

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
Jeremy Yoder, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb	Sam Miller
Jeff Miller	J.....M... illegible
Derek Shaffer	Noah E.....illegible
Logan Hoy	Callie Pribula
Melody Uphouse	Nick Sloan
Ryan Brand.... illegible	Lucas Abrigg
Nathan	Illegible
Michael Carlson	Elliot W
Phil Amendola	Bryson Meade
Andrew Gordon	

John Arnold called the regular meeting to order.

26-065 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski approving the minutes for the January 26, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	abstain
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-066 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for February 13, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-067 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as February 9, 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
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-068 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of February 9, 2026 in the amount of \$95,992.98 reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark County Sheriff's Office – 2025 Lake Township Annual Report
2. Ohio State Auditor – January 2026 *the General Standard* Newsletter
3. FirstEnergy – crews ready for winter storm
4. Sheakley – solicitation for services
5. Justin Wenig – request for public records for purchase orders and/or payment records for certain vendors, companies
6. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – new and amended State of Ohio Contracts
7. Schoner Chevrolet – reminder to schedule warranty/recall work for certain 2023 Chevrolet Silverado MD trucks
8. Regional Income Tax Agency – tax notice/reminder
9. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – *Fall Housing Newsletter*; meeting packet for February 3, 2026 meeting
10. Cummins – notice of engines eligible for the campaign T7186 and T7187
11. Lewis Land Professionals, Inc. – copy of correspondence to Stark Soil & Water with reference to 3446 Swamp Street
12. Aaron Floom – request for township rules regarding public speaks
13. Stark County Commissioners – notice of public hearing for petition to vacate a portion of Sylvan Avenue NW; process for requests for various types of liquor permits in the Township
14. Lake Chamber of Commerce – notice of February 24, 2026 annual awards dinner and request for proclamation
15. Landmark Dividend – solicitation for purchase of cellular lease
16. Stark County Board of Elections – ballot issues and vacancies in office
17. Stark Council of Governments – SCOG tour of the Canton AEP building
18. Stark Soil & Water Conservation District – copy of correspondence regarding Oldestone Crossing No. 3 & 4; AEM Building Expansion
19. Stark County Court of Common Pleas/Jude Frank Forchione – Opioid Symposium “Recovery and Resilience”
20. Community University Education (CUE) COG – Governing Board Meeting Agenda 02.11.2026
21. U.S. Census Bureau – 2026 Boundary and Annexation Survey
22. Horizon Christian Fellowship – request permission to hold a charity fun run within Lake Township on 07.04.2026
23. State Employment Relations Board – confirmation of SERB 2026 Health Insurance Survey Submission
24. Ohio Public Employees Retirement System – confirmation of receipt of the annual conversion plan for 2026
25. Selective Insurance – notice of upcoming policy expiration date and changes in coverage
26. Amanda Reese – Greentown Community Park building rental question
27. Vertical Bridge – possible cash offer for cell tower lease

28. Stark County Engineer’s Office – Press Release/public notification of the “Roundabout Alternative State Street & Cleveland Avenue Intersection Improvement Project” in Lake Township

In reference to the following correspondences

No. 28 – Trustee Yoder noted that a final decision has been made regarding the State Street & Cleveland Ave by the Stark County Engineer’s Office. A roundabout will be going in, construction starting in 2028.

No. 27 – Trustee Arnold noted we get an offer every year to buy the cell phone tower on the property. We receive income for this and say no every time.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 26-069 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the resignation of auxiliary Officer Joseph Nelson, with his last day of employment being February 16, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- Trustee Arnold tabled the approval of the purchase of a 2026 Mack Granite cab & chassis from Northern Ohio Truck Center for for the Road Department. Further research needs to be done regarding the funding of the purchase and will be addressed at the next meeting.

26-070 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following:

- E-26-01: Enbridge Gas – 12727 Mogadore Ave (extend gas mainline)
- E-26-02: Enbridge Gas – 11420 Geib Ave. (new long side service line)
- E-26-03: Enbridge Gas – 11694 Geib Ave. (new short side service line)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-071 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:

- Woods Cemetery – Section South, Lot 369, Grave 1

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-072 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski accepting Quote Number DH71699, dated February 4, 2026, from Fallsway Equipment Company, and authorizing an expenditure of \$5,950.00 for the Road Department for the purchase and installation of Whelen lighting on a township-owned pickup truck. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-073 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the “Township of Lake, Stark County and City of Alliance, Stark and Mahoning Counties, Ohio Local Government Mutual Aid Agreement for Law Enforcement,” and authorizing the Board President to execute the document on behalf of the township. The Board further acknowledges that the Agreement has been reviewed and approved by the township’s additional legal counsel. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-074 A resolution was made by John Arnold scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, March 9, 2026, at 4:45 p.m. for Zoning Amendment No. 25-255 (Amendment requested by GBC Design, Inc./Highland Heights School Development Company LTD). A proposed rezone of part of one tract (Parcel No. 10008086), approximately 80.8 acres, located east of Aultman Avenue, south of State Street in the SW ¼ Section 30, Lake Township from I-2 General Industrial and R-2 Medium Density Residential to I-2 General Industrial and R-2 Medium Density Residential. The Public Hearing will be immediately followed by the Regular Meeting of the Lake Township Board of Trustees, which will begin no earlier than 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustees Arnold and Grabowski, Fiscal Officer Erb and Steve Lacey attended the annual Ohio Township Association Convention last week. Ms. Grabowski noted that she learned a lot about property tax changes that may be going on at the state level.
- Trustee Arnold met with Brett Yeagley, Superintendent of Lake Schools, and Alan Harold, Stark County Commissioner, regarding the new Addison Property development in Lake Township on Lake Center starting in late 2027 or early 2028.
- Trustee Arnold also met with Hartville Councilmen Chris Ramsburg and Tim Hayden to discuss way the Village and Township can work together.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

26-075 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Bryson Meade, 1850 Oakhall Cir., Uniontown: Bryson is a Boy Scout, and he attended the meeting for his Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

Gerald Mohn. Mr. Mohn is the Scout Master of Troop No.135 and attended the meeting with some of his troop members working on their Citizenship in the Community merit badge.

Philip Amendola 3735 Carl St. Uniontown: Mr. Amendola addressed the Board regarding 3750 Carl St. and the snow parking ban. The Trustees said it would be addressed during the next snow fall if the vehicle is still there. Mr. Amendola asked about the cleanup of the property. The Board informed him that he is in contempt of court and we will order the cleanup if he has not complied by the deadline.

Paul Mesko, Mr. Mesko also addressed the Board regarding his frustration with the situation at 3750 Carl St.

- 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

26-076 A resolution was made by John Anrold adjourning the meeting at 5:25 p.m. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

John Arnold, President

Sue Grabowski, Vice President

Jeremy Yoder, Member
