

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on May 6, 2019 at 6:30p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the township. Chairman Fee called the meeting to order absent Trustee Emerine who was recovering from minor surgery.

Approval of minutes was tabled due to the absence of Trustee Emerine.

G2019-38 Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept the March 2019 Financial Reports. Trustee Fee seconded. Trustee Bugos was concerned about approval without Trustee Emerine. Fiscal Officer Hatt indicated that she had given the reports at last month's meeting and Trustee Emerine had an opportunity to review and discuss any issues with the Fiscal Officer. Bugos yes, Fee yes.

F2019-39 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fire Chief Hickey to grant permission to attend the 2019 Fire Chief's Annual Conference in Columbus ; registration cost of \$450.00 and a hotel and accommodations cost of \$664. Total cost not to exceed \$1,094.00. Trustee Fee seconded. Bugos yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept the resignation of Ryan Rolf as a reserve with the Champion Fire Department. Ryan had to resign due to responsibilities as a full time firefighter with Maple Heights. He has been with the department since August 2017. The Board of Trustees would like to thank him for his service to the community. Trustee Fee seconded. Bugos yes, Fee yes.

Chairman Fee announced that Oak Hill will be closed by the Trumbull County Engineer's Office from today, Monday, May 6- Friday, May 31, 2019 for culvert repair. The Engineer is recommending motorists use alternate routes: West on Bristol Champion Townline, south on Hoffman Norton and east of State Route 305.

The Board of Champion Township Trustees would like to congratulate Stephen Kisak for being selected as EMS Provider of the Year for the Steward health Care System. Engineer Kisak will be recognized at the Tiffany Banquet center in Brookfield May 22, 2019 where he will receive his award. Thank you and congratulations to Mr. Kisak and Champion Township 21 Fire/EMS for your service and much appreciated representation of Champion Township.

Reminder that the Champion Rotary and Township Memorial Day Parade will be May 27, 2019 at 9:00am beginning at St. Williams Church on Mahoning Ave. and progressing to the northern entrance to the Champion Township Cemetery. Participants are encouraged to be in line by 8am and may contact Babette Sisler with any questions.

The department heads gave their respective reports. Of note, the Champion Township Clean Up day utilized 5 dumpsters at a cost well over \$4,000.00. More than 150% increase over last year. Several people came with multiple loads. Concern was expressed about landlords or contractors bringing garbage from homes they were cleaning out rather than renting their own dumpsters.

F2019-40 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fire Chief Hickey to make a supplemental appropriation for the purchase of turnout gear for Fire Reserve Collin Dales in the amount of \$2301.90 (2192-220-740). He has been employed with the Township since November 2018 and has been using his gear from his other employer. Fee seconded. Bugos yes, Fee yes.

Correspondence

The Champion Middle School 7 & 8 Grade Social Studies Department has been studying local government and has submitted letters to the Trustee Board on what they have learned and questions that they may have with regard to the community and the local government.

Old Business

Chairman Fee gave an update on the Champion/Lordstown Bulk Sewer Agreement as follows: He met with an attorney who indicated that a stay would not likely result in positive outcome due to the amount of time spent in negotiations prior to the agreement being signed. He additionally felt that the Trustees could really not obtain a SRO because the judge will not see the Board as having skin in the game. Trustees and residents can pressure Warren in the hopes that they will reconsider using a

formula rather than a number out of their hat. Residents are encouraged to put pressure on city officials.

The Trumbull County Engineer’s office is in the bid process for the paving of Rolling Meadows and Ridge Run.

New Business

The May Workshop was set for May 23, 2019 at 5:00pm at the Champion Township Fire Station, after the already scheduled Healthcare Cost Containment Committee meeting at 3pm. This was set to allow Trustee Emerine to adequately recover and to facilitate setting a meeting in his absence. Potential Agenda items to be determined.

Trustee Bugos announced congratulations to Warren Martial Arts which is sending 5 young men to compete in the National Competition of Martial Arts from June 29- July 7. The Board wishes to extend good luck and will discuss an escort. Participants will include: Brady hatch (9), Tyler Rider (10), Matthew Okonek (7), Luke Okonek (5) and Riley Reese (11). All are Champion Elementary School students.

The survey required for the Ohio Department of Natural Resources Grant has been placed on our website and residents are encouraged to complete it.

Public Comment

Holly Capron, 408 Atwood, inquired about the ODOT Mahoning project and the ODOT Noise Wall. Jim Marangoni, 6552 Oak Hill, is inquiring what the pink ribbons are for on State Rd. Trustee response was that there is a design and input stage of a Sanitary Sewer project only.) Response was that some of those trees would need removed if the sewer came through. Tami Hoostal, 4801 Brookside, question of zoning enforcing grass clippings in the roadway. Linda Mauer, 13 Abbingdon, had comments about Ridge Road and school issues. Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Special Session on May 23, 2019 at 3:00pm 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 Kusak, Tom Dempsey and John Hickey (Fire). John Woods and Greg Flower of Paige and Byrnes were present to give information to the committee as potential brokers.

Paige and Byrnes presented information on how rates are determined, cost cutting history since the ACA came in to play, and conducted a Q&A session with the committee.

The committee agreed to request that all employees complete and health questionnaire on FormFire in order to get the best rates possible. A deadline was set for June 7, 2019. The committee will not set a meeting date until the results are in due to most likely hearing the same information from other brokers.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting at the Champion Township Fire Station on May 23, 2019 at 5:00pm for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township with a full board present.

F2019-41 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fire Chief Hickey to approve the appointment of Nicholas Schreckengost of Diamond, OH as a Reserve FF/EMT Basic at a rate of \$9.00/hour pending pre-employment screenings for the first 90 days. Pay will increase to \$10.00 upon certification in mid-June 2019. After 90 days, pay will increase to \$11.00. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

P2019-42 Trustee Emerine made a motion whereas it has become necessary to renew the 0.5 mills Police Levy in excess of the 10 mill limit, the Board finds it necessary to levy the 0.5 mill renewal and submit to voters for the November 5, 2019 ballot. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

The April minutes were approved as submitted.

R2019-43 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Road Supervisor Connelly to approve and make supplemental appropriation of up to \$100,000 from the Road Improvement Levy for the Downs Road project, from Prentice to Bristol Champion Townline Road through the Trumbull County Engineer's Office. The road will need chip-sealed immediately following the paving, which will be allocated from the 2231 fund. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

A quote from Ohio Edison was debated regarding placement of the last street light in the district. The resident who requested the light be placed has withdrawn his request as Ohio Edison will have to run the electrical through a current yard rather than the original placement of the street light.

Discussion was held on the use of a facility use form and policies with regard to usage of the Central School Property. Attorney Letson was present and said that the title was close to being transferred but it was not yet transferred. Attorney Letson reminded the Trustees to gather insurance information with the Township as an additional named insured and a hold harmless agreement for all requests. Trustee Bugos will work on making a facility use form and digitalizing a calendar of sorts. Trustees received correspondence from Mrs. Hood that the school expected the transfer to be completed by June 1, 2019. Attorney Letson advised the Trustees to not take any action until after the property transferred, other than to have the Township insurance in place. Fiscal Officer Hatt has already notified the insurance and it is set to start upon transfer.

G2019-44 Trustee Emerine made a motion to request a hearing for the new liquor license permit requested from the Ohio Department of Commerce prior to issuing a permit to El Pueblo Viejo. El Pueblo Viejo has not yet contacted any officials or department heads to obtain the necessary permits to open and since the company has not been doing business in Champion, a meeting is advised by Attorney Letson. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to enter into executive session with Attorney Dan Letson to discuss pending litigation and the zoning/fiscal office personnel. Trustee Bugos seconded.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to exit executive session. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-45 Trustee Emerine made a motion to retain the services of Harrington, Hoppe & Mitchell, Ltd in conjunction and participation with the Village of Lordstown due to issues arising from *City of Warren, OH vs Board of Commissioners of Trumbull County, OH* (Trumbull County Court of Common Pleas Case No. 2018-CV-1985) up to \$2,500.00 in legal fees. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

F2019-46 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fire Chief Hickey to appropriate up to \$18,000 for the payment of the FEEG Retrofit install. This install and payment was delayed due to scheduling conflicts with the vendor. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

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

Chairman

Fiscal Officer