

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on August 5, 2019 at 6:30p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the township. Chairman Fee called the meeting to order with a full board present.

Chairman Fee led the meeting in a moment of silence for the victims of the El Paso, TX and Dayton, OH shootings over the weekend.

The June minutes were approved as submitted. The Trustees received the July Financial reports. July minutes will be resubmitted due to changes.

Mr. Anthony West of Delta Telecom presented information on telecommunications services available to the Township and other businesses.

Z2019-62 Trustee Bugos made a motion to approve the purchase of a refurbished computer equipped with Windows 10 Professional from JED LLC for Zoning Department for \$400.00. The Zoning computer crashed and JED was able to quickly restore the Zoning files and update the computer in mid July. Retail cost for this equipment brand new is just over \$1200.00 Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-63 Trustee Bugos made a motion to approve the funding of Fiscal Officer Hatt's family's H.S.A. at the rate of \$450.00 per month until the plan terminates. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-64 Trustee Emerine made a motion to approve the resolution accepting the amounts and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax levies and certifying them to the County Auditor as required (full resolution text available in Fiscal Office). Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

The community of Champion and the Champion Board of Trustees would like to commend and congratulate Dave Murduck, Fifth grade teacher at Champion Middle School, who was selected for consideration for the State of Ohio 2020 Teacher of the Year Award. He is one of five finalists who will be travelling to Columbus later this month for the interview portion of the vetting process that will determine the 2020 Teacher of the Year.

Z2019-65 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to transfer \$10,000 to the Zoning fund from the General fund. Hearing no second, Trustee Fee seconded. Trustee Fee discussed the difficulty that Trustees are having with coming to an agreement on how to handle the budgetary issues in the General fund. Trustee Emerine indicated he will not vote yes to moving money to Zoning until a resolution with regard to the Fiscal Office staff is resolved. Bugos yes, Emerine no, Fee yes.

Chairman Fee announced setting a date for Halloween on October 31, 2019 for 6:00pm-7:30pm.

The department heads gave their respective reports.

Zoning Inspector Fonce asked the Board for direction since Trustee Emerine had just indicated such a huge concern about budget issues within her department.

Z2019-66 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Zoning Inspector Fonce to invoke 505.87 on 5839 Sarah (46-239100) and 5691 Oak Hill (46-052800). Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Road Supervisor Connelly was directed to order 2-3 No Pet Signs and several *No Parking on the Grass* signs for the Central Property.

Chief White requested that the Board consider repairs to two existing vehicles in the Police department if they are not going to replace at least one vehicle this year as both his vehicle and Lowery's vehicles have multiple issues. Lead time on a new vehicle is several months, so if a vehicle is ordered now, Lowery will have to use another vehicle due to issues with the heater being bypassed..

Correspondence

None

Old Business

Chairman Fee gave an update on the Champion/Lordstown Bulk Sewer Agreement as follows: Warren City met with Lordstown with regard to sending bills to Lordstown residents covered under a different agreement for the rate that the County has negotiated. Warren City just indicated they would look into the issue. Our attorney is providing updates to the Village and the Board as they become available.

Facilities Use Form: All documents should be on file with the Board prior to form approval and use of the property.

Healthcare Cost Containment Committee meeting will be “to be determined”, but as soon as possible as rates are in and we need to have the files forwarded to another broker for additional information.

New Business

The August Workshop was set for August 8, 2018 at 10:00 am in the Township Administration Building, requesting Police Chief White and Fire Chief Hickey’s presence. A special meeting was set for August 19, 2019 at 6:00pm at the Champion Township Fire Station, to include the Champion Youth Soccer League Board and the Township Attorney to discuss Central Property Maintenance. Additional topics will be added as they arise.

The State of Ohio Liquor Control Board sent us a request asking if there was any issue with current licenses issues in the Township and whether the board wanted a hearing prior to renewal of any permits. There are currently no issues with permits that are already issued. The Board is awaiting a date for the liquor permit that was requested by *El Viejo*, a new Mexican restaurant coming to the township. No date has been communicated to the Township as of yet. The fiscal Officer has been directed to submit the correspondence with “No hearings requested.”

Trustee Emerine brought forth a potential motion and request for proposals to get quotes for installing time clocks in the Township. He cannot fathom that he has been signing time sheets for over a year and no one is ever late to work. Trustee Bugos argued against time clocks. Trustee Fee indicated that most everyone except teachers and salaried personnel punch time clocks. As no motion was necessary to gather proposals, Trustee Bugos indicated that he would do research since he was against the idea and wanted enlightened and would bring back proposals to the Board.

Public Comment

Lois Hamilton, 247 Marshall, problems with flooding. King Brothers says her drains go to the road even though everyone in the Township told her that was impossible for them to drain uphill. Road Supervisor Connelly will go to the home and perform a dye test on the drains.

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shaffer NW, had comments about people using time clocks.

Gener Bradley, 398 Atwood, had comments about the sanitary sewer, the old Copperweld property, property taxes, people running red lights, cemetery concerns and a large rock in a ditch on Pierce and Shaffer.

Rex Fee, 531 Fairlane Dr, announced he would not be running for reelection in November.

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

Trustee Bugos made a motion to exit Executive Session.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Special Session on August 16, 2019 at 9:25am for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township with a full board present. Many members of the committee were late. Members Dan Wasko and Chris Connelly were on vacation.

Greig Flowers and John Woods were in attendance with the Healthcare Cost Containment Committee to deliver the rates and discuss how to proceed.

Anthem’s price on our current plan was higher than the current rate we have now. Medical Mutual was able to beat the rate by \$2,500+.

Other plans with other deductibles were examined. Other types of plans were also discussed.

The Board indicated that they would like Woods and Flowers to continue to look into other options, with United Healthcare and Aetna prior to coming to the next meeting. The broker believed they could have a package together by Labor Day and transfer the FormFire over to Burnham and Flower.

The Board requested a copy of the rates quoted to be sent to the Fiscal Office for distribution to the other members.

Hearing no further comment, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees postponed the Special Meeting set for August 19, 2019 at 5pm due to incorrect advertisement of the meeting.

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Special Meeting on August 27, 2019 at 3:15pm with a full board present.

F2019-67 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fire Chief Hickey to approve Fire Reserve Derick Rapczak, FFII/EMT Basic Certification at a rate of \$9.00 per hour for the first 90 days, then \$10.00 per hour thereafter. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-68 Trustee Bugos made a motion to approve the purchase of 4 Lenovo ThinkStation P330 Desktop computers plus up to 10 hours of computer support to migrate data from old workstations, not to exceed \$3111.20 for the Police and Road departments. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to accept the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources in the amount of \$4,558,580.01 dated August 19, 2019, and reduce Cemetery appropriations to match. This certificate updates the General Fund transfer to Zoning while reducing revenue to the Cemetery due to lack of full burials from increased cremations. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to enter Executive Session, inviting Road Department Crew Chief Andreatta to discuss personnel matters relative to the open Road Supervisor position. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Bugos had to leave at 4:30pm.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to exit Executive Session. Trustee Fee seconded. Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Hearing no further comment, the meeting was adjourned.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer