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
Chandler Mazeall
Bob Rayman
Ralph Van Horn
Sam Miller

Trustee Arnold opened the regular meeting.

26-320 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the minutes for the August 24, 2026, Regular Meeting as submitted. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	abstain

26-321 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing payment and processing of payroll for September 25, 2026. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-322 A resolution was made by John Arnold approving the Financial (Fund/Appropriation/ Revenue Status and Cash Summary by Fund) Reports as September 14, 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

26-323 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing all EXPENDITURES as of September 14, 2026 in the amount of $266,461.59, 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

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CORRESPONDENCE

1. **Kina Kasicki** – Inquiry regarding the retention/detention basin and natural drainage way located within the Hoover Estates subdivision.
2. **NEFCO** – Meeting packet for the *Regular Meeting of the General Policy Board* scheduled for September 16, 2026.
3. **Stark County Regional Planning Commission** – Copy of correspondence to Hettler Largent Engineering, LLC regarding the North Canton Soccer Club / Midway Soccer Complex.
4. **American Structurepoint** – Invitation to the American Structurepoint Akron Open House on September 18, 2026.
5. **Stark County EMA** – Information regarding the final meeting for the full-plan draft mitigation plan.
6. **Cristy Smith** – Concerns regarding the extreme negative impact of House Bill 172 / fireworks.
7. **Gretchen Schrantz** – Inquiry regarding regulations governing gun target practice.
8. **National Opioid Settlements** – Information regarding payment distributions.
9. **Ohio Auditor of State** – *The General Standard*, August 2026 newsletter.
10. **Anna Crites** – Speed concerns near the intersection of Northdale Street and Carla Avenue in Uniontown; requesting "Children at Play" signs.
11. **Stark County Health Department** – Notification of a West Nile virus-positive location in Lake Township.
12. **Greg Bauman** – Damaged dog fence line at 2956 Lancer Street NW.
13. **Kevin Pete** – Request for "Children at Play" signs on behalf of the Chestnut Ridge HOA.
14. **Stark Council of Governments** – September 1, 2026, meeting packet for the *SCOG General Membership Meeting*.
15. **John Cozine** – Concerns regarding holes developing along Mogadore Avenue in relation to the Glen Meadows development project.
16. **Stark Library** – Information regarding the Stark Library Operating Levy.
17. **Landmark Dividend** – Inquiry regarding the purchase of a cell tower lease.
18. **Stark County Regional Planning Commission** – Information regarding potential demolition projects; August 2026 *Fair Housing Newsletter*; and September 8, 2026, meeting packet.
19. **Ohio Edison** – Confirmation letters regarding changes in electric suppliers for several streetlight poles throughout Lake Township.
20. S**tark Soil & Water Conservation District** – Copies of correspondence regarding the following projects/locations: 3446 Swamp Street; Oldestone Crossing No. 4; Lake Highlands No. 1 & 2; Glen Meadows No. 1; Addison Lake; AEM Building Expansion; Evermore Mission Building; The Farms at Enclave No. 2 & 3; Lake Center Christian School; and Ample Storage Phase 3.
21. **Meghann Price** – Inquiry regarding the date for trick-or-treat.

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DEPARTMENT REPORTS

Police Department

- None

Road Department

- None

Zoning Department

- None

Fire Departments/Fire Prevention Office

- None

OLD BUSINESS:

- None

NEW BUSINESS:

26-324 A resolution was made by John Arnold in conformance with the anticipated decision of the Stark County Commissioners to designate a uniform, county-wide trick-or-treat observance, declaring door-to-door trick-or-treat activities in Lake Township to be held between 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. as follows:

- On the afternoon of the same day if October 31 is on a Saturday or Sunday. On the afternoon of the preceding Sunday, October 31 falls on a weekday (Monday-Friday).

Halloween and Trick-or-Treat observance will therefore be held on Saturday, October 31, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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26-325 Trustee Arnold motioned the following resolution:

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, desires to employ Darren Mishler as a full-time Road Department Laborer/Operator; and

WHEREAS, the position is subject to the terms and conditions of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement between Lake Township and the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, Local #578;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Lake Township, Stark County, Ohio, that Darren Mishler is hereby hired as a full-time Road Department Laborer/Operator, commencing December 1, 2026, at a starting hourly rate of $27.95, in accordance with Article XXI, **COMPENSATION**, of the current Collective Bargaining Agreement.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Mishler shall remain at the starting hourly rate of $27.95 for one (1) year, unless otherwise authorized by resolution of the Board of Trustees prior to the completion of the one-year period.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that all applicable provisions of the Lake Township Employee Handbook and the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Lake Township and the Utility Workers Union of America, AFL-CIO, Local #578, shall apply to Mr. Mishler's employment, including a one-year probationary period commencing December 1, 2026.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that Mr. Mishler's employment is contingent upon the successful completion of a pre-employment drug test.

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	

26-326 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board and Fiscal Officer to execute the following Road Open Permits:

- O-26-15: Custom Utilicom – 11219 Cottingham Cir. (underground replacement of coax)
- E-26-13: Enbridge Gas Ohio – 11700 William Penn (new long side service line)

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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26-327 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Fiscal Officer to release the bond for the following Road Open Permits:

- O-26-01: Custom Utilicom, for work performed at 3535 E. Angora Circle
- E-26-04: Precision Pipeline, for work performed at 10281 Bentgrass Ave.
- E-26-11: Precision Pipeline, for work performed at 2895 Lake Center
- E-26-12: Precision Pipeline, for work performed at 11850 William Penn
- O-25-06: Omni Fiber, LLC, for work performed at Asshan, Beech Hill, Burkey, Grimes, Highland Park, Meridian, Mt. Pleasant, Pleasantwood, Rosewood and Timberview
- O-26-05: Custom Utilicom, for work performed at 2297 Burberry
- O-26-02: Custom Utilicom, for work performed at 11600 Whitehall Street

Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-328 A resolution was made by John Arnold authorizing the Board to execute the following cemetery deeds:

- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 3, Graves 4 & 5
- Mt. Peace Cemetery – Section 3, Lot 36, Grave 2
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 124, Graves 1 & 2
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 35, Grave 1
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section P, Lot 35, Grave 2
- Uniontown Greenlawn Cemetery – Section N, Lot 56, Grave 4
- East Nimishillen Cemetery – Section C, Lot 107, Grave 3

Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-329 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the quote submitted by Concord Road Equipment, Mtg., dated September 8, 2026, and authorizing an expenditure for the Road Department, in the amount of $7,584.89 for the purchase and installation of a new Titan 2 hitch on one of the township-owned Mack Granite snow and ice trucks as further detailed in said quote. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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26-330 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the quote submitted by Leppo Rents dated September 3, 2026, and authorizing an expenditure for the Road Department, in the amount of $3,797.22 for the purchase of replacement tracks for a Township-owned Bobcat mini excavator, as further detailed in said quote. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-331 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the quote submitted by Winter Equipment, dated September 1, 2026, and authorizing an expenditure for the Road Department, in the amount of $14,391.52 for the purchase of Carbide cutting edges for Township-owned snow and ice equipment as further detailed in said quote. Seconded by Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-332 A resolution was made by John Arnold accepting the August 28, 2026, quote from H & H Dumpster Company for solid waste services for the 2026 Fall Cleanup, pursuant to Resolution No. 26-308, as follows:

- Six (6) dumpsters to be provided and switched out upon request at a rate of $625.00 each, for a total of $3,750.00.*

*This price includes an allowance of four (4) tons per dumpster. Any weight in excess of the four-ton allowance will be charged at a rate of $70.00 per ton. Any additional dumpsters beyond the initial six (6) will be provided at a rate of $650.00 per dumpster.

The Board further acknowledges that Annaco will provide one (1) roll-off dumpster at no cost to the Township for the collection of appliances and scrap metal. Seconded by Sue Grabowski. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-333 A resolution was made by John Arnold 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 **3028 Lee Street NW, North Canton,** due to, but not limited to **the owner's (Oliver and Mary Morgan) maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris.**

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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 Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

26-334 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 **680 Pontius Street NW, Mogadore,** due to, but not limited to **the owner's (Norma Stoddard) 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 Jeremy Yoder. Roll call votes were:

John Arnold	yes
Sue Grabowski	yes
Jeremy Yoder	yes

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MEETING REPORTS/MISCELLANEOUS

- Trustee Grabowski stated the Fall Cleanup will be held Wednesday September 23rd through Friday September 25th from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. and Saturday September 26th from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. It will be behind the road department building located at 1499 Midway St in Uniontown. Residents will be expected to unload their own vehicles and identification will be checked. Disposal of tires of any kind is prohibited, and no hazardous materials will be accepted. You can check the website and Facebook page for acceptable and non-acceptable items.

- Trustee Grabowski also noted that Friday September 18th there will be an America 250 Veterans Salute and Fireworks after the football game. This is a community night at Lake Local Schools and is a joint effort of Lake Local Schools, Village of Hartville, and Lake Township. It is sponsor funded, not paid for by tax dollars. She thanked Horning, Sarchione, Innerst Wealth Management and the Hartville Kitchen for their sponsorship.

- Trustee Arnold noted that Lake Township is hosting the Stark County Township Association meeting on Thursday September 17th at 5:30 p.m. at the Lake Township Road Department. The event is sponsored by W.L. Tucker and Wagler Farms food truck will be providing the food. In addition to the road department's equipment the three Fire Departments will have equipment there and the Uniontown Police will also be in attendance.

- Trustee Arnold, the Township Administrator, the Road Superintendent and Uniontown Police Chief and Captain will be riding the train with the Stark County Sheriff's Office for the railroad crossing safety tour on Tuesday September 15, 2026.

- Trustee Yoder noted that work is being wrapped up on the pickleball courts and should be finished by the end of the week. He also mentioned that final design work is in for the Stark Parks walking trail which will run from Lake Schools, across Gentlebrook to Memorial Park and ultimately Quail Hollow.

- Trustee Arnold mentioned that he along with Trustee Grabowski have had conversations with Hartville Village council to work together. Friday night is an example of that. Good things are on the horizon. Trustee Grabowski noted we are working on a land study for property development; we have included the Village and Chamber of Commerce as well as the people of Lake Township.

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FISCAL OFFICER'S REPORT

26-335 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

PUBLIC SPEAKS

Ralph Van Horn, 654 Pontius St NW, Mogadore.; Mr. Van Horn addressed the Board regarding the abatement for 680 Pontius. He asked what the definition of them cleaning up the vegetation. They are only mowing but not addressing the vegetation around the house. He noted that this is the 2nd time this has happened in the last 12 months and according to the ORC it should be a 4-day process. He asked why the process take so long? The Trustee will review the process with the zoning the administrator.

Bob Rayman, 3560 Pine St NW, Uniontown.; Mr. Rayman asked the Board for the status of 3574 Pine St.? The Board noted that it is in process, Trustee Arnold will check into it and call him. He also asked about children at play signs. Trustee Arnold stated we do not use them in the township as studies have shown they offer a false sense of security.

Chandler Mazeall, 13745 Kaufman Ave; Mr. Mazeall asked the Board about the notices sent to 680 Pontius, since the owner does not live there does it matter if she receives them. The Board stated that we send notice to all addresses on record.

- 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

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26-336 A resolution was made by John Arnold adjourning the meeting at 5:33 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