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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Trustee

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:



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

RESOLUTION NO. 62025 - 120

A RESOLUTION IN THE MATTER OF THE APPROVAL OF THE SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT PLAN FOR THE GEAUGA-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 Champion in Trymbull 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-TrumbullSolid Waste Management District.

Motion made by Rex Fee , seconded by Dean "Rick" York

Upon Call of the following vote resulted:

Trustees

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Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee - Yes; Trustee York - Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2025-121: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the receipt of the following June Financial Reports: Cash Summary by Fund, Revenue Summary, Fund Ledger, Appropriation Summary, and Fund Status. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-122: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the Electronic Fund Report for the month of June in the amount of \$225,978.52. Trustee York seconded; Roll Call: Trustee Fee – Yes, Trustee York – Yes, Trustee Emerine – Yes.

G2025-123: Trustee York made a motion to approve the Supplemental Appropriations report for the month of June. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-124: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the June Meeting Minutes as received. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-125: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the Payment Report for 54 checks, for the month of June, in the total amount of \$62,905.67. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

R2025-126: Trustee York made a motion to approve the donation of \$100 to the Road Department from Mrs. Hennaman. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

F2025-127: Trustee York made a motion to approve the resignation of Sherry Ray Alexander from the Champion Fire Department. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-128: Trustee York made a motion to approve the renewal of the contract with Champion Community Calendar LLC, 6821 North Park Ave., Cortland, OH 44410, in the amount of \$810.00. There is no increase in the fee over last year. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Trustees discussed the need for a Resolution for Fire Loss, as ORC 3929.86 requires insurance companies to pay a portion of an insurance claim to the township if the building is more than 60% damaged, to ensure the damaged building is removed, repaired, or secured. Trustee Fee and Chairman Emerine believe this resolution may have been passed several years ago. Fiscal Officer Miller advised the Board of Trustees that Attorney Poteet advised that there is no resolution on file on the Insurance website covering Champion Township. It was determined that there was a resolution passed in 2021 (F2021-53), but is appears that it was not uploaded to the appropriate site. Fiscal Officer Miller will send a copy of the resolution and request it be uploaded.

Department Reports

Police Chief Skaggs advised the Trustees that there had been 7 applicants for the open positions. Trustees advised Chief Skaggs to conduct initial interviews of the candidates and bring a recommendation to the Trustees for consideration.

He also reviewed the following monthly report:



CHAMPION POLICE DEPARTMENT



JUNE 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	515
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	15
Traffic Stops	103
Citations Issued	16
Adult Arrests	8
Juvenile Arrests	0
Warrants from	1
Investigation	
Domestic Violence /	5
Disputes	3
Incident Reports	38

Highlights

Pending:

^{*}Felony charges filed for Felonious Assault in reference to a Domestic Violence case

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



CHAMPION POLICE DEPARTMENT



JUNE 2025

*Preparing for trial on Aggravated Burglary case in Trumbull County Common Pleas

admin:

- *Currently we have one officer still on extended leave due to a serious leg injury.
- *Champion Police Ladies Auxiliary paid for Notary commissions for two officers to sign court charges
- *Garage separation wall has been 75% completed enabling the department to have secure area for processing larger evidence and equipment

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

Police Chief Skaggs also announced that there will be a Ladies Safety Awareness Program scheduled for Thursday, July 24, 2025, at 6 p.m., at the 240 Marshall Avenue Administration building, sponsored by the Champion Police Department and the Champion Police Ladies Auxiliary. This program is being led by Debbie Wenzel.

Working Foreman Shawn Davis presented the following Road and Cemetery June Report:



June 2025

- Chipspreader??
- Penetrate patched Templeton, Cleveland West, Nutwood,
 Folsom, High, Craig, Esther, Glendola, Kincaid, some of
 Airport, Prentice Ext., Prentice, and Fairlane Dr.
- Did flushing on Fairlawn behind Beach House basin was full cleaned out and flushed.
- Flushing on Eldon, Clearview, Miles, Calla, Emerson,
 Copeland, and Durst 700' all open
- Weed wacked site problem on Damon looking west you could not see pulling out
- Fixed 3 sink holes and 2 basin's on the corner of Vesey and Glendola
- Put in double 32" x 24" squash pipe on Shaffer
- Fixed wash out on the corner of Louise and Durst
- Sprayed around Marshall building for bugs and ants inside and out
- Fixed graves in Cemetery topsoil and seed



- Trimmed tree's at Marshall Building
- · Extended ditch to the South at Marshall Building
- Put the deck back at house on Waverly Dr.
- Installed 20' of 8" pipe on Bond
- · Trimmed the bushes and picked weeds on our building
- Cut up guns for the police department
- Cleaned up loose gravel on High St. and Craig
- · Cut down tree's over road on Shaffer
- Blew off intersection on Anderson Anthony
- Pulled storage container on Lauder-had 30 yard dumpster delivered to clean out container and put container back
- Dug up pipe on Emerson and removed roots from pipe then put it back together.

Working Foreman Davis also informed the Board that there is a Cemetery Grant available in 2025. Trustee Fee would like to try to obtain this grant to obtain funds to support the Cemetery Sign project.

Zoning Inspector Brown presented the following Zoning Report:

Parcel # 46-070580 46-061235 46-261750 46-330971 46-903678 46-247841 46-038601 46-342300 46-261750	Village: Champion Permit Description new home construction fence fence addition fence new home construction outbuilding outbuilding (agriculture) ABG Pool	Permit # 476 477 478 479 480 481 482 483 484	Permit Date 6/4/2025 6/11/2025 6/13/2025 6/13/2025 6/13/2025 6/23/2025 6/23/2025 6/23/2025 6/26/2025	\$ 465,000.00 \$ 1,500.00 \$ 13,000.00 \$ 60,000.00 \$ 1,250.00 \$ 570,000.00 \$ 15,000.00	Jun-25 Property Owner Name Rachell Miterko Evan Stranathan / Anna Wolbert Mark & greethen Mcallister Nick Brown Linda Ferrante William Daugherty John Lawson Rferenc A De Szalay Mark & Gretchen McAllister	Property Address 350 State Rd, Warren, Ohio 44483 2370 Clearview St, Warren, Ohio 44483 5172 craig, Warren, Ohio 44483 4411 N leavatt rd, warr 411 Oak hollow Dr, Warren, Ohio 44481 6379 Downs Rd N, Warren, Ohio 44481 287 Center W, Warren, Ohio 44481 7007 Mahoning, Warren, Ohio 44481 5172 craig, Warren, Ohio 44483	
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Zoning Inspector Brown also made the following announcements:

July 16, 2025, is the next Food Truck Night.

The tentative date for the 2nd Annual Trunk or Treat event, at the 240 Marshall Ave. Administration Building, is October 18, 2025, from 1:30 pm to 4:00 pm.

Chairman Emerine asked Zoning Inspector Brown to check with Attorney Finamore regarding zoning requirements for the property directly in front of the Marshall Ave. Administration Building.

Chairman Emerine also inquired about the progress of the Zoning Board regarding old signage that is still up, even though the property no longer contains the working business. Mr. John Streitferdt advised that they were meeting later in the week on that subject and he would keep Zoning Inspector Brown apprised on the topic.

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Fire Chief Dempsey presented the following Fire Department Report for June:



CHAMPION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Fire Chief Thomas Dempsey

July 7, 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

Alexander Resignation.

Public Relations/ Public Education:

> Nothing to report

Vehicle and Equipment Status:

- > ENG21 main pump screen reprogrammed
- > ENG21 exhaust repaired
- Annual Pump Testing next week

Facility Status:

> Nothing to report.

Training:

- > 6 hours fire training
- > 6 hours EMS training SEPSIS

Other:

> Received ODPS EMS Grant - \$3746.44

April Alarms -Total calls:

 Total calls:
 250

 EMS:
 223

 Fire:
 27

 Consecutive Calls:
 55

 YTD Calls:
 1403 (+55)

Mutual Aid Total - To 69 / From 7

Southington - Total - 31 / EMS 31 - Fire 0
Canceled 9 / 9 Transports / 8 NO Transports / 1 Lift
Assists / 4 EMT or Med c Assist

F2025-129: Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the Ohio Department of Public Safety EMS grant, in the amount of \$3,746.44. This is a reimbursing grant that can be used for EMS Equipment. Chief Dempsey is researching quotes for qualifying equipment. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Old Business

Fiscal Officer Miller presented the Board of Trustees with a Revenue report detailing the Event Room rentals at the Marshall Ave. Administration building for 2025. Year to date revenue is \$1,180.00. A review of UAN records finds there have been 5 paid rentals in 2025. Fiscal Officer Miller detailed the AOS instructions on how funds are to be handled if an event at the new Building is a Township sponsored event. All monies must be received into the UAN financial accounting system and any payments must also be documented within the UAN software as well. If an event at the building is sponsored by a third party with a 5013c classification, there are no stipulations regarding how the money is to be handled as it is left to the sponsor of the event.

Fiscal Officer Miller also provided an update regarding the requested Delinquent Tax Report. This is a report that is run by the Trumbull County Treasurer's Office every October/November. So, the report already on file and reviewed by the Trustees in early 2025, is the latest that is available. The total amount of delinquent taxes owed in Champion is \$941,904.00 and the total number of delinquent properties is 266. Fiscal Officer Miller thoroughly reviewed the report and identified many properties listed that appear to be commercial in nature:

Mike McAllister - \$107,000.00

Warren Steel Holdings - 173,000.00

B&O Railroad - \$29,320.00

Cobra Pipeline - \$42,000.00

Keith Brainard - \$30,000.00

Champion Dialysis - \$14,269.00

These properties alone total - \$395,000.00 (42%) of the total owed. The Treasurer's Office was not able to provide any information as to how many payment plans may have been issued to try to collect these monies due.

The Board reviewed an updated Boring and Right of Way Resolution, but no action was taken as the Trustees were not in favor of the proposed sliding application fee schedule and they decided that a fee of \$50 should apply to all permit applications. Fiscal Officer Miller will request Attorney Poteet update the proposed resolution and it will be considered at a future meeting.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Miller presented the letter from Crown Castle that states they want to extend their contract for another 5 years. The Board of Trustees would like to review the original agreement before committing.

Trustee Fee recognized Zoning Board Member, John Streitferdt, for his 68 years of service and he read aloud the following Resolution received from the Trumbull County Planning Commission:

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2025-29

RECOGNITION OF JOHN J. STREITFERDT FOR HIS EXEMPLARY SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO THE CHAMPION TOWNSHIP ZONING BOARD AND COMMUNITY

WHEREAS: The Trumbull County Planning Commission recognizes and honors John J.

Streitferdt for his extraordinary service as a member of the Champion Township Zoning Board, a position he has held for over 61 years, including

holding the role of Chairman for 20; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Streitferdt began his illustrious career in the Packard Electric Division

of General Motors in 1954, where he worked for 38 years and made significant contributions to engineering, including the design and patenting of a battery cable connector that saved the company over \$200,000 in its

first year, and

WHEREAS: In addition to his professional accomplishments, Mr. Streitferdt has

demonstrated exceptional dedication to public service, having been involved in the passage of the zoning issue for Champion Township in 1957 and serving on the zoning board since that time, contributing to the growth

and development of the township; and

WHEREAS: Mr. Streitferdt's community service extends far beyond his work on the

zoning board; he has served as a volunteer firefighter, a leader in the VFW and American Legion, and has volunteered his time as a notary public,

offering services to seniors at no charge; and

WHEREAS: His military service as a corporal in the U.S. Army Signal Corps during the

post-World War II occupation of Germany further demonstrates his dedication to his country and community, having earned several awards,

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RESOLUTION NO. 4-2025-29 (CONT.)

including the German Occupation Medal and the National Defense Medal; and

WHEREAS:

Mr. Streitferdt's numerous contributions to the community include his leadership as a Boy Scout leader, his recognition as a "Community Star" in 2020, and his lifelong commitment to giving back to his community, faith, family, and friends; and

WHEREAS:

Mr. Streitferdt's service and leadership have earned him recognition and accolades, including being named the Grand Marshal of the Champion Rotary Club's Memorial Day Parade in 2019, and being honored as the "Veteran of the Year" by the Loyal Order of the Moose in 2019;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:

That the Trumbull County Planning Commission extends its deepest appreciation to John J. Streitferdt for his outstanding service, leadership, and dedication to the Champion Township Zoning Board and the Trumbull County community. His selfless contributions have had a lasting impact, and his exemplary service continues to inspire others.

That the Trumbull County Planning Commission congratulates Mr. Streitferdt on his remarkable career and his continued commitment to his community, and the Commission unanimously recommends that he be recognized under the "Something Good" Initiative for his distinguished service.

James Davies, Chairman

Trumbull County Planning Commission

Trustee Fee communicated to the Board that the Champion Rotary Club would like to have their weekly meetings, each Tuesday, at the Marshall Administration building, and have the monthly Rotary Club Board meetings, also there on the first Monday of each month at 4 pm. He noted that this would not interfere with the scheduled monthly township meetings.

Public Comment

Jim Rapone, 5291 Calla Ave. - Mr. Rapone presented to the board pictures of the water problem in the front of his home. Working Foreman Davis has been out and discovered a lot of calcium buildup in the drainage tiles. The hope is that the removal of the calcium buildup, will improve the situation. Chairman Emerine made note that this is an example of how a camera could assist the Road Department in investigating these types of problems, but noted the cost is nearly \$16,000.

Greg Lazor, 179 Aspen Ave. – Mr. Lazor expressed concerns about creek water adjacent to the back of his property. Discussion was had about who to call and what to do to get this problem resolved. Trustee Fee suggested calling Ohio Department of Transportation if the issue impacted road drainage.

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shafer Road – Mr. Dozier questioned the Board on where the Dispensary would be located and trustees advised that it is being planned for the former Payless Shoe Store building. Mr. Dozier questioned Working Foreman Davis on the origin of the calcium buildup in the drainage titles and no one seems to know what causes the calcium buildup. Mr. Dozier suggested sending out a sample and having it analyzed.

Trustee York made a motion to enter into Executive Session, in accordance with Ohio Revised Code (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.

The Board entered into executive session after a brief recess.

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

Chairman Emerine made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:28 pm. Trustee York seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Meeting Adjourned.

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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting on July 15, 2025, at 6 pm, at 240 Marshall Ave, to conduct Health Care Cost Containment discussions with the Healthcare Cost Containment Committee members.

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller:

Trustee Fee:

present

Trustee York:

present

Chairman Emerine:

present

The following Health Care Cost Containment Committee members were in attendance: Trustee Fee, Trustee York, Trustee Emerine, Fiscal Officer Laurie-Jo Miller, Road Department Representative Landon Weaver, Police Department Representative Officer Daniel Wasko Jr. There was no member from the Fire Department present for this meeting.

Also present at this meeting were Rob Green from Alberini Insurance and Angie Bryant from People's Insurance.

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

Chairman Emerine made the following announcements:

- 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 Resolution to Proceed with the Road and Police Renewal Levies for the November 2025 Election.
- 2. The next regular meeting will be held on Monday August 4, 2025, at 6 pm at the Township Administration Building located at 240 Marshall Ave.

Chairman Emerine invited Rob and Angie to present the information they prepared to share, concerning an alternative policy for Township Health coverage. Trustee Fee commented that this presentation was strictly informational. Angie Bryant presented a health care program that is an unbundled, level funded program that allows for shopping out for various services. This program offers the following cost containment items: Point of Service Rebates, Auditing of Claims, Patient Assistance Programs, Wholesale Specialty Pricing, Drug Rebates, Patient Advocacy Program, Employee Navigator Application and a Telemedicine Program. This program allows for flexibility between the plan parameters and the Township for making changes for uncovered services/medicines to be covered by the plan. This plan provides a lot of transparency and auditing of claims looking for any duplicate charges in large claim amounts.

The presentation that follows was provided to the Healthcare Cost Containment Committee Members that were present:

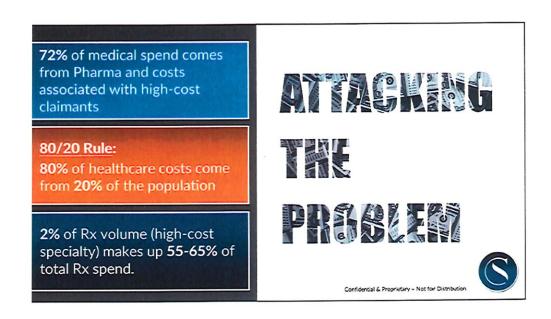
Prepared for: Champion Township Trustees

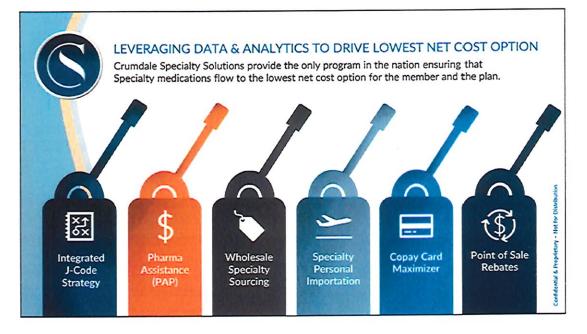
Presented by: Peoples Insurance

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Administrator:		Independent					Contract Terms		12/18
Network:		Cigna				S	pecific Deductible:	:	\$40,000
Stop Loss Carrier:		Zurich				A	gregate Corridor:		100%
		HDHP 1 - \$1650	HDHP 2 \$2000	HDHP 3 - \$3300	HDHP 4 - \$5000	HDHP 5 - \$6900	HDHP 6 - \$1650	HDHP 7 - \$2000 Deductible	HDHP 8 - \$3300 Deductible
Individual Deductible		\$1,650 / \$3,900	\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$3,300 / \$5,600	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$6,900 / \$13,800	\$1,650 / \$3,300	\$2,000 / \$4,000	\$3,300 / \$6,600
Coincurance '		100%	100%	90%	80%	80%	80%	80%	80%
Out of Pocket - Ind/Fam		\$3,300/ \$6,600	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$6,750 / \$13,500	\$6,750 / \$13,500	\$7,000/ \$14,000	\$3,300 / \$5,600	\$5,000 / \$10,000	\$6,750 / \$13,500
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Specialist		Ded, then 100%	Ded, then \$75	Ded, then 90%	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then 90%	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then 80%
Specialty Rx		Ded, then \$150	Ded, then \$150	Ded, then \$200	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then \$150	Ded, then \$150	Ded, then \$200
Generic		Ded, then \$10	Ded, then \$10	Ded, then \$10	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then \$10	Ded, then \$10	Ded, then \$10
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Outpatient Surgery		Ded, then 100%	Ded, then 100%	Ded, then 90%	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then 80%	Ded, then 80%
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Employee + Child(ren)	1	\$2,096.73	\$1,932.32	\$1,888.80	\$1,727.13	\$1,694.51	\$2,046.40	\$1,880.77	\$1,835.07
Family	12	\$2,934.02	\$2,701.62	\$2,639.21	\$2,411.40	\$2,366.28	\$2,863.17	\$2,629.42	\$2,564.20
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Once Rob and Angie had left the meeting, Fiscal Officer Miller made the Healthcare Cost Containment Committee members aware of the following monetary benefits within our current healthcare plan: Wellness Exams completed between 1/1/25 to 12/31/25 will accumulate towards a 2% Health care Renewal Discount next year which could save the Township an estimated \$12,000. Employees can earn individual rewards, as well, such as a \$100 reward for Preventative Exam, Steps Tracking — monthly reward of \$25 if 240,000 steps are met, Cancer Screenings - \$50 per plan year. The maximum an employee can earn is \$300. In addition, if Champion Township meets an Annual Gross Loss Ratio of 80% or lower, we could achieve maximum savings of about \$54,000. Fiscal Officer Miller also shared that the current plan is considered a level funded plan and that it does include more than 150 prescriptions for free. She asked the Department representatives to please share the potential with their employees and request that they join the Sydney App, if they have not already done so.

Several residents attended the meeting to voice concerns with water problems and Chairman Emerine allowed them to speak, even though the purpose of the meeting was for Health Care discussions. The following residents spoke:

Jim Rapone, 5291 Calla Ave, had water waist high in his front yard and asked if a joint meeting could be held, soon, with the Trumbull County Commissioners, Champion Township Trustees, and the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer, to discuss these water problems.

Tom Beckham, 5781 Sarah Ave, said he has a backflow preventer and a sump pump, but noted there are blockages and broken pipes. Working Foreman Davis is aware of the problem and is working to remedy this situation. There is also a 6-8-foot-deep sink hole, which seems to be a Sanitary Engineer issue.

Traci Raubenolt, 5924 Richard Drive, has had water 2 times in the past and she invested \$11,000 into improvements, but the water was worse now and there was 7 inches of water in her garage.

Kathleen Taylor, 227 Aspen Drive, had water come through the front of her property and it got into her

Tim Oswald, 5044 Alva Ave, stated there is a storm drain on the edge of his neighbor's property that is completely covered by grass and debris, and asked if there was something that could be done to get the neighbor to maintain his property around this drain.

Greg Lazor, 179 Aspen said the Trumbull County Engineer came out to his property and diagnosed the problem of bigger pipes draining into smaller pipes that is causing water back-up issues. To resolve this, the property owners on Aspen will need to circulate a petition, but in the end, this can get very costly.

Informational and Instructional brochures were provided to residents.

The Trustees set a special meeting for Monday, July 21, 2025, at 6 pm, at the Township Administration Building located at 240 Marshall Ave, for the purpose of discussing the water problems being experienced in the township.

Trustee Fee made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Trustee York seconded; Roll Call – Trustee Fee – Yes, Trustee York – Yes, Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Meeting Adjourned.

Trustee

Fiscal Office

The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting on July 17, 2025, at 6 pm, at 240 Marshall Ave, for 2026 Tax Budget review and approvals to proceed with planned renewal levies for Road and Police.

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 made the following announcements regarding upcoming meetings:

- 1. Trustees will have a special meeting on Monday, July 21, 2025, at 6 pm, at the Township Administration Building, at 240 Marshall Ave, for the purpose of discussing recent township flooding issues.
- 2. The Champion Township Trustees next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6 pm, at the Township Administration Building, at 240 Marshall Ave.

P2025-130: Chairman Emerine called for a motion to adopt a Resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the electors the question of levying a renewal tax in excess of the ten mil limitation, for the purpose of general operations of the Champion Township Police Department, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$122,847 annually, at an annual tax rate of 1.1 mill(s) for each \$1 of taxable value, which is the same rate as the existing levy, and which amounts to an estimated effective rate of \$15.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon. Said levy shall be submitted to the electors in the general election to be held on November 4, 2025. Chairman Emerine reiterated to those in attendance that the proposed is a renewal levy and it would not increase taxes. He also communicated that the renewal levy was planned revenue when the Trustees brought forth the additional Police Levy last spring, so it is important for the township, even though the additional levy was passed. Trustee Fee moved and Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

R2025-131: Chairman Emerine called for a motion to adopt a Resolution determining to proceed with the submission to the electors the question of levying a renewal tax in excess of the ten mil limitation, for the purpose of construction, reconstruction, resurfacing, repair of roads and bridges, that the county auditor estimates will collect \$261, 799 annually, at an annual tax rate of 1.5 mill(s) for each \$1 of taxable value, which is the same rate as the existing levy, and which amounts to an estimated effective rate of \$34.00 for each \$100,000 of the county auditor's appraised value, for a period of 5 years, commencing in 2026, first due in calendar year 2027, if approved by a majority of the electors voting thereon. Said levy shall be submitted to the electors in the general election to be held on November 4, 2025. Chairman Emerine reiterated to those in attendance that the proposed is a renewal levy and it would not increase taxes. Trustee York moved and Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee Yes; Trustee York Yes; Chairman Emerine Yes.

G2025-132: Fiscal Officer Miller reviewed the 2026 Tax Budget. Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the 2026 Tax Budget 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

Resolution No. G2025-132

Resolution adopting the Tax budget for Champion Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026.

WHEREAS, pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 5705.28, the Board of Trustees of Champion Township is required to adopt a Tax budget for the next succeeding fiscal year:

WHEREAS, the Fiscal Officer of Champion Township has prepared and submitted to this Board of Trustees a proposed Tax Budget for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026;

WHEREAS, this Board of Trustees has reviewed the proposed Tax Budget and has found it to be in order and consistent with the needs and available resources of the Township;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Champion Township, Trumbull County, State of Ohio, that:

Section 1. The Tax Budget for Champion Township, Trumbull County, Ohio, for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026, attached hereto as Exhibit A and incorporated by reference, is hereby adopted as the official Tax Budget for Champion Township for the fiscal year beginning January 1, 2026.

Section 2. The Fiscal Officer is directed to certify the adopted Tax Budget and a copy of this Resolution to the Trumbull County Budget Commission by July 20, 2025.

Section 3. This Resolution was adopted in an open meeting of the Board, in compliance with Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 4. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption. Adopted this 17th day of July, 2025.

Motion 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 17th day in the month of July, 2025, and that I am duly authorized to execute this certificate.

Laurie-Jo Miller Eiscal Officer, Champion Township

Public Comments

Walter Unks, 179 Gertrude, advised that the sluice box fills up and doesn't drain or drains very slowly. Shawn Davis will go to see the situation on July 18, 2025. He also noted there are 9 vehicles parked in the area and none of them has decals/licenses, so he was wondering if this was permissible. Zoning Inspector Brown will follow up.

Greg Lazor, 179 Aspen, expressed concerns with impact of water he is experiencing and fear he may lose his Arbovida trees.

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shafer Road, communicated that he ran into Commissioner Rick Hernandez at the Trumbull County Fair and that he suggested a petition be started.

Nancy Fink, Pleasant Street, stated that she has broken tile/pipe under her road and there have been paint markings present for more than a month. She was wondering if this indicates that the Sanitary Engineers are working to fix this issue. Working Foreman Shawn Davis will follow up.

Informational and Instructional brochures were provided to residents.

Trustee York made a motion to adjourn and Trustee Fee 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 July 21, 2025, at 6 pm, at 240 Marshall Ave, to discuss flooding problems occurring within 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

Also present at this meeting was Working Foreman Davis and Mike Ady of Ady Excavating, who was invited to attend by Chairman Emerine.

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

Chairman Emerine welcomed all to the meeting and made the following announcement regarding an upcoming meeting:

• The Champion Township Trustees next regularly scheduled meeting will be on Monday, August 4, 2025, at 6 pm, at the Township Administration Building, at 240 Marshall Ave.

Chairman Emerine opened the meeting by requesting the meeting attendees group their comments/concerns by street/road, and he also requested that each person invited to speak provide their name and property address.

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shafer Road, has had problems with beaver dams. He stated that it is his understanding that if a resident has a water problem due to beavers, they are permitted to eliminate them. He states that he has done his due diligence and spoke to the proper agencies and that was what he was advised to. The Trustees encouraged all residents to call the EPA and the Ohio Department of Natural Resources for clarification. Each resident must do their own due diligence.

Tom Allison, 6120 Shafer, stated that he lives next to Silas Dozier and that he has water coming out of the woods, west of the road. Chairman Emerine shard that there is no water system in the county that could handle the amount of rain that these storms are producing, some as much as 3 inches of rain in less than 2 hours.

Chairman Emerine also shared that cross pipes have been and continue to be installed within the township by our road dept. Any problems coming from the north of Township, are the responsibility of those neighboring areas. Water flowing south of Shafer is flowing better due to what the road department has been working on.

Linda Patonno, 5929 Shafer Road, lives at the north end of Shafer Road and had 5 inches of water in her basement and the left side of her property is a lake. She also has pond on her property to help with the water issues. She has lived there for 20 years, replaced the sump pump and the township replaced pipes about 10 years ago. Chairman Emerine made it clear that residents can't knowingly change the flow of the water and that the existing creeks are at capacity with silt, other erosion factors, and environmental debris. Another factor for Shafer Road is the fact that the road is on the watershed. It was noted that the Army Corp of Engineers would need ot be consulted for off road, private property.

Trustee Emerine made the following suggestions to the audience with the advice of Mike Ady of Ady Excavating, that residents take the following precautions to keep the water away from their homes: installing French drains, do not tie down spouts into footer drains, remove footer drains from the sewer lines and install drainage crocks and sump pumps, and backflow preventers.

There are downspouts tied into sanitary sewers in the Kuszmaul and Durst allotments. If you live in a house in a subdivision, it is recommended that you consider getting a sump crock installed in your basement. The water that is coming up into basements is sewer water not cleaner storm water, what is overflowing out of man hole in the streets is sewage water.

Chairman Emerine encourages residents to have their footer drains removed from the sewer lines, that would make a big difference. It was noted, that for all of the older homes, as neighbors with basements, take measures to prevent water in their basements (sump pumps/backflow preventers), it will affect other neighbors that do not have these preventative measures in place.

Vic Rossi, 6362 Shafer, had tons of dirt brought in to build up the height of his front yard and it still floods, his ditches are full of grass. Working Forman Davis informed Mr. Rossi that he plans to get all of Shafer Road ditched. Mr. Rossi also stated that the Road Department did an excellent job cleaning snow off the roads over the winter!

Chairman Emerine informed the public that Foreman Davis is continually working to flush out lines with our Drain flusher that was purchase 18 months ago. We have contracted out King's drain camera equipment but we have recently ordered our own camera (\$16,000). The township cannot go onto private property. The Township's responsibility is the road.

Chairman Emerine also cleared up the misconception of the work done on Dalton Drive with that retention pond. That pond was full of road debris and that caused the flooding on Dalton Drive. Once the pond the road debris was cleaned out from the pond, the storm water drained to the retention pond.

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shafer Road, stated he would like to know the exact Ohio Revised Code that prevents the Township to go off road ditching.

Chairman Emerine suggested that the residents of Shafer Road get together and file a Township Drainage Ditch Petition for County Construction – Drainage System Improvement. Information on how to do this has been printed and passed out to the attending residents. Additional copies can be found at the Township Administration Building at 240 Marshall Ave.

Sarah, Emerson Road, stated that there are sink holes and that the township has worked on this and that they have used drones to look for plugs in the creeks.

Jim Rapone, 5291 Calla Ave., expressed his disappointment that the elected County Officials were not in attendance. He would like to know if the Trustees and Foreman Davis are formulating a plan to prevent future problems, if not, he would like to see one put in place.

Deanne Fee, 5319 Calla, spoke about her son's property on Esther and she stated that things seemed to get better after Ady Excavation did work at the property.

Lynn Ricki, 5812 Sarah Ave, put in a crock and sump pump in her basement and still got water in the basement, her front and back yards flood, and she inquired about replacing frontage pipe. Working Foreman Davis advised that he will look at the front, but that the Township can't do anything about the back yard.

Nola Tunnacolic, 5280 Kuszmaul Ave., stated that she had water flowing out of the man hole in the street. Chairman Emerine stated that the 5200 Blocks of Kuszmaul, Craig, Alva, Sabrina, and Calla all had man hole over flowing. He is not sure if that was because of the storm water or not. Working Foreman Davis will look into this area.

Trustee Fee shared with the residents, that there is a Sanitary Engineer report that identifies the sanitary and sewer issues within Champion Township. The remedy, according to the report, would be very costly to the homeowners. Trustee Fee states that there is a lot of regulations to follow, but little enforcement.

Trustee Fee stated that as a state, Ohio's Water and Sanitary Sewer Systems are graded a D. Also, new home builders, are having the lots cleared and there is no regulations regarding logging on properties. Logging also affects waterflow. The County is responsible for permits for new home builds.

Elaine Nichols, 156 Glendola, stated that every time Glendola floods at Mahoning Ave. she gets water

in her basement. Trustees advised that this drain at this intersection is ODOT's responsibility and Working Foreman Davis has called ODOT, but no one has returned his calls. He will place another call.

Darlene Cavaliere, 320 Earl Drive, feels that she is getting water in her basement from something that her neighbor implemented on his property and getting water flowing from State Route 305. Working Foreman Davis will check the grade of the land. Mrs. Cavaliere inquired about any grants from the state that could help with the Township flooding issues. Trustee Fee replied that mostly cities get the grants not smaller townships. No state grant will cover private property issues. Mrs. Cavaliere inquired about what would we could do to get upgraded equipment. Chairman Emerine advised that the Township had purchased a camera (\$16,000), which would help, and it was expected to be in soon.

Kayla Galla, Marshall Ave. West, said there are sink holes/broken catch basin at the corner of Marshall and Hummel and she believes this is a safety issue. Working Foreman Davis said he would look at that basin this week.

Dennis White, 1415 Sunnyfield, has noticed that all of the older piping is clay, and he believes it needs upgraded to plastic.

Greg Lazor, 179 Aspen, has lost 18 of 240 feet of his original property in his backyard due to the creek that has overflowed and has discovered larger pipe trying to drain into smaller pipes. He went to the Trumbull County Engineer's Office and spoke with Gary Shafer. They looked at existing drainage pipe specs that are currently on record and it showed the issues of undersized pipes.

Chairman Emerine made note that, as a Township, we are dealing with 60 years of problems, it is going to take time and asked residents to try to be patient.

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

Meeting was adjourned at 7:49 pm.

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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a regular meeting on August 4, 2025, at 6 pm, at the Champion Township Administration Building, at 240 Marshall Ave, to conduct 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: absent (out of town)

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 announced that the next Township Workshop Meeting was scheduled for August 19, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Township Administration Building at 240 Marshall Ave.

New Business

G2025-133: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve an Audit Extension Agreement, with Perry and Associates, for the period of January 1, 2024, through December 31, 2027. The cost of the Biennial audits will be \$8,250 for years 2024/2025 and \$8,470 for 2026/2027. Chairman Emerine seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee — Yes: Chairman Emerine — Yes.

P2025-134: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve, with appreciation, a \$250 donation from Courtney Hatt, for the Police Department. Chairman Emerine seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

The Road Department and the Board of Trustees wish to thank the Cavalieres for providing lunch for the Road Dept. It was much appreciated!!

Z2025-135: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the re-appointment of Richard Berry to the Champion Township Zoning Board for a new, 5 yr term, retroactive to Jan. 1, 2025. Chairman Emerine seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee — Yes; Chairman Emerine — Yes.

P2025-136: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the pull ahead of the Second Half Taxes due to shortfall in the Police Fund. Chairman Emerine seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Motion to Approve/Deny participation in the National Opioid Settlement: Purdue Pharma L.P (CL-1736781) was tabled. The deadline for response is September 30, 2025.

Motion to Approve/Deny participation in the National Opioid Settlement: Alvogen, et al.. (CL-1767442) was tabled. The deadline for response is October 8, 2025.

Old Business

Motion to Approve/Deny the updated Boring and Right of Way Resolution, was tabled, to allow for inquiry with Attorney Poteet, regarding the Trustees desire to require a bond to cover damages that may occur over years.

There were no updates provided or concerns expressed regarding Flood Water, but the Trustees thanked Shawn and the Road Department for the help they have provided to the residents.

Department Reports

Zoning Inspector Gerry Brown reviewed the following Zoning Department report for July: