

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 victual, 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 be 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

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.

See attached Resolutions G2021-87 about Opioid Crisis.

See attached Resolution G2021-88 appointing legal counsel to assist with American Rescue Plan Funds.

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