

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

Sam Miller

John Arnold called the regular meeting to order.

26-113 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes for the March 9, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

Trustee Arnold tabled approving the minutes from the March 12, 2026 until the next meeting.

26-114 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for March 27, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-115 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for March 31, 2026 and April 10, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-116 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as March 23, 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

26-117 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of March 23, 2026 in the amount of \$25,673.98 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

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – notice of addendum to the HOME Investment Partnerships-American Rescue Plan; seeking names, title and email address for the Lake Township TIRC representatives
2. FirstEnergy – notice that one or more streetlights in our community will be upgraded to LED as part of FirstEnergy’s five-year streetlight conversion program; storm preparation plans; storm restoration efforts.
3. Jeff Finefrock – suggestions for power outage prevention and power outage restoration times
4. Daniel Leek c/o Snap-on – positive feedback regarding Chris McNally’s performance at the Road Department.
5. NEFCO – March 18, 2026 meeting packet for the Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board
6. Seth Daniels – comments/inquiries as to the Douglas property on Carl Street
7. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – new and amended State of Ohio Contracts
8. Marie McDonald – condition of park restroom
9. Stark Soil & Water Conservation District – copy of correspondence regarding Lake Highlands No. 1; Oldestone Crossing Nos. 3 and 4
10. Josh Seward – seeking property owner information for vacant land in Shepherd’s Gate Allotment

In reference to the following correspondence:

No. 6 - Trustee Arnold noted that a lot of work has been done and a dumpster is being delivered tomorrow to finish the cleanup.

No. 8 – This is an ongoing issue.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- The Road Superintendent, Dan Kamerer, had lunch for the Road Department employees as well as some other community members. Trustees Arnold and Grabowski both attended along with a couple of deputies from the Sherriff’s office and Uniontown P.D. Hartville Duma Meats donated the hamburgers.

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

26-118 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Brian Koher as the Lake Township Zoning and Economic Development Administrator at an hourly rate of \$34.00. Said employment will commence on March 30, 2026, and is contingent upon successful passage of a required pre-employment drug test. Further resolving, Mr. Koher's health insurance will commence on April 1, 2026, and he will be provided with one (1) week of paid vacation after six (6) months of continuous full-time employment. All other vacation leave benefits are subject to the Lake Township Employee Handbook and all other provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook shall apply to Mr. Koher as a newly hired employee. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-119 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit:

- E-26-04: Enbridge Gas, 10281 Bentgrass Ave. (new short side service line)

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-120 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Fiscal Officer to release the bonds for the following Road Open Permits:

- O-25-20: AT&T (Northdale, Carla, Laurel Ridge, Marquette & Summerfield)
- O-25-19: AT&T (Highland Pk., Brookledge, Alderglen, Springline, Akcan, Wellspring, Meridian, Pleasantwood & Aultman)
- O-25-02: Shetler Services, Inc. (11951 Mogadore Avenue)

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-121 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deed:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 74, Grave 5
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 74, Grave 4
- Uniontown Greenlawn – Section P, Lot 20, Graves 3 & 4

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-122 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the March 17, 2026, Estimate No. 4127, from Marlboro Supply, and authorizing an expenditure for the Road Department in the amount of \$8,403.75 for the purchase of miscellaneous pipe, fittings and other drainage supplies as detailed in said quote. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-123 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Owen Plymale as a part-time reserve officer for the Uniontown Police Department, 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, under Resolution No. 25-140. 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 Mr. Plymale is contingent upon the successful completion of both a psychological and polygraph examination and passing of a required drug test. The effective date of employment will be upon successful completion and passing of the aforementioned examinations and tests. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-124 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the resignation of Road Department part-time/auxiliary employee, Samuel Laspisa. Mr. Laspisa's last day of employment will be May 21, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-125 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the resignation of Uniontown Police Department Lieutenant, Nathan Weidman. Lieutenant Weidman's last day of employment was March 13, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-126 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the March 16, 2026, quote from Wells Quality Excavating and authorizing an expenditure of \$3,000.00 for storm cleanup services at Mt. Peace, Woods, and Greenlawn cemeteries. The Board also acknowledges that work, as outlined in the quote, has commenced due to the need to maintain ongoing operations. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-127 A resolution was made by John Anold accepting the February 20, 2026, Proposal from Payroll Partners, for payroll and time/scheduler management software, reports and applications as detailed and priced in said quote. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-128 Trustee Arnold motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Lake Township Board of Trustees, by Resolution, have entered into Fire Protection Contracts with the Greentown Volunteer Fire Department, Hartville Volunteer Fire Department and the Uniontown Fire Department for fire protection and emergency medical services and

WHEREAS, the Fire Departments utilized the Ohio Fire Code and the Ohio Building Code as resources to help safeguard the public health and safety of the people and inhabitants of Lake Township;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Lake Township Board of Trustees, recognize the 2025 Ohio Fire Code and the 2025 Ohio Building Code as the standard code applications being utilized by the Greentown Volunteer Fire Department, Hartville Volunteer Fire Department and the Uniontown Fire Department as resources to help safeguard the public health, safety and welfare of the people and inhabitants of Lake Township, and as the same be amended from time to time, is hereby recognized/adopted by the board of Lake Township Trustees.

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

- The Board noted this will supersede the 2018 code.

26-129 Trustee Grabowski motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, it has been brought to the attention of the Lake Township Road Superintendent, that the Ohio Department of Transportation is offering a "Township Safety Sign Grant" to which Lake Township is eligible to apply for this grant, and

WHEREAS, Lake Township Board of Trustees desires financial assistance under the Township Safety Sign Grant program for safety signage materials (signs, posts and hardware) through the Ohio Department of Transportation to improve safety on our roadways.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Lake Township Board of Trustees

1. That the Lake Township Board of Trustees approves filing an application for financial assistance for the ODOT "Township Safety Sign Grant."
2. That Lake Township Fiscal Officer is hereby authorized and directed to coordinate efforts with the Lake Township Road Department and to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Transportation the Township Safety Sign Grant and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Arnold & Grabowski attended the quarterly Stark County Township Association meeting. The water issue with Perry and the City of Canton were discussed. Commission Smith had a presentation regarding volunteering for the Pro Football Hall of Fame. This is a good way to touch base with other townships.
- They also went to Love Our Community which received an employee grant from Spectrum. Senator Timken and other community members.
- They also attended the Annual Regional Planning Dinner.

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

26-130 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

26-131 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the 2026 Lake Township Annual Permanent Appropriations for a total amount of \$21,232,797.48, a copy of which will be attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

- None
- 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

26-132 A resolution was made by John Anrold to convene an executive session at 5:17 p.m. pursuant to ORC 121.22 (G)(1) to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee and to include the Trustees and Fiscal Officer. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-133 A resolution was made by John Anrold to return from executive session at 5:33 p.m. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-134 A resolution was made by John Anrold adjourning the meeting at 5:33 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

