

The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a meeting on Tuesday May 5, 2026, at 6 pm, at the Township Administration Building, located at 240 Marshall Ave. Warren, OH, for the purpose of conducting township business.

Fiscal Officer Miller conducted roll call: Trustee Jeffers present; Trustee York present; and Chairman Emerine present.

All those in attendance stood and recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Emerine reminded everyone that as a public meeting, any interruptions can be subject to removal. The public was encouraged to not interrupt the meeting and to 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 made the following announcements:

The next regular Trustee meeting will be held on June 2, 2026, at 6 pm, at the Champion Township Administration Building, located at 240 Marshall Ave. Warren, OH.

The Trustees will hold a special meeting at the Township Administration Building, 240 Marshall Ave, on Thursday May 7, 2026, at 1:30 pm. Executive session will be entered under Ohio Revised Code (ORC) Section 121.22 (G) (4) to conduct negotiations/bargaining sessions with the Ohio Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (OPBA).

Reminder that the Champion Township Tire Clean-up Day is Saturday May 9, 2026, from 8 am to 1 pm, at 149 Center St. E. Residents are to pre-register at the Fiscal Office, at 240 Marshall Ave. to obtain a pass/ticket. A valid State ID Card or Driver's License is required to obtain the pass/ticket. This event is limited to Champion residents. There is a limit of 6 tires per household. Hours for pre-registration are: May 7, from 5pm to 8pm, and May 8, from 9am to 1pm.

Cemetery Clean-up will be taking place from May 11, 2026, to May 16, 2026. Residents are reminded that only Spring/Summer flower arrangements/decorations are permitted to remain in place and they must also be in good condition. Any Christmas flowers/decorations and items that are not in good condition that remain on May 11th will be collected and discarded.

New Business

G2026-72: Trustee York made a motion to approve the receipt of the April Financial Reports to include: Cash Summary by Fund, Revenue Summary, Fund Ledger, Appropriation Status, Fund Status, Fund Summary, and Purchase Order Status. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2026-73: Trustee York made a motion to approve the April Payment Warrant Listing Report in the amount of \$58,794.63. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2026-74: Trustee York made a motion to approve the Electronic Funds Report (EFT) in the amount of \$248,151.90. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2026-75: Trustee York made a motion to approve the April Credit Card Report in the amount of \$707.23. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

C2026-76: Trustee York made a motion to approve, with appreciation, the donation of \$100 to the Cemetery Fund, from Courtney Hatt. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

C2026-77: Trustee York made a motion to approve the hiring of Alan Patrick as a seasonal worker for the Cemetery, at an hourly rate of \$14/hour, upon successful completion of a Drug Screening Test. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2026-78A: Trustee York made a motion to approve of an increase in Revenue, in the Local Public Works Commission Fund (4403), Account 4403-760, in the amount of \$111,000.00, for the OPWC portion of the expenditures associated with the 2025 Eldon, Shirley, Clearview Road Resurfacing project, which was postponed due to inclement weather. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2026-78B: Trustee York made a motion to increase appropriations in the Local Public Works Commission Fund (4403), Account 4403-760, in the amount of \$111,000.00, to enable payment to the vendor for the OPWC portion of the expenditures associated with the 2025 Eldon, Shirley, Clearview Road Resurfacing project, which was postponed due to inclement weather. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2026-79: Trustee York made a motion to approve the request of an Amended Certificate to reflect the 2025 OPWC Revenue, in the amount of \$111,000.00. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Z2026-80: Trustee York made a motion to approve the following Resolution declaring 356 Cleveland Ave. Warren, OH, a nuisance property, in accordance with ORC 505.87 (B). Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.



Champion Township Board of Trustees

Chairman Doug Emerine
Trustee Thomas Jeffers
Trustee Dean "Rick" York
Fiscal Officer Laurie Jo Miller

RESOLUTION No. Z 2026-80
DATE 05/05/26

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Champion Township Board of trustees hereby determines that the owner's maintenance of vegetation, garbage, refuse and other debris upon the following real property constitutes a nuisance;

ADDRESS OF PROPERTY

356 Cleveland Ave., Warren, Ohio 44483

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the notice of this Board's Intent to provide for the abatement, control or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constituting said nuisance be given to all owners of the land and holders of liens of record upon said land in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.; and**

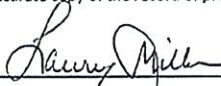
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that upon proper notice, and failure of the property owner to abate said nuisance within seven days, the Board of Trustees provide for the abatement control or removal of said vegetation, garbage, refuse or other debris constituting said nuisance in accordance with **Section 505.87 (B) O.R.C.;**

ROLL CALL:
Emerine Yes
Jeffers Yes
York Yes

FISCAL OFFICER CERTIFICATION

I, Laurie Jo Miller, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and accurate copy of the record of proceedings of the Champion Township Board of Trustees.

Date 05/05/26


Laurie Jo Miller, Fiscal Officer

Old Business

Department Workshop Meetings will be held the third Tuesday of each month. Each month a different Department will be scheduled and that will ensure that all departments have a Workshop Meeting at least once per quarter. The Fire Department is scheduled for June. The Sunshine Law Resolution will need to be updated, reposted on the outside bulletin board, and submitted to the Township Website and Tribune Chronicle.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Miller will be meeting with an OTARMA Cyber IT Risk Consultant on Friday May 15, 2026, at 1pm, to review and discuss Champion Township Compliance with HB96. The Township is required to be compliant by July 1, 2026.

The 2024 and 2025 Fiscal Records have been returned and the Fiscal Audit Report is Pending.

The Champion Township Website is going to be required to meet ADA Accessibility requirements (WCAG)2.1 Level AA) by April 26, 2027. Fiscal Officer Miller has been in discussion with John and Babette Sisler. More to follow on this.

Department Reports

Zoning Inspector Gerry Brown presented the Zoning Department report and the Building Rental Report for the month of April. There are five events scheduled for the Administration Building. He reminded all that the free garage sale event is May 21, 2026, to May 31, 2026.

Permit Report for April is as follows:

City/Twp/Village: Champion						Apr-26
Parcel #	Permit Description	Permit #	Permit Date	Est. Constr. Cost	Property Owner Name	Property Address
46-055771	fence	556	4/1/2026	\$ 2,500.00	Cynthia & Curtis Blevins	5248 Copeland ave, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-147445	fence	557	4/3/2026	\$ 2,500.00	Matthew Fye	260 Marshall ave, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-903620	outbuilding	558	4/6/2026	\$ 30,000.00	Daniel Burkholder	625 Bristol Champion Twnln, Warren
46-901889	fence	559	4/7/2026	\$ 2,400.00	Marsha Snider	173 Chapel Hill N, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-166725	fence	560	4/7/2026		Joshua Sloan	150 Earl Dr, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-172120	shed	561	4/7/2026	\$ 6,000.00	Don J Knowlton	4129 Kincaid E, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-903022	deck	562	4/8/2026	\$ 7,500.00	Michael Bonning	430 Airport Rd, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-337300	fence	563	4/10/2026	\$ 7,285.00	Timothy Frazier	5915 Downs Rd, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-901724	shed	564	4/14/2026	\$ 6,800.00	Darin Mcallister	4980 Damon Ave, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-162601	fence	565	4/14/2026	\$ 2,500.00	Melissa Toth	276 Marshall Ave, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-310215	barn (agricluture exemption)	566	4/17/2026	\$ 45,000.00	Robert Mullet	386 Bristol Champion Twnln Rd, Warren,
46-232900	deck	567	4/17/2026	\$ 19,000.00	Deborah Sandor	831 Center St, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-221050	inlaw suite	568	4/22/2026	\$ 35,000.00	Mark Mines	207 Glendola, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-373479	addition	569	4/22/2026		JHU Investments LLC	4371 N Leavitt Rd NW, Warren, Ohio 444
46-218150	solar	570	4/22/2026		Linda Miller	2100 State Rd, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-903709	shed	571	4/28/2026		Robert Schwab	335 oak hollow dr, Warren, Ohio 44481

Working Foreman Shawn Davis presented the Road and Cemetery Department Report for the month of April.



April 2026

- 4-10 hour days??
- Loader bucket \$2000.00
- Took off spreader and put away
- Finished cleaning up berm
- Finished kitchen at the administration building
- Cleaned off basins
- Cold patched roads several times
- Fixed sink hole on Durst
- 70' of 12" double wall pipe, 1 tee, and basin lid on Atwood
- Cut grass behind Speedway and on Cleveland East
- Started cutting cemetery and soccer fields
- Ordered 1,200 ton of salt
- Dug up parking lot at administration building
- Started cleaning up branches
- Fixed water line in well house (water leaking)
- Fixed basin on corner of Marshall and Bond formed and cemented



- Fixed basin on corner of Alva and Esther. Found a 12" basin underground put a 8" and 4" riser on it with a grate
- Ditching on Shafer from Bristol-Champion townline road to Airport on both sides
- Cut road on Downs to get ready to change crosspipe
- Sewer manhole on Alva??

R2026-81: Working Foreman Davis presented a quote for repair of the loader bucket in the amount of \$2,000.00. Trustee York made a motion that Champion Township enter into an agreement with J.-Caldwell Welding Fabrication, 229 Center St. West, Warren, OH, 44481, for 36 1/4" sheet metal at \$600, 20 hours of labor at \$60/hour, wire electrodes, and gas. The Total amount of the repair is not to exceed \$2,000.00. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

R2026-82: Trustee York made a motion to approve, at the request of Working Foreman Davis, installation of a manhole riser on Alva Ave, through R.T. Vernal Paving, 11299 South Ave. North Lima, OH, 44452, in the amount not to exceed \$1,600.00. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Police Chief Larry Skaggs presented the following Police Department Report for the month of April:



CHAMPION POLICE
DEPARTMENT



APRIL 2026

Legally Confident / Tactically Confident Training Class



Month	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	256	471	494	393	514
February	266	471	484	367	502
March	325	538	448	516	583
April	324	541	572	547	503
May	333	545	557	530	
June	324	535	549	515	
July	494	633	581	582	
August	345	576	563	570	
September	424	586	502	519	
October	518	465	539	493	
November	435	424	535	465	
December	363	452	511	498	

Traffic Crash Investigations	7
Traffic Stops	170
Citations Issued	30
Adult Arrests	4
Juvenile Arrests	0
Warrant Arrests	2
Domestic Violence / Disputes	1
	1
Incident Reports	37
OVI's	0

Mutual Aid Calls: 2 Asst other agency
2 Asst CPD

NOTES:

- *The Champion Police Department has joined the Ohio Collaborative for annual accreditation and has completed the first phase.
- *The February altercation at the Beach House was "No Billed" after the victim did not cooperate with the Grand Jury.
- *One male subject (age 19) was charged with Unlawful Sexual Contact with a Minor (Felony 4) after an investigation. The victim was (14).
- *One female subject (age 32) has been charged with Grand Theft from a Protected Person (Felony 2) after an investigation revealed she had been stealing from residents while employed as a Home Health Aide. Total value is more than \$56,000.00. Some residents were unaware this had been happening.
- *Officer Lowery and K9 Storm assisted the Lordstown Police Department in locating a .40 cal

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CHAMPION POLICE DEPARTMENT



APRIL 2026

handgun possibly used in a shooting in Warren.

*Two suspects previously pled guilty to Assaults at the Beach House bar. One suspect was sentenced to thirty days in jail and the other was given a ten day jail sentence.

*A stolen 22 foot cargo trailer was recovered, and the investigation is still pending.

*Officer Lowery and K9 Storm completed annual OPOTA K9 certification.

ADMIN:

*Four officers attended a one-day training at the Mahoning Valley First Responders Wellness Center. The Legally Confident / Tactically Confident training was an interactive course that presents tactics and case law and covered state mandated topics.

*Chief Skaggs attended the two-day Pathway to Excellence Summit in Columbus for annual accreditation and mandated training.

*Chief Skaggs will be meeting with area chiefs on May 12, 2026 with Commissioner Tony Bernard and the TC 911 Review Committee about ongoing concerns. A previous meeting was held April 9, 2026.

REMINDER:

*Prescription Drug Take Back is available 7 days a week for residents at the station.

*Lock your doors and do not leave valuables visible in your car.

Fire Chief Thomas Dempsey presented the following Fire Department Report for the month of April:



CHAMPION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

139 Champion Street West • Warren, OH 44483 • Phone (330) 847-0311 • Fax (330) 847-0318
Fire Chief Thomas Dempsey

May 5, 2026

To: Champion Township Board of Trustees
Mr. Doug Emerine
Mr. Dean "Rick" York
Mr. Thomas Jeffers
Mrs. Laurie Jo Miller, Fiscal Officer

From: Thomas Dempsey, Fire Chief

Personnel:

- Request motion to accept the resignation of Alex Russo.

Public Relations/ Public Education:

- Two Fire Safety inspections were completed.
- 8 Smoke detectors installed.
- Met with Mercy Health construction plan review. Fire alarm system, fire suppression

Vehicle and Equipment Status:

- T21 Vacuum leak repair.
- Squad cabin filters replaced.
- Eng21 coolant leak repaired.
- Tk21 serviced (Champion Hts)

Facility Status:

- Holko on station for estimate 5/4
 - Repairs to main roof
 - Replace center bay
 - Repairs to truck bay

Training:

- 6 hours EMS Training (Cardiac)
- 9 hours Fire Training (Hose Deployment)

Other:

House fire on Mahoning:
Accidental cooking incident.
No civilian or FF injuries.
One occupant escaped before arrival.
Two cats Two rabbits did not make it.
200k Damage

April Alarms

Total calls: 100

EMS: 107

Fire: 21

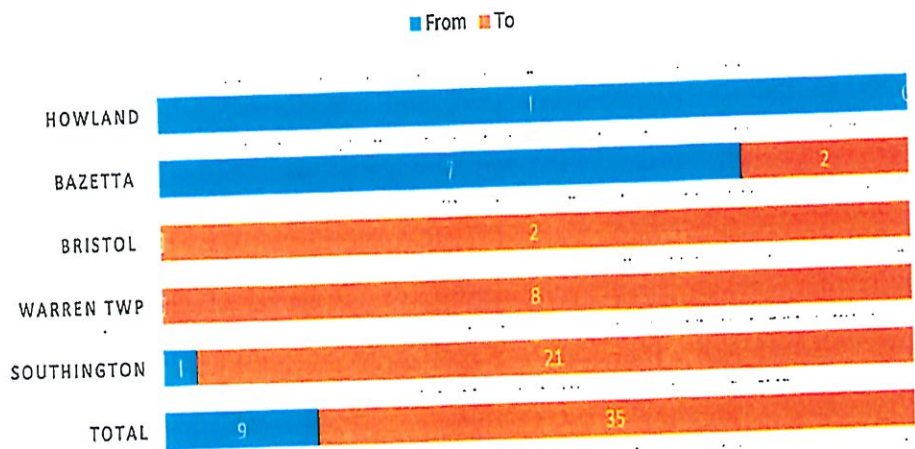
Consecutive Calls: 23



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2025 MUTUAL AID REPORT



F2026-83: Trustee York made a motion to approve the resignation of Reserve Firefighter Alex Russo, effective immediately. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; and Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Public Comment

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder - Informed the meeting participants that Champion Discount Drugstore is closing and expressed her disappointment now that the Township will no longer have a drugstore. She also commented on the vacant property near her home and wanted to know if it would be treated as a nuisance property. Trustees advised that they anticipated that there will be resolutions for additional nuisance properties as identified by the Zoning Inspector.

Patsy Naples inquired about the recent Zoning Board meeting regarding the Central property. Trustees advised Mr. Naples that the Zoning Board will not take action to re-zone the property as commercial and the Trustees have accepted the Zoning Board’s decision.

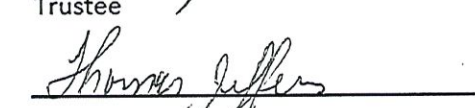
Rick Dearth, 5585 Chapel Hill Court, requested that the Trustees support the formation of a committee to plan a Champion Township Bicentennial Celebration in the year 2030. Trustees were in favor. Trustee Emerine and Trustee Jeffers agreed to participate on the committee.

Greg Lazor, 179 Aspen Drive, inquired if the township would be able to install drainage pipe purchased by residents to improve storm water drainage. While Trustees understand the frustration of the residents, Mr. Lazor was informed the township would need to seek legal counsel regarding this request.

Dennis Brashanahan, a Champion Township Resident, has been working with the Trumbull County Historical Society researching 3 veterans buried in Champion Cemetery, some of which do not have headstones on the gravesites. A question was raised, in celebration of the country’s 250th Celebration, if we could honor these following individuals: John Harper, Admiral Leech, and Mr. Gordon. Savannah Moss spoke on the behalf of the Trumbull County Historical Society and mentioned a VA headstone replacement program. She is willing to work with us to see what can be done. Cemetery Sexton, Shawn Davis, stated he could reach out to Ventling Memorials to see what kind of assistance they might be able to provide.

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


Trustee


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Fiscal Officer