

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:

John Arnold, President
Sue Grabowski, Vice President

Also Present:

Matt Erb	Jeremy Guenther
Daniel Kamerer	Mike Lorentz
Derek Shaffer	Nate Seacrist
Troy Seacrist	

John Arnold called the regular meeting to order.

26-038 A resolution was made by John Arnold to approve the Minutes for December 22, 2025, Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

26-039 A resolution was made by John Arnold to approve the Minutes for December 22, 2025, 2026 Organizational Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

26-040 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for January 16, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

26-041 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as January 12, 2026, reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

26-042 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of January 12, 2026 in the amount of \$412,289.19 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Brooke Ratchford – question about Greentown Park building rental
2. The Claims Center – third-party administrator for AT&T
3. Stark County EMA – 01/06 Hazard Mitigation Planning Meeting No. 2/attendance; meeting update
4. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – new and amended State of Ohio Contracts
5. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – January 6th Meeting Notice and packet; Nominating Committee Meeting Minutes; RPC Q1 2026 *Planning Progress* newsletter
6. Stark County Transportation Improvement District – meeting packet
7. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – notice of 2025 Q4 Ohio Unemployment Compensation Quarterly Tax Return
8. Brett Yeagley c/o Lake Local School District – reminder of upcoming **Community Leadership Meeting**
9. Bonnie Parenti – recycle center hours
10. Stark County Commissioners – December 17, 2025 Resolution setting the 2026 weight limit reductions for County and Township roads during times of thawing and moisture
11. Pulte Homes – Lake Township W-9
12. Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation – reminder of February 1, 2026 PERRP Report; reminder for Ohio employers to submit their annual payroll true-up report online
13. Ford Motor Company – notice of safety recalls for certain 2019, 2020 and 2021 Police Interceptor Utility vehicles
14. City of Canton – reminder of annual payroll reconciliation for 2025

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

26-043 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deeds:

- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 33, Grave 2
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 46, Grave 1
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 53, Graves 1 & 2
- Woods Cemetery – Section South, Lot 567, Grave 1

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-044 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the January 6, 2026, quote from Winter Equipment and authorizing an expenditure for the Road Department in the amount of \$24,352.71 for the purchase of carbide cutting edges for multiple snow and ice plow trucks, as detailed in said quote. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-045 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the January 7, 2026 quote from Terry's Truck & Trailer Equipment and authorizing an expenditure for the Road Department in the amount of \$23,757.00 for the build-out of a 2026 Chevrolet 3500 4x4 pickup truck, as detailed in said quote. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-046 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Bryan Birtch as a full-time Road Department Laborer/Operator commencing January 20, 2026, at a starting hourly rate of \$30.83 to be held at this rate for one (1) year, or unless otherwise amended by resolution of the Board of Trustees and revisited upon successful completion of Mr. Birtch's probationary period.

FURTHERMORE, Mr. Birtch's medical insurance will begin on February 1, 2026. All other provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook and/or the Utility Workers Union of America AFL-CIO Local #578 Contract, other than the starting hourly rate, shall apply to Mr. Birtch, including a 1-year probation period beginning January 20,

2026. Employment is contingent upon successful completion of a drug test. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-047 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the request and authorizing an expenditure for the Police Department in the amount of \$4,120.00 for the purchase of twenty (20) Model 45 MOS 9mm Glock pistols from Vance's Law Enforcement, Columbus, Ohio. The Board acknowledges that this amount reflects a credit of \$5,500.00 for the sale of property that is no longer needed by the Township.

Accordingly, and pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 505.10(3), the following Township property is authorized for sale to Vance's Law Enforcement, with the total sale amount applied as a credit toward the purchase price of the new firearms:

- Twenty (20) Glock 45 9mm pistols at \$275.00 each, for a total sale/credit of \$5,500.00.

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-048 A resolution was made by John Arnold resolved that the Board of Lake Township Trustees acknowledge receipt of a one-time gift in the amount of \$78,498.55 from WesBanco, in accordance with Item II, Section 4(b) and Section 4(c) of the Willard Miller Testamentary Trust.

The Board further acknowledges that these funds have been deposited into the Lake Township Cemetery Fund (2041) and will be used to support the upkeep and maintenance of East Nimishillen Cemetery. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Grabowski attended a tour of Lake Local Schools hosted by Brett Yeagley, the Superintendent, and School Board, also in attendance were local officials and local clergy. She said it was encouraging, inspiring and there to foster collaboration.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

26-049 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Paul Mesko, 3720 Carl St NW, Uniontown: Mr. Mesko addressed the Board regarding the Douglas Case. The Board responded they are addressing the situation within the parameters of the law.

Regina Mesko, 3720 Carl St NW, Uniontown: Ms. Mesko asked the Board about the eviction process. The Board stated they recognize their frustration but have to go through the process.

Troy Seacrist, 3333 Ramsgate St NW, N. Canton: Mr. Seacrist attended the meeting as a requirement of the Ohio Township Association scholarship application and to see how the local government works.

- 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

26-050 A resolution was made by John Arnold to adjourning the meeting at 5:16 p.m. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

John Arnold, President

Sue Grabowski, Vice President

-absent-

Jeremy Yoder, Member

