

The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting, on June 2, 2025, at 5:30 pm, at the Champion Township Administration Building, at 240 Marshall Ave., for the purpose of conducting a Public Hearing pursuant to Ohio revised Code Section 519.12, for the Board of Trustees to receive public comment before making a decision whether to adopt, deny, or adopt with modifications the proposed amendment to the Champion Township Zoning Regulation.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller:

Trustee York:	absent
Trustee Fee:	present
Chairman Emerine:	present

All in attendance stood and joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing:

On March 12, 2025, the Champion Township Zoning Commission held a Public Hearing on the proposed amendment, and at the conclusion of the hearing, recommended that the Champion Township Board of Trustees approve the attached amendment to the Champion Township Zoning Regulation. Matter appearing in green and underlined is new, to be added; matter in red and with a strikethrough is to be deleted.

Admission of Documents:

The Chairman of the Champion Township Zoning Commission offered into evidence the following documents:

1. The proposed amendment to the Champion Township Zoning Regulation, as approved by the Champion Township Zoning Commission, on March 12, 2025.
2. A copy of the Notice of Hearing published in the Trumbull County Legal News on February 28, 2025.
3. A copy of the letter from the Trumbull County Planning Commission to the Champion Township Zoning Commission Chairman, providing notice that Z-2025-1 Zoning Text Amendment-Shipping Containers, was adopted by the Trumbull County Planning Commission at it's regular board meeting on February 11, 2025.
4. Meeting minutes from the Zoning Commission Public Hearing on March 12, 2025.

Public Comment:

All members of the public who wished to speak were invited by Chairman Emerine to be sworn in and given the opportunity to present testimony and evidence. There were no members of the public present.

Trustee Fee made a motion to **conclude the Public Hearing** and Chairman Emerine seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee yes; Chairman Emerine yes.

The following was read aloud:

The Champion Township Board of Commissioners proposes the following Text Amendment to the Champion Township Zoning Resolution, Amending SECTION 5: PROHIBITED USES – Paragraph ¶ (21)
The "Proposed Text Amendment"

SECTION 5: PROHIBITED USES

The following uses shall be prohibited in all use classifications, except where permitted as a "conditional use" specifically provided in the Zoning Resolution and granted by the Board of Zoning Appeals.

Proposed Amendment ----- ▼

~~Paragraph ¶ No. (21) stating "Metal Shipping Containers are not permitted in any district except in Industrial Use Districts"~~

Shall be amended to state:

"Metal Shipping Containers are not permitted in any Zoning Use Classification District, except in:

- (A) Industrial Use Classification Districts as a "permitted use," and
- (B) "CR" Districts (Commercial Restricted) and "C" Districts (Commercial) as a Conditional Use subject to the following conditions.
 - (1) Size and area limitation of: (i) Length shall not exceed a maximum of Fifty feet (50') (ii) Width shall not exceed a maximum of eight feet (8'); and Height shall not exceed a maximum of ten feet (10')
 - (2) The Color of the Container shall match the color scheme of the commercial building to which the Container is an accessory structure.
 - (3) The Container shall be free of any Advertising, Painted or Stenciled on, or otherwise affixed to the Container other than: (i) Any Manufacturer Name Plate and or logo as part of the original manufactured Container and (ii) the name of the commercial business located on the premises in size and color as determined by the Board of Zoning Appeals.
 - (4) The Container shall be located on the following types of foundation surfaces: (i) gravel, (ii) blacktop: or (iii) cement, grade level.
 - (5) The Container shall not have any wheels, tongues, or other apparatus attached for the purpose of hooking it up to vehicle for the purpose of towing.
 - (6) Windows may be installed in the container subject to the following conditions:

- (a) Material & Design – The windows must be of uniform material, construction, size, and installation.
 - (b) Appearance – The installed windows must be compatible and blended with the appearance of the container.
 - (c) The number of windows installed are limited as follows:
 - (i) One (1) Window for a container that is twenty (20) feet or less in Length.
 - (ii) Two (2) Windows for a container that is more than twenty (20) feet but thirty (30) feet or less in Length.
 - (iii) Three (3) Windows for a container more than thirty (30) feet but fifty (50) feet or less in Length.
 - (7) Installation of Man Door – a secondary standard Man Door shall be installed in the container to provide for an additional or emergency exit.
 - (8) The Container may have connected electric utilities to the Container for indoor and outdoor lighting.
 - (9) The Container shall not be serviced with gas, water, or sanitary utility services.
 - (10) The following location Setback shall apply:
 - (i) The container shall be at a minimum of six feet (6') from the side and back of the commercial building and shall not exceed a maximum of ten feet (10')
 - (ii) The container shall not be located to exceed the front building line.
 - (iii) The area between the building line and the setback location of the container shall be maintained free and clear of obstruction as a "fire lane" for fire and emergency vehicles.
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The Fiscal Officer was directed to file a copy of the amendment with the Trumbull County Recorder.

Z2025-91: Motion was made by Trustee Fee to adopt the Text amendment as read aloud and seconded by Chairman Emerine. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee yes; Chairman Emerine yes.

Trustee Fee made a motion to **adjourn the meeting** and Chairman Emerine seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee yes; Chairman Emerine yes.

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The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on June 2, 2025, at 6 pm, at 240 Marshall Ave., for the purpose of conducting the business of the township.

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller:

Trustee Fee:	present
Trustee York:	present
Chairman Emerine:	present

All in attendance stood and joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Emerine read the following reminder: This is a public meeting and any interruptions can be subject to removal. The public is encouraged to not interrupt the meeting and save all comments for the public comment session at the end of the meeting. This includes township personnel in the audience unless specifically addressed by the Board to speak.

Announcements

1. The next regular monthly Township Meeting will be on Monday July 7, 2025, at 6 pm, at the Township Administration building, at 240 Marshall Ave.
2. The Workshop scheduled for Tuesday, July 17, 2025, has been cancelled.

New Business

G2025-92: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the Electronic Funds Payment Report for May 2025 in the amount of \$326,006.86. Trustee York seconded. Fiscal Officer Miller advised the Trustees that there were 3 payrolls in May, along with 2 Health care payments. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

G2025-93: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the Supplemental Appropriations for the month of May. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

G2025-94: Trustee York made a motion to approve the receipt of the following May 2025 Financial Reports: Fund Summary, Revenue Summary, Fund Ledger, Cash Summary by Fund, Appropriation Summary, and a Fund Status. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

G2025-95: Trustee York made a Motion to Approve a \$100 donation to the Police Department, with thanks for all they do, from Peggy Miller. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

Trustees discussed the purchase of 10 AED's, using Opioid Settlement Funds and asked several questions of Chief Dempsey. Fiscal Officer Miller advised that there is, currently, only \$15,000 appropriated, so a decision to purchase 10 units will require a motion to increase appropriations. Legal counsel has advised that this purchase would qualify under the categories of preventing overdoses, as well as, EMS providers. Proposed locations for the AED's are: 3 for Police cruisers, 3 for Fire Apparatus, 1 for Road Garage, 1 for Road Supervisor truck, 1 for the administration Building, and 1 for the Soccer Fields. The fund currently contains about \$33,000.

O2025-96: Trustee York made a motion to increase appropriations in the Opioid Settlement Fund (2901), by \$5,400, to enable the purchase of the 10 AED units. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

O2025-97: Trustee Fee made a motion to purchase 10 AED Units through Penn Care Inc, 1317 North Road, Niles, Ohio 44446 (Quote #135634) at a cost not to exceed \$20,400. Trustee York seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

A motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for the month of May, as received, was tabled since not all of the Trustees had reviewed the minutes that were distributed via e mail.

Trustees discussed the letter received from Matt Martin, regarding the potential transfer of property at 0 Bond (Parcel #46-311510), from the county land bank to Champion Township. This property came through tax foreclosure in 2013 and was placed in the land bank. It has never been marketed for sale and is possibly currently being used as a community space of some sort. It would be transferred at no cost. Concerns were raised about the size/shape of the property, how to maintain the property, and if it really had value to the township. A question was raised from the audience about if Champion would have to pay any delinquent taxes if the property was transferred and Trustees advised that no taxes would be paid by the township.

G2025-98: Trustee York made a motion to approve the transfer of the property (Parcel #46-311510) to Champion Township. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee No; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine No.

P2025-99: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve payment of repairs to CPD55, completed by Mark Thomas Ford, in the amount of \$3,931.27. The repairs include water pump, timing chains, and an oil change service. Trustee York seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

R2025-88A: Trustee Fee shared that Julie Green had sent a preliminary copy of the NatureWorks Grant application in for a cursory look to be sure that the application was successfully completed and she received a reply back indicating that no funds received through the NatureWorks Program were able to be used for development on school property. As a result, it was necessary to update and modify our submittal as a result of that feedback. Trustee Fee read the following correspondence aloud:



Champion Township Board of Trustees

Chairman: Rex Fee
Trustee: Doug Emerine
Trustee: Dean "Rick" York
Fiscal Officer: Laurie-Jo Miller

May 30, 2025

To Whom It May Concern,

The Champion Township Trustees agrees to pay for the construction of the proposed 60 feet by 5 feet ADA Accessible Sidewalk estimated to cost \$14,196 located on Champion Local School District property with separate funds not included as part of the NatureWorks Project. Over ninety-five percent of the length of the ADA Accessible Sidewalk connecting the proposed Exercise Station Area to the existing parking lot is located on Champion School District Property and so the entire cost for construction will be paid for with separate funds.

Champion Township received new information on May 30, 2025, from the Planning Commission Director who discussed the issue with Timothy Robinson of ODNR. Mr. Robinson said that none of the NatureWorks funding; neither the state grant funds nor the local matching funds, can be used for development on school property. The ADA accessible sidewalk was introduced as part of the overall project scope of work to satisfy ADA requirements and so it will remain in the scope of work, however, Champion Township will not include this cost as part of the total project budget for this grant.

The Champion School Board supports this project and passed a resolution on May 19, 2025, authorizing the construction of the sidewalk on school property and supporting the overall project. The resolution includes the conditions that the funding for and maintenance of the walkway is the sole responsibility of Champion Township.

If Champion Township is awarded the funds to move forward with the Champion Exercise Station Project, the township commits to entering into any additional agreements with the Champion Local School District that may be required by ODNR as part of the NatureWorks Program.

Respectfully,

Rex Fee
Champion Township Trustee

240 Marshall Ave East, Warren, Ohio 44483
Phone: (330) 847-6117

He then noted that Resolution R2025-88, previously approved, needed to be amended, to update the obligated funds from \$25,574 to \$15,329.54, with an additional \$14,196 to be paid by Champion Township for the construction of the ADA compliant walkway. The \$15,329.54 includes a \$250 donation that has been committed to by Champion Rotary and is contingent upon NatureWorks Grant award. The total Champion Township commitment is \$29,275.54. The following amended Resolution was read aloud:



Chairman Douglas Emerine
Trustee Rex Fee
Trustee Dean R. York
Fiscal Officer Laurie-Jo Miller

Resolution R2025-88A

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio through the Ohio Department of Natural Resources, administers financial assistance for public recreation purposes, through the State of Ohio NatureWorks grant program and

WHEREAS, the Champion Township Trustees desires financial assistance under the NatureWorks Grant Program,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Champion Township Trustees

That the Champion Township Trustees approve filing this application for financial assistance.

That Rex Fee, Trustee, is hereby authorized and directed to execute and file an application with the Ohio Department of Natural Resources and to provide all information and documentation required to become eligible for possible funding assistance.

That the Champion Township Trustees do agree to obligate the funds in the amount of \$15,329.54 in cash as match for the \$45,988.62 reimbursable NatureWorks Grant and an additional amount of In-Kind Donations of labor, material and equipment required to satisfactorily complete the proposed project and become eligible for reimbursement under the terms of the NatureWorks Grant Program.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of resolution adopted by the Champion Township Trustees on the 2nd day in the month of June, 2025, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Laurie-Jo Miller
Fiscal Officer, Champion Township

Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the Resolution as read aloud. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

Z2025-100/G2017-26R: The following Resolution to limit the number of Cannabis Operators permitted in Champion Township under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780 - Adult Use Cannabis Control and to limit the number of Cultivators, Processors, or Retail Dispensaries licensed under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3796 - Medical Marijuana Control Program was read aloud:



Chairman Douglas Emerine
Trustee Rex Fee
Trustee Dean Rick York
Fiscal Officer Laurie-Jo Miller

CHAMPION TOWNSHIP, TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO
(Authorized by ORC §3780.25 and ORC §3796.29)

RESOLUTION NO. Z 2025-100

TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF ADULT USE CANNABIS OPERATORS PERMITTED UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 3780 – ADULT USE CANNABIS CONTROL and TO LIMIT THE NUMBER OF CULTIVATORS, PROCESSORS, OR RETAIL DISPENSARIES LICENSED UNDER OHIO REVISED CODE CHAPTER 3796 – MEDICAL MARIJUANA CONTROL PROGRAM.

WHEREAS the Township Board of Trustees desire to limit the number of licensed Adult Use Cannabis Operators within the unincorporated area of the Township; and

WHEREAS the Township Board of Trustees desire to limit the number of licensed Cultivators, Processors, or Retail Dispensaries of Medical Marijuana within the unincorporated area of the Township; and

WHEREAS the Township Board of Trustees previously approved and adopted a prior Resolution of the Board of Trustees prohibiting the location of licensed Cultivators, Processors, or Retail Dispensaries of Medical Marijuana within the unincorporated areas of the Township being Township Resolution No. G 2017-24, approved and adopted on April 3, 2017; and

WHEREAS the Township Board of Trustees subsequently rescinded and repealed its previous Resolution No. G 2017-26, prohibiting the location of licensed Cultivators, Processors, or Retail Dispensaries of Medical Marijuana within the unincorporated area of the Township by Resolution No. G 2017-26 R, approved and adopted on June 2, 2025.

Now, therefore;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Township Board of Trustees limit the number of Adult Use Cannabis Operators permitted under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3780, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the Township Board of Trustees limit the number of Cultivators, Processors, or Retail Dispensaries of Medical Marijuana permitted under Ohio Revised Code Chapter 3796; and

BE IT FUTHER RESOLVED THAT, the Township Board of Trustees' limitation of the number of Adult Use Cannabis Operators, and the Township Board of Trustees limitation of Cultivators, Processors, or Retail Dispensaries of Medical Marijuana be limited as follows:

- (A) The Township shall allow (i) only one (1) Adult Use Cannabis Operator to be located in the unincorporated area of the Township; or (ii) only one (1) Cultivator, Processor, or Retail Dispensary of Medical Marijuana to be located in the unincorporated area of the Township; or (iii) only one (1) combined Adult Use Cannabis Operator and Cultivator, Processor, or Retail Dispensary of Medical Marijuana located in the unincorporated area of the Township.
- (B) The permitted (a) Adult Use Cannabis Operator; or (b) Cultivator, Processor, or Retail Dispensary of Medical Marijuana; or (c) a combined Adult Use Cannabis Operator and Cultivator, Processor, or Retail Dispensary of Medical Marijuana, shall be located wholly within the Township Zoning Resolution, Use Classification Districts of Section 4: "CR" District (Commercial Restricted); "C" District (Commercial); and "I" District (Industrial and Manufacturing) as appears on the Township Zoning Map; and
- (C) Adult Use Cannabis Operators, Cultivators, Processors, or Retail Dispensaries of Medical Marijuana, or Combined Adult Use Cannabis Operators and Cultivators, Processors or Retail Dispensaries of Medical Marijuana shall further be located in the "CR" Districts (Commercial Restricted); "C" Districts (Commercial); and "I" Districts (Industrial and Manufacturing) which are located South of State Road in the unincorporated area of the Township as appears on the Champion Township property parcel lot Zoning Map attached to and incorporated by reference in this Resolution; and
- (D) Application for location of a (1) Adult Use Cannabis Operator; a (2) Cultivator, Processor, or Retail Dispensary of Medical Marijuana; or

a (3) Combined Adult Use Cannabis Operator and Cultivator, Processor or Retail Dispensary of Medical Marijuana, shall be made on such Forms as prescribed and required by the Township, and or prescribed and required by the Ohio Revised Code.; and
(E) The Township shall charge a onetime Registration and Occupancy Fee in the amount of \$500.00 upon acceptance of an Applicants Application for the establishment and location of an Adult Use Cannabis Operator, or a Cultivator, Processor, or Retail Dispensaries of Medical Marijuana, or a combined Adult Use Cannabis Operator and Cultivator, Processor, or Retail Dispensary of Medical Marijuana, and issuance of an appropriate registration, occupancy, or zoning permit as prescribed by the State of Ohio Licensing Board and or the Township for the Township's Zoning Inspector's processing of the application, verification of the applicants State License, and proper location in the unincorporated area of the Township, designated herein.

Moved by Rex Fee Seconded by Rick York

ROLL CALL:

TRUSTEE YORK	☒ YES	☐ NO
TRUSTEE FEE	☒ YES	☐ NO
TRUSTEE EMERINE	☒ YES	☐ NO

Approved and Adopted this day June 2, 2025

Laurie Jo Miller
Laurie Jo Miller
Fiscal Officer

Certification

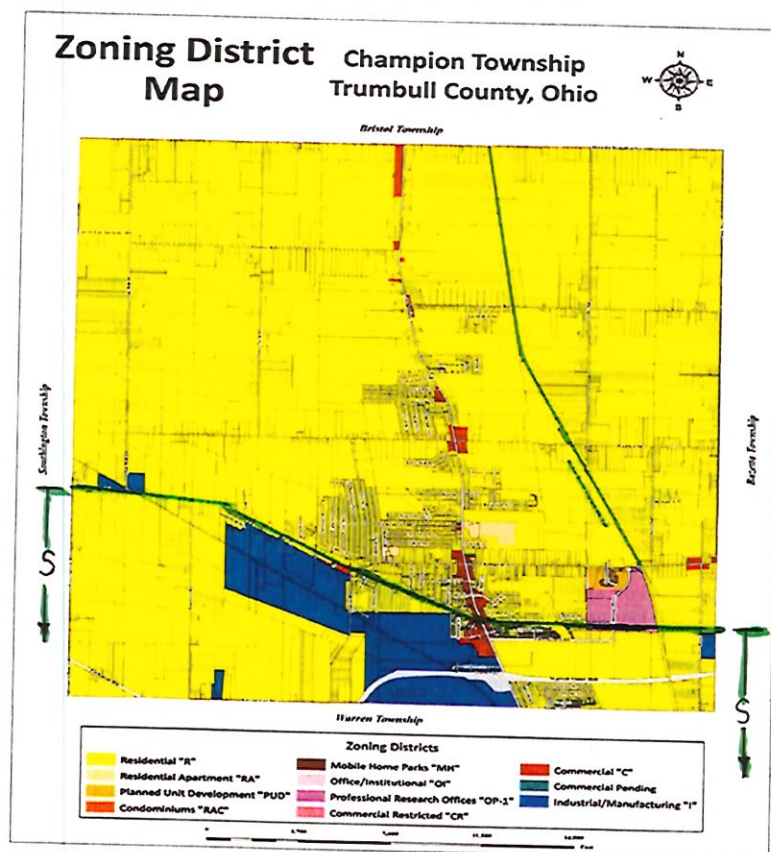
I, the undersigned Fiscal Officer and Custodian of the Records of Champion Township hereby certify that the above resolution is a true and accurate copy of the foregoing Resolution as appears in the Transcript of Minutes of the Official Record of Proceedings of the Champion Township Board Township Trustees.

In Witness thereof, I have affixed my signature in acknowledgement thereof.

Date: 6/2/25

Laurie Jo Miller
Laurie Jo Miller
Fiscal Officer

Permitted Location of Adult Use Cannabis Operators; Cultivators, Processors and or Dispensaries of Medical Marijuana; Combined Adult Use Cannabis Operators and Cultivators, Processors and or Dispensaries of Medical Marijuana



Chairman Emerine explained that there was a Resolution from 2017 that prohibited medical marijuana within Champion Township and this Resolution would be rescinded in favor of the proposed new resolution read above if approved. Recreational marijuana was not covered under this previous Resolution, which would permit multiple dispensaries. Champion Township was contacted by a company interested in putting in a dispensary within the township and if this is approved, the resolution would allow just one business in the township. Champion will try to get some requests on the occupancy side of this, such as a police officer present, hours of operation, etc..., but cannot legally enforce or require these items.

Trustee Fee reminded residents that this would generate revenue for the township, even though the state is currently attempting to take more than what was originally allotted. Presently, a 10% adult use tax would be levied and collected by the state of Ohio. The County would get 6.25% and of the remaining 3.75%, the township would get 36%.

Chairman Emerine pointed out that the products sold would be regulated and more controlled. Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the Resolution as read aloud. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

Chairman Emerine read aloud the following resolution regarding the Solid Waste Management Plan :



Chairman Douglas Emerine
Trustee Rex Fee
Trustee Dean Richard York
Fiscal Officer Laurie-Jo Miller

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GEUGA-TRUMBULL SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT DISTRICT.

WHEREAS, the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District (the District), by its Policy Committee, has adopted a Solid Waste Management Plan for the District; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code 3734.55(B), the Board of County Commissioners and the legislative authority of each municipal corporation or township under the jurisdiction of the District must approve or disapprove the Plan by ordinance or resolution;

WHEREAS, the Township of _____ in _____ County, Ohio has reviewed the Plan and considered it a duly called meeting; and

WHEREAS, the Plan furthers the public interest; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, adopted by the Solid Waste Policy Committee on April 2nd, 2025 is hereby approved;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of this Resolution of Approval shall promptly be delivered, or caused to be delivered, to the Solid Waste Policy Committee of the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District.

Motion made by _____, seconded by _____

Upon Call of the following vote resulted:

Trustees	Yea	Nea
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Trustees were concerned about the impact on future waste removal rates and requested Jennifer Jones, Director Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District, be invited ot the meeting on July 7, 2025, for further discussions.

G2025-101: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the formation of the 2025 Health Care Cost Containment and Advisory Committee as follows: Landon Weaver, AFSCME Ohio Council 8, AFL-CIO; Dan Wasko, OPBA; Jonathan Massett, IAFF Local 2948; one management staff person in the Township; Laurie-Jo Miller, Township Fiscal Officer; and one member of the Board of Trustees. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes. A meeting will be held of the Health Care Cost Containment Committee on 6/23/25 at 6 pm at 240 Marshall Ave. Shawn Davis will function as the management staff representative.

C2025-102: Trustee Fee made a motion to increase appropriations, in the Cemetery Fund, by \$100 to enable Medicare withholding payments associated with payroll. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

Dept Reports

Police Chief Larry Skaggs provided the following Police Department report for May 2025:



CHAMPION POLICE
DEPARTMENT



May 2025



Month	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	256	471	494	393
February	266	471	484	367
March	325	538	448	516
April	324	541	572	547
May	333	545	557	530
June	324	535	549	
July	494	633	581	
August	345	576	563	
September	424	586	502	
October	518	465	539	
November	435	424	535	
December	363	452	511	

Traffic Crash Investigations	17
Traffic Stops	158
Citations Issued	15
Adult Arrests	4
Juvenile Arrests	1
Warrants from Investigation	2
Domestic Violence / Disputes	4
Incident Reports	5
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Highlights

- *A special THANK YOU to the Champion community for their repeated support and confidence with the passage of the police levy on May 6th. We would also like to thank everyone who worked so hard to get the information out to the voters.
- *Currently assisting Fairhaven Schools with student use of the internet and cell phone to stop unwanted behavior
- *Felony charges filed against a 45-year-old female suspect in relation to the Burglary of Dominos Pizza.
- *Juvenile charged with damaging street signs
- *Pending juvenile case for Making Terroristic Threats

Pending:

- *We are scheduling a Ladies Safety Awareness Program for July 24th at 6:00 PM to female

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May 2025

- residents interested in learning personal safety tips from Debbie Wenzel and CPD.
- *Completing a Governor's Pardon and records sealing for multiple cases involving a suspect from 1985 to 1991.
 - *Preparing for trial on Rape case in Trumbull County Common Pleas
 - *Closing case related to the death investigation of a 2 month old from accidental asphyxia

Admin:

- *Currently we have one officer still on extended leave due to a serious leg injury.
- *CPD #55 had the water pump repaired at Mark Thomas Ford
- *Taser certification for June for Officer Borkholder. Axon Enterprises is eliminating the current model of Taser (X2) that CPD officers carry.
- *Completing court orders for evidence room clear out. Bazetta, Cortland, and Vienna PD are completing the annual destruction together

Reminder:

- *Prescription Drug Take Back is available 7 days a week for residents
- *Residents are reminded to lock vehicles and doors to prevent thefts from autos and garages
- *Fireworks pamphlet was uploaded to the Champion Police Facebook page and township website

Chief Skaggs advised the trustees that Axon Enterprises is eliminating the current model of Taser (X2). They have stopped manufacturing the cartridges in order to force move to the new model. Current Taser model costs about \$1,500 and the new model will be about \$5,000 each. Chief Skaggs advised the TTrustees that a loan/lease program is coming and it will include cartridges, batteries, and training for \$79/month per unit. We have 8 units, so the resultant annual cost to lease would be about \$7,584. He also advised that Taser cartridges expire after 2 years and the New Tasers have 10 shots. Trustee Fee inquired as to if this initiative was state wide and Chief Skaggs advised it is an international/national initiative and they are all being phased out. The only other alternative is a nightstick. Trustee York asked how often Tasers are used and Chief Skaggs estimated we have used Tasers about 6 times in the past 3 years. Trustees talked about these types of costs that are forced on the township and result in an increase in spending. Fiscal Officer Miller asked if the state was going ot be offering any grants to help offset these costs and Chief Skaggs said he was not aware of any such funding.

Trustee York expressed his appreciation to the Police Department. Chairman Emerine expressed his thanks to Chief Skaggs for his help with the recent fire on Aspen Drive.

Fire Chief Tom Dempsey provided the following Fire Department report for May 2025:



CHAMPION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

139 Champion Street West • Warren, OH 44483 • Phone (330) 847-0311 • Fax (330) 847-0318
Fire Chief Thomas Dempsey

June 2, 2025

To: Champion Township Board of Trustees
Mr. Doug Emerine
Mr. Rex Fee
Mr. Dean "Rick" York
Mrs. Laurie Jo Miller, Fiscal Officer

From: Thomas Dempsey, Fire Chief

Personnel:

- Capt. Quiggle expected back 6/15
- FF Minor expected back 6/4

Public Relations/ Public Education:

- Fire Extinguisher class given Armstrong Memory Care

Vehicle and Equipment Status:

- All in service
- Turnout gear ordered
- 24' ext ladder ordered
- Air packs tested

Facility Status:

- Bay 4 bearings replaced

Training:

- 8 hours fire training – Ladders
- 6 hours EMS training – Adult cardiac arrest

Other:

- All comp paperwork completed
- All insurance paperwork completed

April Alarms -

Total calls: **226**

EMS:

Fire:

Consecutive Calls:

YTD Calls: **1128 (+30)**

Mutual Aid Total -

Southington - Total - 25

Assists / 3 EMT or Medic Assist

Southington call volume continues to go down, but Champion calls are up. Chairman Emerine expressed his thanks to the Fire Department for all they do. Trustee Fee advised that we should anticipate an increase in Workers Comp costs next year and insurance costs, as a result of the Aspen fire.

Zoning Inspector Gerry Brown provided the following report for May 2025:

City/Twp/Village: Champion			May-25			
Parcel #	Permit Description	Permit #	Permit Date	Est. Constr. Cost	Property Owner Name	Property Address
46-904409	new home construction	458	4/29/2025	\$ 180,000.00	Stephen Troyer	6629 Oak Hill Dr, W Farmington, 44491
46-050400	fence	459	5/5/2025	\$ 1,800.00	DL Turnkey Properties	356 Eldon Dr, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-134456	ABG Pool	460	5/6/2025	\$ 3,000.00	Richard Bacher	4940 CLOVERCREST Dr, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-104300	Outbuilding	461	5/9/2025	\$ 6,000.00	Jerry Sowers	413 Champion Ave W, warren, Ohio 44483
46-301650	ABG Pool	462	5/9/2025	\$ 12,860.00	James Stephens	410 Earl Dr, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-354600	fence	463	5/9/2025	\$ 2,385.00	Michelle Yartz	6961 Downs Rd, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-055767	fence	464	5/9/2025	\$ 2,010.00	Mike Sindrich	4835 Damon, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-082710	fence	465	5/9/2025	\$ 2,500.00	Paige Petrella	824 Pleasant St, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-170065	outbuilding	466	5/9/2025		Owen Bender	2069 State Rd, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-023924	pond	467	5/14/2025	\$ 12,000.00	Mark Arner	942 Prentice Rd, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-222890	SHED	468	5/14/2025	\$ 1,700.00	Bernadeete Brosovic	345 Earl Dr, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-296730	fence	469	5/16/2025	\$ 4,112.78	Karen Stroud	5153 Calla Ave, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-321650	fence	470	5/16/2025	\$ 2,500.00	Ronald Narog	309 Durst Dr Warren, Ohio 44483
46-001503	Educational Center	471	5/19/2025	\$ -	Trumbull County Commissioners	528 Educational Highway, Warren, Oh
46-040300	fence	472	5/21/2025		Jim Russ	7105 Oak Hill Dr,
46-187791	ABG Pool	473	5/22/2025	\$ 4,986.00	Sonja Pugh	273 Stewart, Warren, Oh 44483
46-172111	new home construction	474	5/30/2025	\$ 797,167.00	Daniel Vodhanel	4117 Kincaid , Warren, Ohio 44481
46-058800	fence	475	5/23/2025	\$ 1,523.00	Aaron Scofield	5070 Copeland Warren, Oh 44483

There were 142 Garage Sales for the free weekend in May.
The next Food Truck Wednesday will be June 18, 2025.
There is a new rendering that has been provided for the Mercy Health project and they are working on signage;
They appear to be eager to get going.

Working Foreman Shawn Davis provided the following Road Department report for May:



May 2025

- Installed pipe at several locations
 - 60' of 12" double wall pipe and tee with basin lid on Earl
 - 90' of 12" double wall pipe and cemented into basin at 964 Prentice
 - 50' of 12" double wall pipe. 2-tee's and basin lids on corner of Glendola and Alva
- Did flushing in several location:
 - Calla, Sabrina, Emerson, Richards Dr., Doris Jean, Chapel Hill, Copeland, Aspen, Hiram, Earl, Durst, and Downs.
- Fixed sink hole on Hiram
- Finished penetrate patching Downs
- Penetrate patched Anderson Anthony
- Cold patched roads
- Put up no littering signs on Cleveland East and Shaffer
- Cleaned out basins on High Street and Alva



- Mowed and weed wacked cemetery, soccer fields, Marshall building, and the lots on Cleveland East, and Eldon
- Put banners and flags up on telephone poles
- Roadside mowed
- Weedwacked around signs in allotments and outskirts
- Blew off intersections where we penetrate patched and there was loose stone-Downs at 305, Downs at Prentice, Downs at Bristol-Champion, and Anderson Anthony at 305
- Mulched and planted flowers in cemetery
- Boy Scouts put flags in cemetery, we did the cemetery by the fire station
- Installed 80' of 8" pipe on Pierce by Old Time Ln
- Fixed sink hole by basin on Chapel Hill cemented and cold patched
- 4 burials in the cemetery



- Need to look at and sign off contract for RT Vernal to do paving projects for this year
 - Local Share \$175,579.00
 - OPWC \$111,000.00
 - Total \$286,579.00
- Cemetery mower
- Camera
- Parts for truck #8 \$1,439.25

Shawn reported that the quote for the OPWC Paving project for 2025 came in about \$45,000 less than anticipated. We need to get the quote approved and get the documents signed and returned.

Shawn reported that one of the cemetery mowers is no longer working. A Repair shop has advised that the mower is not repairable. Quotes for a new replacement mower were obtained from Do Cut (\$10,239.19) and Cortland Mower Sales (\$11,198.88). Quote is for a mower that we purchased in the past and have had good success with (6 to 7 years old with 2,600 hours).

C2025-103: Trustee Fee made a motion to increase appropriations in Fund 2041, in the amount of \$10,239.19, to purchase a Toro 60 inch, 26.5HP Kohler EFI 4000 series mower, Item 74035, from Do Cut, 3375 Youngstown Road SE, Warren, Ohio 44484, 330-369-2345. Trustee York seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

C2025-104: Trustee Fee made a motion to purchase a Toro 60 inch, 26.5HP Kohler EFI 4000 series mower, Item 74035, from Do Cut, 3375 Youngstown Road SE, Warren, Ohio 44484, 330-369-2345, at a cost not to exceed \$10,239.19. Trustee York seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

Shawn shared quotes for a camera to put in storm drains. The cheapest was \$16,099.98, the other, for the same camera, was \$20,405.07. Trustee Fee remarked that we have a need for the camera. The department did receive a sizable donation that would cover about 60% of the cost and the low bidder for the OPWC Project was significantly less than anticipated, so funding should be OK, but Fiscal Officer Miller advised that she would like to look at the Funds as she does not believe there has been capital appropriated to enable the purchase of the camera. Trustees and Fiscal Officer will review the financials and advise at a future meeting.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Miller advised that HCA Asset Management (Blake Holtman), at the direction of OTARMA, will be conducting a property insurance appraisal, in the township, on Friday June 13, 2025, beginning at 8 am. A brief tour will need to be provided of each of the selected buildings (Police Station/Garage, Antique School House, Cemetery Chapel, Fire Station, Open Property at 5759 Mahoning Ave, and the Admin Building at 240 Marshall. Photos will be taken of the outside of each building and other notable insurable items observed. Access to blueprints to obtain square footage of the buildings is desirable.

Fiscal Officer Miller reported that Mike Wilson sent a thank you to the Trustees for their commitment to Scope Center usage of the Admin Building at 240 Marshall Ave. Mike was moving forward with the application to the Senior Levy for funding.

Fiscal Officer Miller has been informed that the 2022/2023 Audit has been completed by Perry & Associates. The Preliminary Audit Report has been shared with the Trustees. Once approved by the Auditor of State, the Report will be linked to the AOS website and will be available for review by the public. A link to the AOS Website has been added to the Champion Township Website.

Chairman Emerine reported that there is an interested party in the old Central School property, that is not being used for the soccer fields. He suggested it would be a good idea to begin thinking of pros and cons associated with sale of this property.

Public Comment:

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, commented that the township should have the old Central property appraised. Trustee Fee advised that the township would have it appraised and it would be advertised for any other interested buyers.

Jack Besse, 381 Durst Dr, inquired about the ADA walkway. Trustee Fee explained this is a public walkway that is designed to be accessible to people with disabilities, per guidelines set forth in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, asked if it would be possible for the school to share in the cost of the walkway.

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shaffer Road, asked if the township had seen dumping increase since the clean-up day was cancelled. General thoughts are the township has not seen a spike in dumping. He also shared that he had looked into Solar Panels and he was disappointed and advised others to beware. The company was expecting him to enter into a 25-year contract.

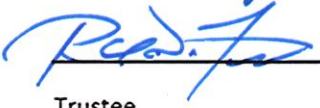
Greg Lazor, 179 Aspen Drive, thanked the Fire and Police Departments for their efforts in response to the fire, as well as, the recent gas leak.

Trustee Fee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call Vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

Meeting was adjourned.



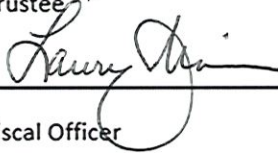
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Fiscal Officer



The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting on June 6, 2025, at 7:30 am, at 240 Marshall Ave., for the purpose of considering the employment of a summer worker in the Cemetery.

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller:

Trustee Fee: present
Trustee York: present
Chairman Emerine: present

All in attendance stood and joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

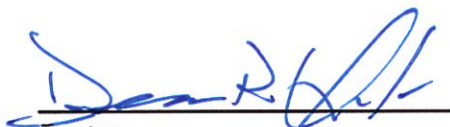
Trustees reviewed the resume provided for Justin O'Donnell, but the candidate is seeking higher pay than the established pay rate. Working Foreman Davis advised that he really has not had other candidates express interest and it is believed that the low pay rate is an obstacle. Trustees discussed the impact that increasing the rate of pay could have within the Township, but were concerned that without increasing the pay, there would be no applicants. Currently, the Road department is working overtime to support the cemetery workload.

C2025-105: Trustee Emerine made a motion to increase the cemetery worker pay rate to \$14/hour, effective immediately. Trustee York Trustee Fee seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes, Trustee York Yes, Chairman Emerine Yes.

C2025-106: Trustee Fee made a motion to hire Justin O'Donnell as a seasonal worker for the Cemetery, at an hourly rate of \$14/hour, upon successful completion of a Drug Screening Test. Trustee York seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes, Trustee York Yes, Chairman Emerine Yes.

Trustee Fee made a motion to adjourn. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes, Trustee York Yes, Chairman Emerine Yes.

Meeting was adjourned at 7:55 am.


Trustee

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Trustee

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting on June 23, 2025, at 6 pm, at 240 Marshall Ave., for the purpose of conducting the general business of the township. The Workshop meeting normally held on the third Tuesday of the month (June 17, 2025), was cancelled, due to conflicts involving two Trustees, and it was rescheduled for Monday, June 23, 2025 at 6 pm.

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller:

Trustee Fee: present

Trustee York: present

Chairman Emerine: present

All in attendance stood and joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reminder: This is a public meeting and any interruptions can be subject to removal. The public is encouraged to not interrupt the meeting and save all comments for the public comment session at the end of the meeting. This includes township personnel in the audience unless specifically addressed by the Board to speak.

Announcements

1. The next regular monthly Township Meeting will be on Monday July 7, 2025, at 6 pm, at the Township Administration building, at 240 Marshall Ave.

New Business

G2025-107: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the Meeting Minutes for the Month of May as received. Trustee York seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

G2025-108: Trustee York made a motion to approve the Supplemental Report as received. Fiscal Officer Miller advised that both entries were reallocations to enable payments. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

P2025-109: Trustee York made a motion to adopt a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a 1.1 mill renewal tax in excess of the ten mill limitation, which is the same rate as the existing levy, for the purpose of general operations of the Champion Township Police Department, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027. Said levy shall be submitted to the electors in the general election to be held on November 4, 2025. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes. Fiscal Officer Miller noted estimated revenue would be \$120,139.32.

R2025-110: Trustee York made a motion to adopt a Resolution declaring it necessary to levy a 1.5 mill renewal tax in excess of the ten mill limitation, which is the same rate as the existing levy, for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, and repair of roads and bridges, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027. Said levy shall be submitted to the electors in the general election to be held on November 4, 2025. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes. Fiscal Officer Miller noted the estimated revenue would be \$261,799.33.

G2025-111: Trustee Fee made a motion to adopt a resolution to authorize application for property tax exemption and remission of public property, 240 Marshall Ave, Parcel No. 46-903756, and Trustee York seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes. The following resolution was read aloud:



Chairman Douglas Emerine
Trustee Rex Fee
Trustee Dean Richard York
Fiscal Officer Laurie-Jo Miller

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE APPLICATION FOR PROPERTY TAX EXEMPTION AND REMISSION OF PUBLIC PROPERTY.

WHEREAS, The Board of Trustees of Champion Township acquired a parcel of Real Property, for public purposes, located at 240 Marshall Ave, Warren, Ohio, and

WHEREAS, Real Property owned by a public entity and used exclusively for a public purpose is exempt from taxation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Champion Township that:

SECTION 1. The Board of Trustees of Champion Township has acquired the following property: Parcel No. 46-903756 from Krystie's Land Company Ltd.

SECTION 2. Pursuant to Ohio R.C. 5709.08 and 505.26, the property was acquired for and is being used for public purposes, to provide a Township Meeting Hall and to act as a community center for gatherings of the residents of Champion Township to promote a sense of unity and community within the township.

SECTION 3. The Board of Trustees of Champion Township authorizes and directs its Fiscal Officer Laurie-Jo Miller to execute any documents necessary to apply for Real Property Tax Exemption and Remission of the property as provided by law.

SECTION 4. If any paragraph, provision, or section of this Resolution is held to be invalid by the final decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, then that decision will not affect the validity of the remaining paragraphs, provisions, or sections of this Resolution.

SECTION 5. The Board of Trustees of Champion Township finds and determines that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the passage of this Resolution were taken in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including R.C. §121.22.

Made by: *Rex Fee*

Seconded: *Dean Richard York*

Roll Call Vote: Trustee Fee - *Yes* Trustee York - *Yes* Chairman Emerine - *Yes*
Motion passed.

REQUIRED CERTIFICATE OF RECORDING OFFICER

I, the undersigned, hereby certify, that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of resolution adopted by the Champion Township Trustees on the 23rd day in the month of June, 2025, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Laurie Jo Miller".

Laurie-Jo Miller Fiscal Officer, Champion Township

R2025-112: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the reallocation of \$214,917.89 within the Special Levy Road Improvement Fund 2193, from account code 2193-330-360-0000 Contracted Services to account code 2193-760-790-0000 Other-Capital Outlay, to segregate the Champion Township expenditure for the 2025 OPWC Project (Eldon, Shirley, Clearview Resurfacing) from other expenditures of the fund. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

R2025-113: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the establishment of Capital Project Fund 4403, OPWC 2025, for the purpose of accounting for the Issue 2 monies to be received from the 2025 OPWC Project. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

R2025-114: Trustee Fee made a motion to request an Amended Certificate to reflect establishment of Capital Project Fund 4403, OPWC 2025, in the amount of \$149,563.11, to account for Issue 2 monies to be received. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

R2025-115: Trustee York made a motion to establish appropriations, in the amount of \$149,563.11, in Capital Project Fund 4403, OPWC 2025. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

R2025-116: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve awarding R.T. Vernal Paving & Excavating Inc, 11299 South Avenue, North Lima, Ohio 44452, the contract for the OPWC 2025 Project, as they were the low bidder at \$286, 579. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

R2025-117: Trustee York made a motion to approve donations to the Fire Department, with gratitude, in memory of Raymond Custer, in the amount of \$1,225, as well as a \$250 donation received from Courtney Hatt in response to the fire on Aspen. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

Trustees were provided an updated Resolution regarding Boring and Working in the Right of Way. There was minimal discussion and it was decided to table this item to allow Trustees to review the contents in more detail.

Trustee York questioned the tall grass on the property in front of the building as residents have mentioned this to him. Chairman Emerine and Zoning Inspector Brown stated that nothing could be done since the property owner baled it last year and it is zoned agricultural. It is expected to be cut soon, but all agreed that it looks terrible.

Trustee York would like a monthly report of the Event Rentals to show the public the benefits of the new building and how it is being used. Fiscal Officer Miller has established an account, within the UAN Accounting Software, to track revenue and a report can be provided monthly. Trustee Fee mentioned that he anticipates this being an area of interest in the next audit, so we should review our procedures to ensure we are compliant with all applicable Ohio Revised Codes and satisfied with our policies and procedures. Zoning Inspector Brown advised the Trustees that he maintains a log of all rentals and would be glad to show the log to anyone that stops by his office.

Chairman Emerine mentioned the abandoned commercial properties that continue to have their business sign up, such as the Champion Skating Rink. He feels that once the property no longer has a business operating on the property, the business sign should be removed. He asked Zoning Inspector Brown to look into the Zoning Regulations regarding this issue to see what could be done. There have been a lot of residents complaining about this.

Chairman Emerine would like a monthly or quarterly Back Tax Report from Trumbull County containing the following information: how many properties are behind, commercial vs residential; the number of payment plans in place; the total amount owed; the number of properties that have been delinquent for more than 5 years. Residents are asking questions about back taxes. Chairman Emerine stated that other townships are getting these reports.

Correspondence:

Fiscal Officer Miller reported that a Huntington National Bank Fee Notice was received notifying clients that there would be transaction charges, effective June 1, 2025. However, pursuant to her discussions with Debi King, at Huntington Bank, there will be no charges incurred by Champion Township.

The OTARMA annual questionnaire has been received. Each department has an equipment list to verify. A Champion Township representative and an alternate need to be appointed by the Trustees. Trustee Emerine volunteered to be the Representative of Record and Trustee York agreed to be the Alternate Representative of Record.

Fiscal Officer Miller shared that the NatureWorks Park Grant was submitted by the deadline and a copy of the grant application is filed with the Park Information in the Fiscal Office. Fiscal Officer Miller offered her thanks to Julie Green for her assistance and effort on the grant application. Trustee Fee advised that Fiscal Officer Miller and himself had invested many hours into assisting with the Park application. He also offered his appreciation of Julie's efforts.

Trustee Fee read aloud a communication he received from Gillian Costantino, of the Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership. An agreement has been reached to remove the hazardous waste remaining on the property under an emergency response action and they anticipate this will happen sometime around mid-summer.

Fiscal Officer Miller requested the Public Tax Hearing be set for 7/17/25 and trustees agreed. A notice to the public must be made ten days (10) prior to the meeting.

The Health Care Cost Containment Committee - consisting of Dan Wasko, Landon Weaver, Jonathan Massett, a Trustee, a Management Representative, and the Fiscal Officer has been formed as required by contracts. Members of the committee requested declaration pages for each health care coverages, medical, dental, and vision. Trustee York reported that a meeting will be held in the near future with Oswald representatives. The next Health Care Cost Containment Committee Meeting is scheduled for July 15, 2025, at 6 p.m. at 240 Marshall Ave. Administration building. Chairman Emerine reports that there will be a presentation on a more cost effective prescription plan.

Road Department Working Foreman Davis shared with the trustees that the Champion Presbyterian Church contacted him about the flooding in the church basement from the Cemetery. They would like the Township to install french drains to drain to the established basins near the Fire House. Trustees informed Shawn that a legal opinion would be needed.

Working Foreman Shawn Davis reported that he is also fielding calls from residents wanting to have drainage piped to county roads but the county won't do it. Trustee Emerine felt a legal opinion is needed for this topic.

Working Foreman Davis will reach out to the Ohio Department of Transportation regarding the subject of installation of a new stop sign at the corner of Woodrow and Lauder.

Zoning Inspector Brown reported that the Karbinier Case is settled and the container must be removed. This has been a long process. The Trustees instructed Zoning Inspector Brown to move forward to have the container removed.

Zoning Inspector Brown inquired about the Sweets and Eats front deck violation and plan to address. Zoning Inspector Brown was instructed to move forward in pursuing the violation. One option for the business is to file a Variance. Their sign is also in violation, as it does not match the sign permit application they submitted.

Trustee York made a motion to enter into Executive Session according to ORC 121.22 (G) (1) to consider the compensation of a public employee and to review a collective bargaining matter. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

Matt Mines was invited to attend the executive session for discussions pertaining to a collective bargaining matter. At 8:11 pm, Chief Skaggs was invited to the executive session for discussions regarding the compensation of a public employee.

Trustee Fee made a motion to exit Executive Session. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

P2025-118: Trustee Fee made a motion to increase the Police Part Time pay from \$15 to \$20. Trustee York seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

Trustee York left the meeting at 9:30 due to a family emergency.

R2025-119: Chairman Emerine made a motion to use active pay status definitions from the 2019 AFSCME National contract as the guideline for "hours worked" in the current local AFSCME contract when setting sick leave accrual parameters. The result would be to accrue sick leave hours when sick leave, vacation, holiday time, and paid maternity leave are used. Sick leave hours will not be accrued personal leave or Bereavement leave. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

Trustee Fee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Chairman Emerine seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.


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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on July 7, 2025, at 6 pm, at 240 Marshall Ave., for the purpose of conducting the general business of the township.

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller:

Trustee Fee:	present
Trustee York:	present
Chairman Emerine:	present

All in attendance stood and joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Emerine reminded those in attendance that this is a public meeting and any interruptions can be subject to removal. The public is encouraged to not interrupt the meeting and save all comments for the public comment session at the end of the meeting. This includes township personnel in the audience unless specifically addressed by the Board to speak.

Chairman Emerine made the following announcements:

1. A Special Township Meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 15, 2025, at 6 pm, at the Township Administration building, at 240 Marshall Ave for Health Care Containment Committee discussions.
2. A Special Meeting will be held on July 17, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Township Administration Building, at 240 Marshall Ave to adopt the 2026 Tax Budget and for approval of the Resolutions to Proceed with the Road and Police Renewal levies for the November 2025 election.

Jennifer Jones, Director of the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District was welcomed by Chairman Emerine and she answered questions from the Trustees, mostly centering around the planned increase in fees, which was noted in the literature, from \$5.50 per ton currently to \$7.50 per ton in 2027 and their concern of the impact this may have on residents. She advised that there had been no increase since 2007 and noted that these fees are not taxes levied against local residents directly, but instead are remitted by landfills and transfer stations in support for recycling and waste reduction programming. The impact to residents is estimated to be about \$.40 per month in 2027.

G2025-120: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the Solid Waste Management Plan for the Geauga-Trumbull Solid Waste Management District and Trustee York seconded. The following Resolution was read aloud: