

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular session on August 2, 2021, at 6:45pm in the Township garage due to problems with advertising and the delta variant. The Chairman called the meeting to order with a full board present.

G2021-79 Trustee Bugos made a motion to affirm votes from July 5 meeting due to it being partially virtual, at the advice of Attorney Letson and Assistant Prosecutor Danso, due to the legalities of the votes being vague at this time. Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes. (Templeton abstained as he was not present at that meeting.)

A motion to accept the June 2021 Minutes was tabled as Trustee Templeton believed Trustee Bugos had questions on it. Trustee Bugos did not recall any, nor did Fiscal Officer Hatt, but a review will be conducted prior to the next regular meeting so the minutes are not behind when questions arise. Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated July 22, 2021, in the amount of \$4,769,938.02. Templeton seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

Trustees acknowledge the receipt of the June Financial statements.

G2021-80 Trustee Bugos made a motion to declare Juneteenth a holiday for all non-bargaining unit employees. Those non-bargaining unit employees shall receive a floating holiday (8 hours straight time) that must be used by December 31. Templeton seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

P2021-81 Trustee Bugos made a motion to approve supplemental appropriation and purchase of a Hile furnace/AC unit from MD Denna Heating and Cooling for the Police Department in the amount of \$5,790, which includes labor and equipment. Appropriation Account 2191-760-740. Templeton seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

The trustees tabled a motion to approve a supplemental appropriation of \$28,553 from 2193-330-360 for Ronyak Paving for the 2021 OPWC Road Resurfacing Project on Brookside and Woodside. This amount is Champion's portion of the grant awarded jointly to Warren Township and Champion Township for the complete paving of both roads. Total project cost was \$206,909 until they had information in writing on the project as questions had arisen. Trustee Emerine began a sidebar conversation about a Warren Township project on Allison and Grady for the 2022 program year. He asked Working Foreman Davis to investigate it.

A motion to accept the Land Use Plan from Baker Bednar Snyder to update the Township's comprehensive plan was tabled due to Trustee Templeton not finding a copy in his email. There are some questions of it being sent to his township email or his personal email. He has not begun using his township email yet.

Announcement: there will be a "Rotary Remembers" presentation on August 7 at 7pm at the Champion High School stadium. The event to honor first responders and those who have lost the battle to the coronavirus pandemic. Residents are encouraged to attend. Regarding setting a date for Fire negotiations, the Board requested Atty. Letson file a notice to appear, and the Board had concerns over the negotiations.

The department heads gave their respective reports, including Fire Chief Hickey stating that he would be inspecting the old Speedway (corner of champion and Mahoning) on August 4, 2021, to find a reason to rid the township of the eyesore. Directions were given to the department heads to ensure their employees had all filled out formfire. Trustee Emerine addressed multiple complaints about speed in the allotments that he had received. Chief White indicated that the department has stepped up patrols for speeders, but the only street where complaints have quieted down was Nutwood. Working Foreman Davis discussed the 21-year-old excavator having major issues, including hydraulics.

The parts are approximately \$15,000. The excavator could be worth a good deal on trade in or for sale on GovDeals, but only if they act soon. A new excavator is over \$60,000, Davis is getting quotes. The department does not have the funding for new equipment without cutting into the paving budget, at

this time, but there may e a light n in the future regarding the road budget. Residents on Prospect have requested chip seal/blacktopping of their road.

Zoning Inspector Fonce reports that the land bank is backed up and has no time to mow their properties, so they would like the township to mow. Fonce has sent several properties for review to be placed in the land bank at this time.

During his report, Chief White addressed the lack of applicants available for part time personnel. Fire Chief Hickey expects the FEMA AFG Grant to go through for a cardiac monitor for \$39,700, the township share to be a 5% match. He also mentioned that we are short on part timers and have had many unfilled shifts in the fire department.

The subject of mosquito spraying was brought up. Trustee Templeton was interested in overhead spraying rather than a third ground spraying. Working Foreman Davis was going to check in to the larvicide donuts. The Central playground is in disrepair. Working Foreman Davis is going to continue to work on it. Trustees Bugos and Emerine authorized the expenditure out of the general fund for the maintenance cost.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept the \$1,000 donation by the McFarland family to the police department and thank them for their sizeable donation. Templeton seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

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Correspondence:

Fiscal Officer Hatt mentioned the upcoming deadline for filing the American Rescue Plan Act funding on September 4. She had numerous requests for the Township’s participation in the funding. Fiscal Officer Hatt and Working Foreman Davis were investigating a new ODOT Township Stimulus Plan that was up to a \$250,000 grant per township. More details are coming out and the Trumbull County Engineer is going to work with Davis on what is needed to apply.

Public Comment:

D. Christ, 400 Lauder, had comments and questions about the EMS billing, the Southington contract and the fire department levy.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to enter executive Session to discuss AFSCME negotiations. Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes.

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

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

***** After executive, the Board held a discussion on the ARP funds. Trustee Bugos made a motion to give the Zoning Inspector a 2 raise, effective immediately, due to increase in inflation as well as the recently negotiated union contracts in other departments. Bugos withdrew the motion as the Board felt that there were some outstanding issues with conduct that needed addressed prior to granting the increase.**

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met on August 12, 2021, at 7:03pm, at Ciminero's Banquet Hall for an emergency session dealing with the public health, safety, and welfare (at the conclusion of the Trumbull County Highway Engineers meeting) with a full board present.

CHAMPION TOWNSHIP OF TRUMBULL COUNTY, OHIO

Resolution No. G-2021-87

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE MATERIAL TERMS OF THE ONE OHIO SUBDIVISION SETTLEMENT PURSUANT TO THE ONE OHIO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING AND CONSISTENT WITH THE TERMS OF THE JULY 21, 2021 NATIONAL OPIOID SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT

AN EMERGENCY RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING the Baker, Dublikkar, et al to execute the Participation Agreement for the OneOhio Subdivision Settlement with McKesson Corporation, Cardinal Health, Inc., and AmerisourceBergen Corporation ("Settling Distributors") pursuant to the OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding regarding the pursuit and use of potential opioid litigation settlement funds and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement available at <https://nationalopioidsettlement.com/>.

WHEREAS, the Champion Township Board of Trustees, Ohio (herein "Municipality") is a township formed and organized pursuant to the Constitution and laws of the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the people of the State of Ohio and its communities have been harmed by misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance committed by certain entities within the Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Attorney General, and certain Local Governments, through their elected representatives and counsel, are separately engaged in litigation seeking to hold Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants accountable for the damage caused by their misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance; and

WHEREAS, the State of Ohio, through its Governor and Attorney General, and its Local Governments share a common desire to abate and alleviate the impacts of that misfeasance, nonfeasance and malfeasance throughout the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, the State and its Local Governments, subject to completing formal documents effectuating the Parties Agreements, have drafted and Champion Township Board of Trustees has adopted, and hereby reaffirms its adoption of, a OneOhio Memorandum of Understanding ("MOU") relating to the allocation and the use of the proceeds of any potential settlements described; and

WHEREAS, the MOU has been collaboratively drafted to maintain all individual claims while allowing the State and Local Governments to cooperate in exploring all possible means of resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Champion Township Board of Trustees understands that an additional purpose of the MOU is to create an effective means of distributing any potential settlement funds obtained under the MOU between the State of Ohio and Local Governments in a manner and means that would promote an effective and meaningful use of the funds in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio, as well as to permit collaboration and explore potentially effectuation earlier resolution of the Opioid Litigation against Opioid Pharmaceutical Supply Chain Participants; and

WHEREAS, nothing in the MOU binds any party to a specific outcome, but rather, any resolution under the MOU requires acceptance by the State of Ohio and the Local Governments; and

WHEREAS a settlement proposal is being presented to the State of Ohio and Local Governments by distributors AmerisourceBergen, Cardinal, and McKesson (collectively the “Settling Distributors”) to resolve governmental entity claims in the State of Ohio using the structure of the OneOhio MOU and consistent with the material terms of the July 21, 2021 proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement; and

WHEREAS, Champion Township Board of Trustees Council wishes to agree to the material terms of the proposed National Opioid Distributor Settlement Agreement with the Settling Distributors (the “Proposed Settlement”):

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE Champion Township Board of Trustees OF Trumbull County, OHIO.

Section 1. That the representing firm hereby is authorized to accept the Proposed Settlement on behalf of Champion Township Board of Trustees, pursuant to the terms of the OneOhio MOU.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of the Board relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open emergency meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements.

Section 3. This Resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure, necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, welfare and safety of Champion Township. The reason for the emergency is to ensure prompt pursuit of funds to assist in abating the opioid epidemic throughout Ohio.

	Yea	Nay
Trustee Bugos	<u> X </u>	_____
Trustee Emerine	<u> X </u>	_____
Trustee Templeton	<u> X </u>	_____

RESOLUTION NO. _____ G2021-88 _____
Appointing Additional Legal Counsel

Trumbull County, Ohio

Be It Resolved by the Township Trustees of [NAME] Township

WHEREAS, this date, August 2021, Trustee Bugos moved the adoption of the following Resolution:

WHEREAS, R.C. 309.09 authorizes the Board of Trustees to retain the services of additional legal counsel; and

WHEREAS, consistent with the Revised Code, the Board of Trustees hereby determines it is necessary to have additional legal counsel to advise them on legal matters.

NOW THEREFORE, it is hereby RESOLVED by the Board that:

1. Pursuant to R.C. 309.09, Tonya J. Rogers and the firm of Baker, Dublikar are hereby engaged as additional legal counsel for the Board.
2. Compensation is fixed at the hourly rate of \$140.00 per hour for work on behalf of the Township.

Trustee Templeton seconded the Motion, and thereupon, the votes in favor of this Resolution were recorded and reflected by the signatures hereto.

Bugos	yes
Emerine	yes
Templeton	yes

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer