

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on April 1, 2019 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.

G2019-31 Trustee Emerine made a motion to approve the 2018 Annual Financial Reports as submitted by the Fiscal Officer to the Ohio Auditor of State. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes. Copies of this 30 page report are available online or in the Fiscal Office for \$2.00.

G2019-32 Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept the January and February 2019 Financial Reports. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to approve the BWC True Up Audit Refund of \$4,816.00 and the BWC Go Green Rebate of \$449.00. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes. The BWC Policy Rate was also lowered for 2019 as a result of this audit determination.

Reminder/Announcement: Champion Youth Soccer League Signups will be held at St John's Lutheran Church on Saturdays April 20 and April 27 from 9am-12pm.

G2019-33 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to approve the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources in the amount of \$4,561,080.01. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Champion Township, in conjunction with Champion Rotary, announces the Champion Township Community Clean-Up Day, Saturday, April 27, 2019 from 9:00am-3:00pm. Township residents may bring household trash/debris to the Township Administration Building property. No paint or hazardous materials or televisions will be accepted.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept a donation from Dr. Samuel Pipes in the amount of \$75.00 to the Fire Department. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to table a motion to approve Cemetery workers being hired for the season pending executive session. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Champion Senior Citizen Advisory Council will hold their 9th Annual Dinner/Theater and Awards program, "Swing into Spring" Thursday, April 4 from 5-6:00pm at Champion High School Cafeteria. Reservations required by calling Lynda Norton 330-847-2338.

The department heads gave their respective reports and a listing of items that could be placed in a public auction for disposal.

Correspondence

Reminder of the upcoming meeting at the Trumbull County Health Department on March 13, 2019 at 7:00pm. Chairman Fee is our representative.

Old Business

A draft personnel policy will be emailed to Department Heads for review. Trustee Bugos requested copies of the Credit Card policy and Patrol Car Regulations as summaries for the Personnel policy.

Trustee Emerine suggested advertising online to get potential Audit Committee residents. Trustee Bugos will add to our website.

G2019-34 Trustee Bugos made a motion to cover all Township employees under a salary reduction plan for OPERS Contributions. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes. (full resolution may be viewed in Fiscal Office)

G2019-35 Trustee Emerine made a motion to set the Township Auction date as April 27, 2019 at 8:30am at the Fire Station, 139 Champion Ave West, along with placing the 3 vehicles and a snow plow

on the Online Auction site, GovDeals.com for 10 days prior to the Township Auction date so as to be able to sell them at the Township Auction if they do not meet the minimum bid requirements online. Vehicle information: 1999 Ford f-150 WS Supercab Longbed 4WD 1FTRX18L3XNC02643; 2008 Crown Victoria Police Interceptor 2FAFP71v08X152890; 2009 Ford Crown Victoria Police Interceptor 2FAHP71V39X105797, with minimum bids starting at what the Township would receive if the item was taken for scrap. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to convene the Healthcare Cost Containment Committee on April 25, 2019 at 3:30pm at the Fire Station. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

New Business

The April Workshop was set for April 11, 2019 at 3:30pm at the Township Administration Building. Potential Agenda items include a speaker from Ohio Star Forge, a new patrol car and grant forms required for Ohio Department of Natural Resources to obtain funds for a park project.

Trustee Fee gave an update on the County Highway Engineer's meeting, indicating that Bristol Champion Townline Road and Champion Ave West and two culvert replacements are on the agenda this year. No firm dates were given. Road Supervisor Connelly will take a ride on some of the County's roads that are done with cold mix to determine longevity and other factors prior to the Board coming to a determination on the Downs Road project.

Public Comment

Patsy Naples, 5182 Kuzmaul, had comments about the playground equipment and land use upon transfer of the Central property to the Township. Chairman Fee indicated that the transfer of the property had not yet taken place, but was expected to within the next 60-75 days. Fiscal Officer Hatt indicated that liability insurance would automatically extend to the property upon transfer and that she was directed by the Board to explore coverage of the playground equipment.

Skip Cole, 3951 Kinkaid, comments about plowing the private end of Kinkaid and trees down on Templeton. Also made mention of Central Property potential.

Phil DeCapito, 1259 Waverly Drive, had comments about Copperweld's property and the old Farmhouse by the bypass.

Joey McFalls, 4481 Nutwood, had comments about Zoning and the Health Department.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss rehiring of Cemetery personnel after a short recess. 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.

C2019-36 Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Cemetery Sexton Connelly to rehire Earl Huff and Jacob Burnfield at \$8.80 and \$8.55 respectively, as part time as needed seasonal workers, pending pre-employment drug screens. Hires will not start work until results of the drug screen have been received. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting on April 11, 2019 for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township at 3:30pm at the Township Administration Building with a full board present.

Tim Thomas and William Petruzzi from Ohio Star Forge gave the Board an overview of their business, history and vision. The representatives requested a letter of support of Ohio Star Forge to present to the County and other agencies in order to show that the Township supports their mission as employers in Champion Township. The Board agreed to review a draft of the letter.

Chief White announced that he had received his first grant. The Safety Vest grant would enable the department to purchase bulletproof vests at a cost of \$5596 and the grant will reimburse the Township 75% or \$4,197. The Board extended congratulations on this accomplishment. Chief White proposed purchasing of a new patrol car to replace unit 45, Patrolman Lowery’s vehicle. The Board accepted his quotes and requested that Chief White look for used vehicle availability.

The Board discussed the Zoning complaints posted on Social media.

The Board discussed the Township Comprehensive Plan for Park planning. The Board authorized Trustee Bugos to move forward with the ODNR grant. The next step is to create and release a survey for residents to participate in to give feedback for the park system. Concern was given to input by nonresidents, minors and elderly.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting. Trustees and Fiscal Officer then attended the Trumbull Township Association dinner and gathered more information on the Bulk Sewer Agreement between the County and the City of Warren.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting at the Champion Township Administration Building on April 17, 2019 for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township with a full board present.

The Trustees discussed the presentation by Chairman Fee of a letter to the County Commissioners at their public meeting earlier in the day. Chairman Fee expects there to be a newspaper article in the Tribune and action by the Commissioners in response to his letter. (A copy of this letter may be obtained at the Fiscal Office.)

Trustee Bugos made a motion to enter into Executive Session inviting Zoning Inspector Fonce to join the board to discuss Zoning/Fiscal Office personnel matters. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to exit Executive Session. Trustee Bugos had to depart during the meeting. Trustee Fee seconded. Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Zoning Inspector Fonce requested a three week medical leave. Fiscal Officer Hatt reminded the Board that following medical leave, Zoning Inspector Fonce had a vacation request on the books, extending the time that the Zoning office would be unmanned to May 19. Zoning Inspector Fonce confirmed this. Chairman Fee wished Zoning Inspector Fonce well and excused her from the meeting.

The Board discussed how to handle the busy time in Zoning while Zoning Inspector Fonce was out. Fiscal Officer Hatt could by statute execute the Zoning office and until Trustee Bugos could be made aware and other persons approached, she would take calls and forward them as needed.

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

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting at the Champion Township Administration Building at 10:00am on April 20, 2019 with a full board present to conduct the business of the Township. Phil Pegg, Vienna Township Trustee was also present.

Chairman Fee gave an overview of the presentation of the letter to the commissioners and answered many questions on the Bulk Sewer Agreement that the County had made with Warren. Chairman Fee showed great concern about the new rate from Warren’s agreement along with the needed increase the County already had to impose. There was dialogue with community members who were also present.

G2019-37 Trustee Bugos made a motion to approve an emergency supplemental appropriation of up \$2,500 for legal expenditures involved in anticipation of a potential stay on the Bulk Sewer Agreement between the City of Warren and the Trumbull County Commissioners due to the Hardship it places on the residents and the arbitrary nature of determining the cost. Trustee Emerine seconded. Let it be noted that other entities may be involved and the cost may be split amongst those entities. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

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

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Special Session on April 25, 2019 at 3:30pm for the purpose of convening the Healthcare Cost Containment Committee with a full board present. Representatives were: Dan Wasko, Jr. (Police), Chris Connelly and Joseph Meikle (Road) and Stephen Kisak and John Hickey (Fire).

Benefits Administrator Hickey presented benefits information to the group. Fiscal Officer Hatt presented a soon to be implemented discount on premiums that the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce obtained for its membership. An overview of current plan costs was discussed.

Stephen Kisak presented some data on how other Townships handle benefits. Joseph Meikle presented some history, being the most senior employee present. Trustee Emerine presented information on how local brokers may be better equipped to aid us than Burnham and Flower.

Chairman Fee gave an overview of the purpose of the meeting and where he hopes these meetings go in the future prior to setting the date for the next meeting of May 23, 2019 at 3:00pm. Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer