of the Fire District and, thus, it is necessary for a renewal of a tax levy in excess of that limitation to sustain the operations of the Fire District, pursuant to R.C. 505.39 and 5705.19(I); and

WHEREAS, the Board previously adopted a Resolution pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03, declaring it necessary to pursue such renewal tax levy and requesting that the Stark County, Ohio Auditor certify to the taxing authority the total current tax valuation of the Lake Township Fire District and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the renewal tax, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A; and

WHEREAS, the Stark County Auditor has certified that such levy will generate an estimated \$782,638 during the first year of collection, based upon the current assessed valuation of the territory of the subdivision of \$1,134,929,670, which amounts to \$20 dollars for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value. A copy of the certification from the Stark County Auditor is attached hereto, marked as Exhibit B, and fully incorporated herein.

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

1. It is hereby necessary to levy a renewal tax in excess of the ten-mill limitation for the operation ambulance or emergency medical services within the Lake Township Fire District.
2. The question of such renewal tax levy shall be submitted to the electors of the Lake Township Fire District at the election to be held on November 4, 2025.
3. Such tax levy shall be at a rate not exceeding one and one quarter (1.25) mills for each one dollar of valuation, which amounts to \$20 dollars for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of three (3) years.
4. Accordingly, the question of the renewal tax for the benefit of the Fire District, for its operating expenses, at a rate not exceeding one and one quarter (1.25) mills for a period of three (3) years, commencing in 2025, first due in calendar year 2026, shall be submitted under Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I), to the electors of the Lake Township Fire District at the General Election to be held therein on November 4, 2025.
5. The proposed renewal tax, pursuant to this Resolution to Proceed under Revised Code Section 5705.03(B)(3), will be levied at the same rate as the existing levy, to be used for the same purpose as the existing levy.
6. The form of the ballot to be cast at the election on the question of this tax levy shall be substantially as follows:

LAKE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT
PROPOSED TAX LEVY (RENEWAL)
A majority affirmative vote is necessary for passage.

A renewal of a tax for the benefit of the Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Ohio, for the purpose of providing ambulance or emergency medical services operated by fire departments or firefighting companies and the payment of fire departments or firefighting companies to operate the same in said Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, which the county auditor estimates will collect \$782,638 annually, at a rate not exceeding one and one quarter (1.25) mills for each \$1 of taxable value, which amounts to \$20 dollars for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for three (3) years, commencing in 2025, first due in 2026.

	FOR THE TAX LEVY
	AGAINST THE TAX LEVY

7. The submission of said proposal, the notice of election, the form of ballot, the certification of the levy as voted outside the ten mill limitation, and the levying of such renewal millage shall be in accordance with the provision of Sections 5705.19, 5705.191, 5705.192 and 5705.25 and other related sections of the Revised Code.

8. The Fiscal Officer is hereby directed to forthwith certify a copy of this Resolution to the Board of Elections, Stark County, Ohio, and file such copy, with Exhibits, with said Board of Elections.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

Jeremy Yoder	yes
John Arnold	yes

- The Board stated that this is a renewal levy, no new taxes. They wanted to do a replacement levy but because of some of the legislation before the state legislature at this time it puts it at risk, so they feel safe with a renewal levy. They also noted this does not satisfy the need, we need a replacement, but we can't do it right now because it could be thrown out and we would get nothing.

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Yoder noted the pickleball courts have been delayed because now we have to go through RPC because of where the courts have been moved to. Trustee Arnold asked if the schools will help with the additional cost since they are the ones who wanted the courts moved. Trustee Yoder will try to meet with the superintendent to discuss it.

- Trustee Arnold attended a Land Bank meeting; there is nothing specific to Lake Township at this time.
- Trustee Arnold also met with Jim Sullivan from Hartville Village and the aggregator they both have been using to discuss what is going on with the electric bills. The demand is higher than the supply and it will be several years before we see relief in our rates. You can save money by opting out of the aggregate, but you will need to pay attention to rate changes.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

25-232 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

Richard Oldack; Mr. Oldack addressed the Board regarding visibility on Stover Ave at Brumbaugh St. Trustee Arnold will have the road department look at it. He also expressed his concern regarding the profanity displayed at a home on Mt. Pleasant. The Board has checked with our legal counsel and unfortunately there is nothing we can do about it due to freedom of speech. They will check with legal counsel again.

Earl Wise Jr, 2291 Mohler Dr NW, N. Canton; Mr. Wise introduced himself to the Board as a candidate for Canton Municipal Court Judge. He will be on the ballot November 4th and he would appreciate everyone's consideration. He appreciates what the trustees do for the township. The Board thanked him for stopping by.

Denny Morgan, 8321 Macthomas, N. Canon; Mr. Morgan addressed the Board regarding a home on Brumbaugh that is a possible nuisance situation with a lot of lawnmowers in disrepair. The Board will have the Zoning Administrator look at it.

- 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

25-233 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
John Arnold	yes

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Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

Jeremy Yoder , President

- Absent -

Steve Miller , Vice President

John Arnold, Member
