

Greg Lazor, 179 Aspen Drive, expressed frustration regarding trailers being parked on the road. Trustees advised that the Police can't ticket on road parking until after midnight. He also expressed interest in looking at minutes dating back to 1983. He is looking for information about moving a ditch.

Tom Jeffers, 5240 Sabrina, asked about the established hours for contractors. He was advised that the current hours are 7 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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.


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The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building, located 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: present
Chairman Emerine: present

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

Chairman Emerine reminded all 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 Meeting was scheduled for Monday, October 6, 2025, at 6 p.m. at the Township Administration Building, at 240 Marshall Ave.

G2025-155: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the receipt of the following August Financial Reports: Cash Summary by Fund, Revenue Summary, Fund Ledger, Appropriation Status, Fund Status and Fund Summary. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-156: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the August Electronic Payment Report in the amount of \$204,419.82. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-157: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the August Warrant Payment Listing in the amount of \$72,905.16. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-158: Trustee York made a motion to approve the August Appropriation Supplemental Report. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-159: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the August Meeting Minutes as received. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

F2025-160: Trustee York made a motion to approve the acceptance of a Grant from the Kiwanis Club of Warren, in the amount of \$1,700.00, for purchasing Fire Equipment. Trustees wish to extend their appreciation to the Kiwanis Club of Warren. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes;

R2025-161: Trustee York made a motion to approve of declaring the Chipping Box worthless and removing it from inventory. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

The Trustees decided to skip any action regarding the purchase of 4 skids of Crack Patch, not to exceed \$5,500.00.

P2025-162: Trustee Fee made a motion to rescind Resolution P2025-151 (Police MOU). Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-163: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the receipt of the 2025 OTARMA Annual Report. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Discussion was held on setting the time and date for the Community Trick or Treat and the Township sponsored Trunk or Treat event. Dates are as follows: Trick or Treat will be Thursday, October 30, 2025, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM. The Township sponsored Trunk or Treat will be held on Saturday, October 18, 2025, from 1:30 PM to 4:00 PM at the 240 Marshall Administration Building. Fiscal Officer Miller will have these times posted to the website.

Foreman Davis will start sending trucks out to get checked out, for the upcoming winter season, at a cost of \$500.00 per truck. Plow blades are also needed and the estimated cost will be between \$4,700.00 and \$5,000.00.

Police Chief Larry Skaggs presented the Police Department Report for August.



CHAMPION POLICE
DEPARTMENT



August 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	582
August	345	576	563	570
September	424	586	502	
October	518	465	539	
November	435	424	535	
December	363	452	511	

Traffic Crash Investigations	13
Traffic Stops	152
Citations Issued	15
Adult Arrests	9
Juvenile Arrests	1
Warrants from Investigation	1
Domestic Violence / Disputes	2
Incident Reports	4
	53

Mutual Aid Calls: 4 Asst other agency
3 Asst CPD

Noted

*Officers completed testimony in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court over several days for an investigation into an elderly resident being assaulted. The suspect, John Baker was found guilty of Kidnapping and Felonious Assault. Sentencing has been set for some time in September.

* Awaiting sentencing in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court for Harold Michaels on Burglary and Breaking and Entering. He is scheduled to be sentenced sometime in September to approximately (9) years in prison. This case involved dozens of hours of preparation and review of electronic surveillance and search warrants to identify and locate the suspect who was not known at the time of the break in.

*Officers completed several days of testimony to the Trumbull County Grand Jury for an indictment for Felonious Assault and Domestic Violence involving a female victim/ resident.

*Recovered one handgun during a traffic stop and arrest.

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CHAMPION POLICE DEPARTMENT



August 2025

Pending:

- *Pending Grand Jury Review of Involuntary Manslaughter case. Recently the suspect's cell phone was analyzed after six months of attempting to get into the phone.
- *Numerous complaints about ATVs and motorcycles being driven by juveniles on Louise and Durst Drives. One juvenile has been charged, and more are possible as officers continue to monitor the area more frequently.
- *Officers are monitoring the construction site on Educational Highway (Mercy Health) several times each shift to prevent theft and/or criminal damaging. Traffic patterns during the day have been good.
- *Officers have issued numerous citations to juvenile motorists during school traffic from TCTC. Officers are monitoring the morning and afternoon traffic for aggressive and reckless driving.

Update:

- *Officer Evans returned to work after a significant time off due to an injury.
- *Completing the backgrounds for two part-time officers to start some time in September. Hiring paperwork has been completed and are waiting for drug and Psychological testing.
- *K9 Storm has recuperated from her laceration to her paw and is doing great.
- *No new applications have been received.
- *Scheduling the Ohio Collaborative to review application sometime in October.
- *CPD 58 is out of the fleet.
- *CPD 57 has had numerous electrical issues and is currently out of service.

Reminder:

- *Prescription Drug Take Back is available 7 days a week for residents. DEA is no longer taking the meds but we will use our drug incinerator to dispose of the items.

Serving our Community with Honor and Commitment

The Champion Police Department plans to hold a "Fill a Cop Car with Food" before Thanksgiving and will work in conjunction with the Champion Pride Council.

The Champion Police Department also plans to take kids shopping at Christmas in conjunction with the Champion Police Ladies Auxiliary.

Fire Chief Thomas Dempsey presented the Fire Department Report for August.



CHAMPION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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Fire Chief Thomas Dempsey

September 8, 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:

- > Nothing to report

Public Relations/ Public Education:

- > Four inspections completed
- > Extinguisher classes were held at Windsor Place.

Vehicle and Equipment Status:

- > Hose Testing completed – 200' failed testing
- > M21 Front brakes, calipers, rotors
- > Ch21 safety recall repaired

Facility Status:

- > Repaired concrete entry ways.

Training:

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

Other:

The Trustees extended their thanks and appreciation to all of the Township Department Leaders, as well as, their respective employees for their continued hard work and effort.

Old Business

G2025-164: Trustee York made a motion to approve the participation in the National Opioid Settlement: Purdue Pharma L.P. (CL-1736781). Deadline is September 30, 2025. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-165 Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the participation in the National Opioid Settlement: Alvogen, et al. (CL-1767442). Deadline is October 8, 2025. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Discussion on the proposed changes to the Credit Card Policy and Purchasing Policy was held. Question was raised as to if it would be practical and possible to open Blanket Purchase Orders with local stores in lieu of using a Credit Card. Trustees decided to table this subject to allow for further investigation.

Fiscal Officer Miller reported that she had consulted with Attorney Poteet regarding the Trustees desire to change the language of R2025-149, to require persons seeking permits to contact the Township Road Foreman,

rather than the Fiscal Officer as stated, but that Attorney Poteet advised this change could not be made as the language is taken directly from Ohio Revised Code.

G2025-166: Trustee Fee made a motion to contract with Tricomi Associates to obtain a Property Appraisal of the Central Elementary Property, to assist Trustees in considering the proposed purchase of this land by a third party. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Discussion was held regarding the Trustees desire to have an electronic sign to improve communications with the residents of the township. Trustee York agreed to secure quotes and to have discussions with the property owner of the land in front of the Marshall Building to determine if an agreement could be made to allow a sign to be placed near Mahoning Avenue.

Public Comment

Tom Jeffers, 5240 Sabrina Lane, asked if the situation mentioned at the last meeting with repair of the Police Car and Ganley of Aurora had been resolved. Fiscal Officer Miller advised that she was in contact with Ganley and the township had made payment for the repairs and that Ganley would be issuing a refund to Emerine’s Towing.

Greg Lazor, 179 Aspen, expressed continued concern with water issues and advised the trustees that this issue was discussed with prior Trustee Hovanic (1993-1994) and that he knew the pipe causing current drainage problems was undersized when it was installed and that Trustee Hovanic had said that it would be replaced.

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder Ave., asked if Golf Carts were permitted and was advised that they are not permitted, and if they are found to be in violation are subject to being cited or towed.

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shafer Road, questioned the progress of the clean-up project, by the EPA, on Folsom Street. Trustee Fee informed him that the EPA has committed to the project, but that no dates have been provided. Mr. Dozier also voiced a complaint about the Brael Corporation new building, stating it is not current on taxes, fees and permits. Chairman Emerine responded that Brael is in compliance with all fees and taxes, but that they have lost the contract to manufacture the item that the building was going to be used for, but that they are actively seeking a replacement contract to use this building for.

Ray Lachowski, 4630 Verona Ave, asked about the Golf Cart decision of the Trustees and was advised it was determined to be a safety and liability issue.

Trustee York made a motion to enter into an Executive Session to consider the Appointment/Discipline/ or Dismissal of a Public Employee or Official as outlined by R.C 121.22(G) of ORC. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

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

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 at 8:35 pm.


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The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a Special Meeting on September 18, 2025 at 6 p.m. at the Administration Building located at 240 Marshall Ave. for the purpose of discussing Records Retention Schedules and to enter into Executive Session to consider the appointment, dismissal, discipline, or compensation of a public employee or official, as outlined by ORC Section 121.22(G)(1).

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller:

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

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

Chairman Emerine reminded all 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.

G2025-167: Trustee Fee made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the Appointment/Discipline/Dismissal or Compensation of a Public Employee of Official as outlined by ORC Section 121.22 (G) (1). Trustee York Seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-168: Trustee York made a motion to exit Executive Session. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

P2025-169: Trustee Fee made a motion to suspend a township employee for 5 working days for violation of departmental policy. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

P2025-170: Trustee York made a motion to accept the establishment of a fee schedule for records requests involving police body cam footage, as established by HB 315, placing a \$75/hour fee to body camera redaction and copying up to \$750.00 per video per incident. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Discussion was held on the State of Ohio Records Retention instructions. Each department has a breakdown of records that may be redundant in the Administration office. Each Department Supervisor is tasked with looking through their records and assigning a code to those records that are on the list. Another meeting will be scheduled in a month to compare lists and codes and then enable the final submission for the Ohio History Connection as stated in the Ohio Revised Code Section 149.42 Township Records Commission.

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


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