

The Board of Lake Township Trustees met in regular session at 2:45 p.m. at 12360 Market Avenue North, Hartville, Ohio. The meeting was open to the public with the following members present:

Sue Grabowski, Vice President
Jeremy Yoder, Member

Also Present:

Matt Erb

Sue Grabowski called the regular meeting to order.

Chance Piotrowski , Stark County Health Department: Mr. Piotrowski addressed the board regarding the service they provide in the township. They do sewage, nursing, and food inspection along with other services. As we approach summer they will begin flea and tick spraying. If anyone is adding an addition or accessory structure they need to contact the health department first if they have a septic system to make sure it won't interfere with it. The Board thanked him for attending and all that he does.

26-196 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski approving the minutes for the May 8, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:
Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-197 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski authorizing payment and processing of payroll for May 29, 2026. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:
Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-198 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski authorizing payment and processing of payroll for June 5, 2026. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:
Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-199 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as May 22, 2026, reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:
Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-200 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of May 22, 2026 in the amount of \$116,156.37, reports will be attached to the minutes and made a part thereof Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:
Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – June 2026 Meeting Notice; copy of correspondence to Joshua Griffith regarding AAAA Property Holdings
2. Ohio Department of Administrative Services – new and amended State of Ohio Contracts
3. Community, University & Education (CUE) – 2026-2027 salt allocations per entity
4. Katarina Katalinic – question about status of pickleball courts
5. Stark County Commissioners – notice of public hearing for the Petition of Vacation a portion of roadway (Grange extension)
6. Jeff Gantz – question about the recycle center
7. Stark Soil & Water Conservation District -- copies of correspondence regarding AEM Building Expansion; Farms at Enclave No. 3 and Lake Highlands No. 1
8. Monique Nemeth c/o Redwood – request for W9
9. Sedgwick TPA – Group Retro performance update
10. NEFCO – May 2025 meeting agenda for the *Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board*

In reference to the following correspondence:

No. 4 – Unfortunately, all the rain as slowed the progress on the pickleball courts, hopefully they will be completed by mid-July.

- Trustee Grabowski wanted to clarify the resolution on Data Centers. The resolution was a moratorium, which means nothing can happen for at least six months so that they can gather more information. They have not been approached by anyone, they just want to make sure they are informed before that occurs.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

26-201 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski 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 \$360.00 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 Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-202 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski 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 hereby accepts the quote of Nichols Lawn Service, Inc. in the amount of \$360.00 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 Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-203 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski accepting and executing the **Trailway Lease and Maintenance Agreement** between the **Lake Township Board of Trustees, Lake Local Schools Board of Education**, and the **Stark County Park District**. The agreement authorizes the establishment of a 10-foot-wide public walking and biking path, known as the “Quail Hollow Connector Trail,” over and across certain portions of the Lake Township Community Park. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-204 Trustee Grabowski moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio has implemented Ohio Revised Code §9.64, enacted in HB 96 (136th G.A.), requiring all local governments and jurisdictions to establish a cybersecurity policy by September 30, 2025; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this requirement is to strengthen protections of public data, information systems, and technology resources from cybersecurity threats and risks; and

WHEREAS, the LAKE Township recognizes the importance of safeguarding sensitive and confidential information entrusted to LAKE Township; and

WHEREAS, a draft Cybersecurity Policy has been prepared and reviewed by staff and legal counsel and is recommended for adoption as a framework for compliance with Ohio Revised Code §9.64 and HB 96; and

WHEREAS, the policy provides guidance on access control, system security, data protection, incident response, training, and vendor management, while requiring consultation with IT professionals and legal counsel for implementation and customization;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of LAKE Township, Stark County, Ohio, that:

1. The attached **Cybersecurity Policy** is hereby adopted as the official policy of LAKE Township.
2. This policy shall take effect immediately, with adoption required by **September 30, 2025**, and implementation of technical and training requirements no later than **June 30, 2026**, as provided by the Ohio Auditor of State.
3. The Board of Trustees shall distribute the adopted policy to all township departments, employees, and relevant contractors, and to ensure compliance in partnership with IT providers and legal counsel.
4. This resolution shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and adoption by the LAKE Township Board of Trustees.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

- 26-205 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski accepting the quote submitted by Concord Road Equipment Manufacturing LLC, dated April 29, 2026, and authorizing an expenditure of \$7,005.24 for necessary hydraulic tank repairs to a 2016 Mack tandem dump truck in the Road Department fleet. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

- 26-206 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski hiring Joseph Blondeaux as a full-time officer with the Uniontown Police Department at an hourly rate of \$26.24, in accordance with Article 25, "Compensation – Probationary Patrolmen," of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. All provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook and/or the Fraternal Order of Police Contract shall apply to Mr. Blondeaux, including a one-year probationary period commencing on his first day of employment.

Employment is contingent upon the successful completion of a psychological examination, polygraph examination, required drug screening, and passage of the Ohio Peace Officer State Certification Exam. The effective date of employment shall be upon successful completion of all required examinations and tests. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-207 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit:

- E-26-08: Enbridge Gas Ohio – 9178 Bletchley Ave. (long side svc. line)

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-208 Trustee Yoder moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, upon due investigation and consideration, the Board of Trustees of Lake Township has determined that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten (10) mill limitation in and for said Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, for the next five years will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements for said Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, by reason thereof, this Board has determined the necessity for an additional tax levy of 2.5 mills, which is in excess of such limitation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B), this Board as taxing authority for Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township Stark County, Ohio, is required to certify to the Stark County Auditor a resolution requesting that the Stark County Auditor certify to this Board as taxing authority for Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, the total current tax valuation of Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County as a subdivision, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specific number of mills; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, as taxing authority for Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio does hereby determine that pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.19(I) and 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary for an additional 2.5 mills levy, outside the ten (10) mill limitation for five (5) years, commencing tax years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030, first due in calendar year 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the certification is for consideration of placing the additional levy on the **November 3, 2026, General Election**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, as taxing authority for Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, pursuant to the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code 5705.03(B) does hereby certify that the Stark County Auditor certify to this

taxing authority, the total current tax valuation of Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio as a subdivision, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the additional tax for 2.5 mills, for five (5) years, commencing tax years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030, first due in calendar year 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Fiscal Officer of this Board be, and hereby is, directed and authorized to certify this resolution, in its entirety, to the Stark County Auditor pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, and to proceed with all things necessary to be done in order to accomplish the purpose of this resolution and the requirements of Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code. The resolution, in its entirety, shall be attached to and incorporated into these Minutes.

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

- Trustee Yoder explained the 3 mill levy that is currently in place is set to expire. They are trying to determine how much money the two different amounts will generate, and which one will be a sufficient amount for the next 5 years.

26-209 Trustee Grabowski moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, upon due investigation and consideration, the Board of Trustees of Lake Township has determined that the amount of taxes which may be raised within the ten (10) mill limitation in and for said Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, for the next five years will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements for said Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, by reason thereof, this Board has determined the necessity for an additional tax levy of 2.75 mills, which is in excess of such limitation; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the requirements of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.03(B), this Board as taxing authority for Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township Stark County, Ohio, is required to certify to the Stark County Auditor a resolution requesting that the Stark County Auditor certify to this Board as taxing authority for Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, the total current tax valuation of Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County as a subdivision, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by a specific number of mills; and

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, as taxing authority for Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio does hereby determine that pursuant to the provisions of Section 5705.19(I) and 5705.191 of the Ohio Revised Code, it is necessary for an additional 2.75 mills levy, outside the ten (10) mill limitation for five (5) years, commencing tax years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030, first due in calendar year 2027; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the certification is for consideration of placing the additional levy on the **November 3, 2026, General Election**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, as taxing authority for Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, pursuant to the requirements of the Ohio Revised Code 5705.03(B) does hereby certify that the Stark County Auditor certify to this taxing authority, the total current tax valuation of Lake Township Fire District, Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio as a subdivision, and the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the additional tax for 2.75 mills, for five (5) years, commencing tax years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030, first due in calendar year 2027.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Fiscal Officer of this Board be, and hereby is, directed and authorized to certify this resolution, in its entirety, to the Stark County Auditor pursuant to the provisions of Sections 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code, and to proceed with all things necessary to be done in order to accomplish the purpose of this resolution and the requirements of Section 5705.03(B) of the Ohio Revised Code. The resolution, in its entirety, shall be attached to and incorporated into these Minutes.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

26-210 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski accepting Estimate No. 21421, dated May 19, 2026, from Haymaker Tree and Lawn, and authorizing an expenditure of \$4,800.00 from the Cemeteries Fund for the removal of a large, damaged maple tree, including stump grinding, cleanup of grindings, and restoration with topsoil, seed, and straw at Mt. Peace Cemetery, as detailed in the estimate. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- None

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

26-211 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to sign all Purchase Orders, Vouchers, and Reconciliations. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Jason Burell, Narrow Path Investigations, Akron: Mr. Burell addressed the Board on behalf of the family Megan Keleman. Megan Keleman was fatally shot in a drive-thru in Stow Ohio. After her car was struck from behind she had no way to exit the drive-thru because the lane was blocked by a concrete barrier. The family advocates for new drive-thrus to include a bypass lane so driver can escape in an emergency. He asked for their support of the “Megan’s Way Out” legislation.

- 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

26-212 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski adjourning the meeting. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

Sue Grabowski yes
Jeremy Yoder yes

- Absent -

Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

John Arnold, President

Sue Grabowski, Vice President

Jeremy Yoder, Member

