

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on August 3, 2020 at 6:30p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the township, via conference call under HB 197 (978) 990-5242, Access Code:3519757. Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order with a full board present.

May Minutes were approved as submitted.

Z2020-88 Trustee Bugos made a motion for supplemental appropriation in the Zoning Fund. Trustee Templeton objected. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton no.

A date for contract negotiations was set for August 5, 2020 at 5:30pm in the Township Garage. Discussion was held about meeting in the school community room. The public will be notified if the location is changed.

G2020-89 Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated July 8, 2020, in the amount of \$6,294,542.88. Trustee Templeton seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

The department heads presented their respective reports and gave an update on how the departments were handling the Covid-19 pandemic, including the disinfecting and sanitizing facilities, vehicles and equipment.

Z2020-90 Trustee Bugos made a motion to declare the attached list of properties as nuisance properties under ORC 505.87(1). Trustee Templeton seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

P2020-91 Trustee Templeton made a motion to accept donations for the Champion township Police Department, Champion Golf Carts, \$250; Jim Goetz State Farm Insurance Agency, \$1,000.00. trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

R2020-92 Trustee Bugos made a motion to have Gaumer Landscaping, 417 State Road, remove a tree at 162 Stewart at a cost not to exceed \$2,175, prior to the start of the paving project, pending discussion with Trumbull County Engineers Gary Shaffer. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton no.

Chief Hickey discussed the finalizing of the MARCS Radio Grant Trustees discuss the money that was not spent with regard to the grant. Fiscal Officer Hatt requested that the Trumbull County Fire Chief's Association consider reimbursing the Township for administrative costs that were incurred.

CARES Act legal opinion of the Trumbull County Prosecutors Office with regard to the list of needs/and or wants for the Township.

Correspondence

Lawsuit update on Granite City Center vs Champion Township, date of appearance t pretrial conference is October 7, 2020 at 9:30am.

The Audit is almost complete; they are finishing up.

The previously discussed the CARES Act money letter from Prosecutor Toth was discussed in further detail. The Trustees discussed the ambulance and other items that seemed downed due to some gray areas. The suggestion was made to engage the Prosecutor to clarify some items. Chairman Emerine and Fiscal Officer Hatt will have a discussion with him as soon as scheduling permits. Trustee Templeton wanted to put off any decision with regard to the ambulance as he believed we had until October 22, 2020 to decide. He was corrected to understand that it must be encumbered by September 30, 2020.

The Trustees had an *intense* discussion with regard to the Nutwood stop sign issues. The questions are "Can You (authority)?", "Should You?" and "How Do you go about it?" according to legal counsel. Trustee Bugos had the sign removed on July 11, 2020. Trustee Emerine believes the sign should go back up. Trustee Emerine wanted it made known that he had balls to stand up to the public and that

he was not in favor of taking down the sign, even though he texted Trustee Bugos, "Do what you want, I am done."

Old Business

Trustee Emerine and Trustee Templeton wanted to begin working on a Park Committee because there was some comments on Facebook that stated that Trustee Bugos was the only one in favor of a park.

Trustee Bugos wanted to wait on putting a committee together until the engineering firm could engage the community.

Trustee Emerine and Trustee Templeton gave Trustee Bugos permission to engage the firm. Fiscal Officer Hatt warned that a motion was needed to appropriate any money from the Park fund prior to authorizing the expenditure.

Public Comment

R. Fonce, 5336 Mahoning Ave, had questions about the purpose of the stop sign on Nutwood. She also wanted to thank everyone who reached out to her after her accident. She also wanted to thank Trustee Emerine and Trustee Bugos for voting yes on the appropriation for the Zoning department.

Trustee Templeton made a motion to enter in to executive session with regard to personnel matters in all departments. Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

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

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in special session on August 5, 2020 at 5:30pm, with a delayed start due to miscommunication on the time.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of the police department negotiations. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes.

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

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in special session on August 11, 2020 at 2pm for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township. The Chairman called the meeting to order with a full board present.

Intense discussion was held for over two hours on the Coronavirus Relief Fund money that the Township received. Trustee Emerine and Fiscal Officer Hatt gave the Board an update from the Prosecutor's update, "reasonable judgement", "previous discussions", "previously budgeted" definitions. Trustee Templeton insisted that the Treasury update said we can take delivery after December 30, as long as we order it. Trustee Templeton insisted on contacting the OBM for clarification, even though there were multiple sources of documentation presented to him from the US

Department of the Treasury, the Ohio Office of Budget and Management and the Ohio Township Association.

Fiscal Officer Hatt agreed to send an email for clarification to OBM.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting WITH NO ACTION TAKEN.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees had to cancel a special session set for 8/21/2020 due to non-Covid-19 illness.

The Champion township Board of Trustees met in special session on August 27, 2020 at 6pm for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township. The Chairman called the meeting to order.

Trustee Templeton made a motion to enter in to executive session for interviews in the Road Department. Trustee Emerine seconded. Templeton yes, Emerine yes.

Trustee Bugos arrived late.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to exit executive session.

Additional discussion was held on CARES Act/Coronavirus Relief Funding.

Trustee Bugos made a motion utilizing the Coronavirus Relief Fund and General Fund, to authorize the purchase from Myers Equipment, of an E450 Ambulance at a cost of \$129,916.00 for combatting the pandemic due to the need to keep an ambulance out of service while sanitizing and restocking after Covid-19 suspected and Covid-19 positive runs. This will be an addition to our current fleet. The reallocation of appropriations will be for \$123,160.51 from fund 2272-760-750 and supplemental appropriation \$6,755.49 from 1000-760-750. Motion died for a lack of second because Trustee Templeton threatened that there would be dire consequences in the media if the motion passed. Trustee Templeton begged Trustee Bugos to remove the motion from the floor, stating that it was putting too much pressure on Trustee Emerine to have to decide. Trustee Bugos pushed for more information on the threat. Trustee Templeton insisted that the meeting was only advertised for the purpose of Road Interviews and any motion made on the ambulance would be illegal. Fiscal Officer Hatt presented information to the contrary but Trustee Templeton insisted in making vague threats about community backlash in spending the CARES Act money on an ambulance. The motion died for a lack of second.

Trustee Templeton then pleaded with the other Trustees to give him until the September 14, 2020 Regular Meeting to come up with a better way to spend the nearly \$184,000 the township would have received by then. Trustee Emerine stated that he would second the ambulance if there was any question as to the options presented by Trustee Templeton at that meeting. Trustee Templeton thanked his colleagues for having faith in him. Fiscal Officer Hatt strongly objected to the Board's inaction as there had already been three ambulance options snatched up by other entities and this ambulance had been on hold for several days already for our Township.

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

Chairman

Fiscal Officer