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
Derek Shaffer
Andrew Powelson
Mike Lorentz
Jeremy Guenther
Robert Rayman
Jennifer Dave
Gary Scott
Jason Walker

John Arnold called the regular meeting to order.

26-225 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes for the June 8, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-226 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for June 30, 2026. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-227 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for July 3, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-228 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as June 22, 2026, 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

26-229 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of June 22, 2026 in the amount of $368,699.39, 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

- The Board noted that $129,886.00 is to Forever Lawn for the first payment on the pickleball courts and $101,840.77 to C. Tucker Cope for the new storage building at the road department.

CORRESPONDENCE

1. Stark County Commissioners – Copy of Resolution approving the Petition to Vacate a portion of Grange Street
2. Jim Hegidus – Inquired whether the Township will accept a lawn mower as part of the scrap steel drop-off program.
3. Northeast Ohio Four County Regional Planning & Development Organization – Tentative Agenda for the *Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board* on June 17, 2026
4. Stark County Emergency Management Agency – June 24th meeting agenda
5. Coleman Health Services and Stark County Mental Health & Addiction Recovery – Ribbon Cutting event invitation
6. Jacob Lawhon – request for data center moratorium documentation
7. National Opioid Settlements – payment distribution information
8. Stark Soil & Water Conservation District – copy of correspondence regarding SWPPP conditional approval

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

26-230 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the renewal of the Park Maintenance Agreement with Lake Local School District for a fifteen-year period beginning June 17, 2026 and ending June 16, 2041 for the maintenance of the Lake Township Community Park. The renewal Agreement shall be forwarded to the Lake Local Board of Education for their consideration and is contingent upon their acceptance and execution. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-231 Trustee Arnold moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, The Board of Lake Township Trustees, having been informed in writing that Canada Thistle is growing on the lands in charge of Dolphin Bay LLC in this township, described as follows: Parcel# 2015154 Map Routing # 20031SE121900.

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that said Dolphin Bay LLC whose address is 5954 Chermont Street NW, Canton, OH 44718 be notified by serving on him/her/them by certified mail with return receipt requested, a written copy of this resolution that said noxious weeds are growing on such lands and that they must be cut or destroyed within seven (7) days after the service of such notice or show this Board cause why there is not need for doing so under Section 5579.05 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-232 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following Cemetery Deeds:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 78, Grave 1
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 77, Graves 4 & 5
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 92, Grave 5
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 17, Graves 1, 2, 3, 4 & 5
  Section 3, Lot 18, Graves 2, 3, 4 & 5
  Section 3, Lot 20, Graves 2, 3, 4, & 5

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 88, Grave 2
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 106, Grave 2

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-233 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Fiscal Officer to release the bond for Road Open Permit:

- O-26-04: Mishler Excavating for work performed at 10709 Wright Rd.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-234 Trustee Arnold moved the adoption of the following resolution:

WHEREAS, upon due investigation and consideration, the Lake Township Board of Trustees, Stark County, Ohio 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, Stark County, Ohio for the next five (5) years will be insufficient to provide an adequate amount for the necessary requirements for said Lake Township Fire District, Stark County, Ohio for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs of Lake Township Fire District, Stark County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, by reason thereof, this Board has determined that it will be necessary for an additional tax levy of two and three-quarters (2.75) mills, per $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $96 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for a period of five (5) years, commencing tax years 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029, 2030 first due in the calendar year 2027, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs for Lake Township Fire District, Stark County, Ohio; and

WHEREAS, on May 22, 2026, this Board adopted a Resolution declaring it necessary to submit to the electors of the District the question of an additional tax in excess of the ten (10) mill limitation as described below, a copy of which Resolution was certified to the Auditor of the County of Stark; and

WHEREAS, the County Auditor of the County of Stark has certified to this Board that the dollar amount of revenue that would be generated by the rate of two and three-quarters (2.75) mills for each one dollar of taxable value is $3,149,743.

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

SECTION 1. This Board hereby determines to proceed with the submission to the electors of Lake Township at an election to be held on **November 3, 2026**, the question of an additional tax, in excess of the ten-mill limitation at the rate of two and three-quarters (2.75) mills per $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $96 for each $100,000 of the county auditor’s market value, for a period of 5 years, tax years, 2026, 2027, 2028, 2029 and 2030. It is currently estimated by the Stark County Auditor that the rate of two and three-quarters (2.75) mills for each $1 of taxable value will generate $3,149,743.

SECTION 2. The Fiscal Officer is authorized and directed to certify to the Stark County Board of Elections copies of this Resolution and the Resolution of this Board, and the Certificate of the County Auditor referred to in the preambles hereto on or before August 5, 2026. This Board hereby requests that the Board of Elections prepare the ballot forms and make the other necessary arrangements for the submission of this question to the electors of Lake Township, all in accordance with the law.

SECTION 3. The ballot language contained herein has been updated in order to match the current version of Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.19(I).

SECTION 4. BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the form of the ballot cast at such election shall be:

PROPOSED TAX LEVY – (ADDITIONAL)
LAKE TOWNSHIP FIRE DISTRICT, LAKE TOWNSHIP, STARK COUNTY
(A majority Affirmative Vote is Necessary for Passage)

"An additional tax for the benefit of Lake Township Fire District, Stark County, Ohio, for the purpose of providing and maintaining fire apparatus, mechanical resuscitators, underwater rescue and recovery equipment, or other fire equipment and appliances, buildings and sites therefor, or sources of water supply and materials therefor, for the establishment and maintenance of lines of fire-alarm communications, for the payment of firefighting companies or permanent, part-time, or volunteer firefighting, emergency medical service, administrative, or communications personnel to operate the same, including the payment of any employer contributions required for such personnel under section 145.48 or 742.34 of the Revised Code, for the purchase of ambulance equipment, for the provision of ambulance, paramedic, or other emergency medical services operated by a fire department or firefighting company, or for the payment of other related costs, that the county auditor estimates will collect $3,149,743 annually, at a rate not exceeding two and three-quarters (2.75) mills for each $1 of taxable value, which amounts to $96 for each $100,000 of the county auditor's market value, for five (5) years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027.

☐ FOR THE LEVY

☐ AGAINST THE LEVY

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Fiscal Officer of this Board be, and he hereby is, directed and authorized to proceed forthwith with the certification hereof to the Board of Elections of Stark County, Ohio Pursuant to the provisions of Sections, 5705.19(I), 5705.19, 5705.192, 5705.25 and other related statutes, and to proceed with all things necessary to be done in order to accomplish the purpose of this resolution;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this Resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal actions were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with the law, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code;

SECTION 5. This Resolution shall be in full force and effective immediately upon its adoption.

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- The Board explained that there is a levy that is expiring and this one would take its place.

26-235 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the Stark County Health Department *Township Request Form for an "Unfit for Human Habitation" designation* for the property located at 3574 Pine Street NW, Uniontown (Linda Tippel/owner). Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- The Board explained this is a property that has been challenging for a few years and the structure needs to be removed.

26-236 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, 2026, and continuing through June 30, 2027, with the following contract change:

- Increase the weekly cleaning rate for the Lake Township Administrative Offices from **$130.00** to **$140.00**.

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-237 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit:

- O-26-07: Crown Castle – Highland Park St. (install fiber optic cable)
- O-26-08: Bontrager Excavating -- 11927 Mogadore Ave (water main tie-in)

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-238 A resolution was made by Jeremy 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 **2261 Howard Street NE, Hartville, OH 44632,** due to, but not limited to **the owner's (Nita Welch) 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 herby accepts the quote of Nichols Lawn Service, Inc. in the amount of $350.00 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 John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-239 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the June 17, 2026, Estimate No. 4313, from Marlboro Supply, and authorizing an expenditure for the Road Department in the amount of $14,832.00 for the purchase of 2,400 ft. of 12" N-12 Perforated Pipe as detailed in said quote. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-240 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting Quote No. S23554, dated June 18, 2026, from Southeastern Equipment Company, and authorizing an expenditure of $4,694.40 for the Road Department to complete the necessary repairs to the Township-owned street sweeper, as detailed in said quote. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-241 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Township to enter into a Salary Continuation Agreement with Vincent Criswell, contingent upon Sedgwick's review of the claim and recommendation that entering into such an agreement is appropriate. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-242 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting Proposal No. Q00127601, dated June 22, 2026, from Koorsen Fire & Security, and authorizing an expenditure of $6,023.60 for the Road Department to replace the two outdated NO_2/CO detectors at the Lake Township Road Department facility, 1499 Midway, Uniontown, as specified in the proposal. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

- Trustee Yoder explained the pickleball courts should be completed by mid-July. The court will be finished with a new surface that is softer on joints and should reduce injuries. There will be rules and regulations that will be posted at the courts. Special balls must be used on the new surface, and they will be supplied by the vendor doing the installation for the first season.

26-243 A resolution was made by Jeremy Yoder approving the Lake Township Pickleball Court Rules and Regulations, along with the accompanying “About the Courts” signage, as revised by the Lake Township Administrator. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Grabowski met with Brett Yeagley, Lake Local Schools Superintendent, and Tim Hayden from the Village of Hartville. There are going to be some joint activities later this year. More information will be provided nearer the time.

- Trustee Arnold attended the Stark County Township Association meeting. The Stark County Health Department offered suggestions on how to use the Opioid settlement funds and the Stark County Building inspector reviewed their regulations. Lake Township will be hosting the meeting in September.

FISCAL OFFICER’S REPORT

26-244 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
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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26-245 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the 2026 Permanent Lake Township Amended Appropriations for a total amount of $21,223,285.74, a copy of which will be attached hereto and made a part of these minutes. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Richard Beck, 13697 Nutmeg Cir. Mogadore; Mr. Beck thanked the board for reading out the levy language in item number 5, noting that fire levies are very important.

Gary Scott, 12125 King Church Ave.; Mr. Scott asked the Board to look at the speed limit on King Church Ave. and all the drivers that drive above the speed limit. The Board will see if they can place the mobile speed unit and speak to the Uniontown Police Chief and have him reach out to Hartville and the school resource officer.

Andrew Powelson, 12114 King Church Ave.; Mr. Powelson addressed the Board about the same situation and asked if it was possible to make the Camelia and King Church intersection a three-way stop? The Board said they do not use stop signs for speed control as it creates a more dangerous situation.

Jennifer Dave, 2707 Tulip St., Plain Twp; Ms. Dave introduced herself a candidate for Judge with the Stark County Court of Common Pleas, replacing Judge Heath who is retiring. She has served Stark County for 32 years as an Assistant Prosecutor seeking justice for victims of crimes. She would like to become a judge in that same court.

Bob Rayman, 3560 Pine St.; Mr. Rayman asked what it means going forward regarding 3574 Pine St. The Board said the structure will be removed this summer.

- 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

26-246 A resolution was made by John Arnold to convene an executive session 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 Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-247 A resolution was made by John Arnold to return from executive session. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-248 A resolution was made by John Arnold adjourning the meeting at 5:56 p.m.. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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Matt Erb, Fiscal Officer

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John Arnold, President

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Sue Grabowski, Vice President

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Jeremy Yoder, Member