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	Chandler Mazeall
Ralph Van Horn	Robert Rayman
Sam Miller	Jeremy Guenther

John Arnold called the regular meeting to order.

26-249 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes for the June 22, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-250 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for July 17, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-251 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as July 13, 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

26-252 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of July 13, 2026 in the amount of $1,279,020.48, 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. NEFCO – July Agenda for the Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board
2. Benjamin Baker – electronics recycling drop-off bin proposal
3. Kevin Scheppler – inquiry regarding branches removed by paving company
4. Cristy Smith – frustrated with lack of enforcement of fireworks law
5. Mark Wile – report of paint cans being dropped off at recycling facility

6. Victoria Conner – community proposal for placement of a *Free Library* box at the Greentown Community Park
7. Ohio Auditor of State – *The General Standard July 2026* newsletter edition
8. Tom Baughman, Bruce Wolf, Mark Metcalf, and Rich Doll – concerns over maintenance and other items at the East Nimishillen Church Cemetery
9. Bud Leidel – inquiry into consolidating refuse hauling services within the township to help reduce roadway wear and damage
10. State Employment Relations Board – notice of September 1st *2026 SPBR Conference*
11. Stark Soil & Water Conservation District -- SWPPP approval letter for Addison Lake
12. Stark County Regional Planning Commission – cancellation notice for the Stark County Transportation Improvement District meeting scheduled for September 14, 2026; notice of August 7th Stark County Community Development Block Grant and Home Investment Partnership virtual application workshop; July 2026 RPC Newsletter; Stark County Area Transportation Study June 29th meeting packet
13. Ohio Environmental Protection Agency – notice of complaint of resident leaking fluid on roadway
14. Stark Soil & Water Conservation District – copies of correspondence regarding: AEM Building Expansion, The Farms at Enclave No. 2 & 3 Inspection, Lake Highlands No. 1 & 2, Hartville Marketplace Fish Pantry Inspection, 1st Notice of Violation Oldestone Crossing No. 4, and 2nd Notice of Violation for Oldestone Crossing No. 3 Inspection
15. Stark County Building Department – copy of Order to Comply for 2244 Ledgestone Drive NW
16. Ohio Township Association Risk Management Authority – information regarding their membership and services
17. Ohio Department of Job and Family Services – notice of 2026 Quarter 2 Ohio Unemployment Compensation Quarterly Tax Return
18. General Motors – notice of recall for certain 2023 Chevrolet Silverado MD trucks
19. Freepoint Energy Solutions – contract expiration notice
20. Stark County Schools Council of Governments – FY 26-27 insurance premium rates and information
21. Stark County Commissioners – copy of resolution creating tax incentive districts aka *Addison Lake Incentive District* within Lake Township

No. 8 – We will address it with the third-party mowing company.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

26-253 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Hunter Batchik 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. Batchik is contingent upon the successful completion of both a psychological and polygraph examination, passing of a required drug test and passing of the Ohio Peace Officer State Certification Exam. 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

226-254 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Gerrit Kenepp 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. Kenepp 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

26-255 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski hiring Ronald Stephanoff 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 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. Stephanoff 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 John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-256 A resolution was made by John Arnold hiring Darrell Claytor Jr. as a full-time Police Officer with the Uniontown Police Department at an hourly rate of $31.02, in accordance with Article 25, "Compensation," of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement. Mr. Claytor shall be subject to all applicable provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook and the Fraternal Order of Police Collective Bargaining Agreement, including a one-year probationary period beginning on his first day of employment.

The effective date of employment shall be August 1, 2026, contingent upon the successful completion of a psychological examination, polygraph examination, and required drug screening. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-257 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permit:

- E-26-10: Enbridge Gas Ohio – 10000 White Pine Ave. (long side svc. line)
- E-26-11: Enbridge Gas Ohio – 2895 Lake Center St. (long side svc. line)
- E-26-12: Enbridge Gas Ohio – 11850 William Penn Ave. (long side svc. line)
- O-26-09: Custom Utilicom – 3516 Highland Park St. (replace coax)
- O-26-10: Custom Utilicom – 13593 Nutmeg Cir. (replace coax)

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-258 A resolution was made by John Arnold scheduling a Public Hearing on Monday, July 27, 2026, at 4:45 p.m. for Zoning Amendment No. 26-256 (Property owner: Randy and Sharon Saler). A proposed rezone of Parcel Numbers 2015508 (9520 Cleveland Avenue); 2002710 (9570 Cleveland Avenue) and 2000168 (V/L Cleveland Avenue), North Canton, Ohio 44720. Located in Quarter Section 30 SE from C-2 (General Commercial) and R-2 (Medium Density Residential) to R-3 (High 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

26-259 A resolution was made by John Arnold increasing the compensation of auxiliary road crew employees, as established pursuant to Resolution No. 26.012, as follows:

- Group A (employees holding a Commercial Driver's License) shall be compensated at a rate of $25.00 per hour.
- Group B (employees not holding a Commercial Driver's License) shall be compensated at a rate of $20.00 per hour.

This wage increase shall become effective on July 18, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

26-260 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Fiscal Officer to release the bond for Road Open Permit:

- D-25-21: H M Miller for work performed at 13025 Sunset Circle NW
- D-25-22: H M Miller for work performed at 2583 Lake Center Street NW
- D-25-26: Mushrush Utility Contracting, Inc. for work performed at 9022 Kennemer Circle NW
- D-25-19: Mushrush Utility Contracting, Inc. for work performed at 13277 Parkview Avenue NW
- E-26-09: Precision Pipeline LLC for work performed at 1936 Butternut Street NW

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

26-261 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the resignation of Michael Stackpole as a member of the Lake Township Zoning Commission, effective immediately, as submitted in his letter dated June 24, 2026. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

26-262 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski accepting the proposal submitted by Miller Builders dated June 25, 2026, and authorizing an expenditure in the amount of $28,711.00 for the Road Department for the replacement of the fabric cover on the salt storage building, as outlined in said proposal.

The Board further resolves that, should it be determined that any portion of the cost is eligible for warranty coverage, the authorized expenditure and proposal amount shall be adjusted accordingly. Seconded by John Arnold. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

- The Board noted that they do not think there are possible wetlands at the Midway location as suggested in the preliminary report submitted by the North Canton Soccer Club. It could just be drainage tiles. North Canton Soccer Club was unable to attend tonight, and they will figure it out before our next meeting.

26-263 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board of Trustees to execute a Memorandum of Lease with the Stark County Park District, as necessary, for the purpose of recording and documenting the Trailway Lease and Maintenance Agreement previously accepted, approved, and executed on May 22, 2026, pursuant to Resolution No. 26-203. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-264 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the proposal submitted by Alarm1 LLC, dated June 29, 2026, and authorizing an expenditure in the total combined amount of $5,982.00 from the Road Department and General Funds for the upgrade of key network and camera-support equipment serving the Lake Township Recycling Center and Road Department Service Garage, in accordance with the terms and specifications outlined in said proposal. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

26-265 A resolution was made by Sue Grabowski adopting the submitted job description for the Lake Township Payroll and Administrative Clerk position; further providing that a copy of the adopted job description shall be attached to and made a part of these minutes; and authorizing the publication of the position for the purpose of soliciting applications. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold yes
Sue Grabowski yes

MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- None

FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

26-266 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

Robert Rayman, 3560 Pine St, Uniontown; Mr. Rayman asked the Board about the progress on the demolition of 3574 Pine St. The Board could not give him a time frame, but it is being worked on.

Ralph Van Horn 654 Ponitus Mogadore; Mr. Van Horn would like to see a zoning resolution prohibiting fowl, poultry, and cattle on residentially zoned properties of one acre or less. The Board said they will discuss it with the Zoning Administrator and Legal Counsel to see what abilities we have to regulate this.

- 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

26-267 A resolution was made by John Arnold to convene an executive session at 5:20 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, Fiscal Officer, Township Administrator and Legal Counsel. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

26-268 A resolution was made by John Arnold to return from executive session at 5:46 p.m.. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes

26-269 A resolution was made by John Arnold adjourning the meeting at 5:46 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