

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting on October 1, 2018 at 5:00 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the township. The Chairman called the meeting to order with a full board present.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel compensation regarding healthcare issues within the township, inviting Township Benefits Administrator Hickey and Burnham and Flower's Plan Administrator, Michelle Crockett, to present information. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to exit Executive Session. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on October 1, 2018 at 6:30p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the township. Chairman Fee called the meeting to order with a full board present.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

The Board of Champion Township Trustees welcomed Mr. Stephen Papalas of the Trumbull County Highway Engineers Office to discuss currently maintained County Road — Research Parkway. He explained that the county could no longer afford to maintain the roadway and that the Engineer has submitted a request to the Trumbull County Commissioners to have Champion take ownership of it. The board expressed the same funding concerns as the county has. Additionally, Mr. Papalas requested a meeting with the Chairman or the Board at a later date to discuss the COG.

R2018-73 Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of the Ohio Public Works Commission, to accept the 2017 adjusted grant amount of \$59,596.43 for the resurfacing project of Calla and Earl Drives. This amount reflects the final amount dispersed after adjustments to the final quantities of the project resulting in an overall reduction of \$21,514.65 in project costs. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

➤ Announcement that the Champion Network Council will present its fall community forum, "Probate Issues Affecting Your Family" presented by the Honorable James Fredericka, Trumbull County Probate Judge, on Wednesday October 24, 4:00pm to 5:00pm in the PK-8 school building cafetorium. There is no cost for the program. Refreshments will be provided.

F2018-74 Trustee Bugos made a motion to approve the purchase of 12 sets of personal protective firefighting gear, which will include helmet, coat and pants from Warren Fire Equipment in the amount of \$31,080.00. The gear is being purchased off the Ohio State Term Schedule 842, or State Bid process. The 12 sets of gear being replaced have reached their life expectancy of 10 years and the department is required to replace these sets of gear. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

➤ Announcement that Sam Lamancusa, Trumbull County Treasurer will be attending our November monthly meeting to discuss collection of delinquent property taxes. Trustee Bugos requested that Zoning Inspector Fonce investigate whether Commercial/Industrial Tax issues would also be addressed as Ohio Star Forge had indicated questions on the topic and may want to attend if the topic will be covered.

➤ Reminder that Champion Townships Trick of Treat night is set for October 31, 2018 from 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm. The Board would like to wish all children a safe Halloween. The Champion Township Police Department will be on patrol with four officers on duty during this event.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to approve/accept the donation of Gerald and Janet Ott, 997 State Rd. NW, in the amount of \$50.00 to the Fire Department. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

➤ Announce that the Champion Board of Trustees will be meeting with the Southington Township Trustees to discuss the continuation of our EMS agreement, Monday October 15, 2018 @ 6:00pm at the Southington Town Hall. This meeting is open to the public.

The department heads presented their respective reports.

#### Correspondence

A draft credit card policy was reviewed and tabled pending further discussion in a workshop. New laws go into effect November 2, 2018 and policy is required to be updated within 90 days after the new law takes effect.

A communication from Opportunities for Ohioans with Disabilities was discussed regarding a possible job trial situation in the fiscal office. OOD pays workers while they evaluate them on their ability to do jobs and tries to locate an employer who can hire them after their evaluation.

Advised Board that Harris & Associates reached out to assist with year-end information and I would be taking the training and letting them know a decision on whether or not I needed assistance.

#### Old Business

OTARMA KLA Loss Control visit was discussed with how to handle required report on action taken on their recommendations.

#### New Business

Chairman Fee requested available dates, times and topics for the October workshop. Road Supervisor Connelly was requested but the schedule could not be worked out due to his upcoming vacation. Chief Hickey was requested to attend and date was set for October 12, 2018 at 8:00am at the Township Administration Building.

Chairman Fee recognized Jacob Potts, CHS Student and Future Eagle Scout for attendance at the meeting while working on a badge.

#### Public Comment

Geri Marrangoni, 6552 Oak Hill Dr, thanked the Fire Department for their Open House and congratulated them on the BWC grants applied for and received. She also had comments about street signs and street lights.

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, had comments about the auditor and the executive session that transpired prior to this public meeting. She also indicated that she felt she should be added to next month's agenda. Trustees indicated that there was a time for 'public comment' and she could make comments there rather than in the business portion of the meeting.

Tammy Hoostal, 4901 Brookside Dr., had comments about the Noise Wall and ODOT.

Jim Marangoni, 6552 Oak Hill Dr., had questions about a developer/contractor making a road; remarked that Research Drive is not up to specs.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting on October 15, 2018 at 6:00p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the township, with Chief Hickey present, in conjunction with the Southington Township Trustees at the Southington Town Hal. The Chairman called the meeting to order with a full board present.

Trustee Plott began the discussion by saying how wonderful the service was, how pleased he and the residents were for the department's services. He indicated that he was also pleased with Farmington's service when Champion wasn't available. He turned the discussion briefly to the amount of money lost on contracts with the insurance companies. He inquired if Champion was doing anything differently than their board.

Trustee Fee indicated that the Champion Fire had been facing the same issue and as such would be requesting that the Southington Board of Trustees increase the amount of the contract to \$37,500.00

Trustee Plott discussed plans for their current funds, the future of their fire department and their current fire levy.

Trustee Emerine indicated that the Champion Fire had been giving Cadillac service to the residents of Southington and the Southington Township residents needed to understand the costs associated with running their own department, which is unsustainable under current conditions.

Chief Hickey noted the increase in number of calls, the number of non-paying Southington residents, and the aforementioned insurance write off issues.

Trustee Speaker asked if hard billing Southington residents would make a difference in Champion's contract concerns.

Trustee Tietz indicated that they would continue to look for solutions.

Trustee Bugos agreed that coming up with a workable solution would be most beneficial to both townships.

Trustee Plott indicated that there was no more money in Southington for EMS/Fire but they would discuss it and have Fiscal Officer Hall contact Fiscal Officer Hatt when they were ready to bring another option to the table.

Hearing no further comment, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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