The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in open session on October 6, 2026, at 6 pm at the Township Administration Building, located at 240 Marshall Ave. Warren, Ohio, for the purpose of conducting township business.

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Fiscal Officer Miller called roll call with a full Board present.

All present for the meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Emerine made the following reminder: The public is encouraged not to interrupt the meeting and please save all comments for the public comment session at the end of the meeting.

New Business

G2026-160 Trustee York made a motion to accept the receipt of the September Financial Reports via email, to include: Cash Summary by Fund, Revenue Summary, Fund Ledger, Appropriation Status, Fund Status, Fund Summary, and PO Status. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2026-161 Trustee York made a motion to approve the September Warrant Payment Listing Report in the amount of $55,837.87. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2026-162 Trustee York made a motion to approve the September Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Report in the amount of $203,455.25. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2026-163 Trustee York made a motion to approve the September Credit Card Payment in the amount of $1,204.60. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

G2026-164 Trustee York made a motion to approve the September Appropriation Supplemental Report. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Discussion was held regarding renewal of the OTARMA Insurance Coverage. It was noted that the proposal included an increase to move from stated amount on 4 township vehicles to HCA Value. Trustees requested an estimate keeping the 4 vehicles at stated value before making a decision.

C2026-165 Trustee York made a motion to approve the Cemetery Grant in the amount of $5,000.00 to replace the sign on State Route 45 and pay the difference of approximately $1,300. Trustee Jeffers seconded Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

F2026-166 Trustee Jeffers made a motion to hire Bryan Liepply as a part-time medic at the rate of $17.00 per hour. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

P2026-167 Trustee York made a motion to sell the remaining Marc's Portable Radios to Brookfield Township Police Department for $4,000.00. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

P2026-168 Trustee York made a motion to accept the below minimum bid on Govdeals for the sale of CPD Unit 57, in the amount of $1,375.00. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Trustee Emerine asked for a motion to accept the below minimum bid for CPD Unit 58 in the amount of $500.00. Discussion was held that it would be better financially to just scrap it.

P2026-169 Trustee York made a motion to declare worthless the 11 Getac tablets with possible donation to Cortland Police Department for use as parts. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Trustee York reminded the Department supervisors to encourage their employees to get their physicals done. The township needs 21 people to have physicals in order to get a discount on the cost of the medical insurance plan next year. We are currently at 10.

Trustee Emerine questioned whether the township has received any JEDD money and would like a report showing the monies received.

Fiscal Officer Miller noted that our new email domain for Township emails will be @championtwpoh.gov. This transition is part of our steps we are taking to enhance cybersecurity.

Department Reports

Fire Chief Thomas Dempsey presented the following Fire Dept Report for September:

CHAMPION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

Fire Chief Thomas Dempsey

October 6, 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:
- Recommend hiring PT Medic Liepply

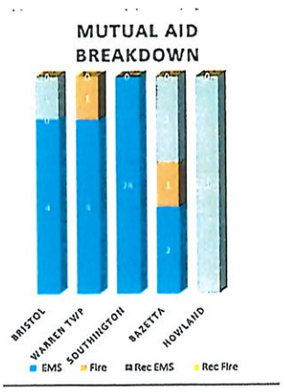
Public Relations/ Public Education:
- 3 Smoke detectors installed.
- 2 Inspections completed
- 1 Fire Extinguish class
- Open House completed – next in 2028
- Fire Prevention Presentation at Champion Day Care

Vehicle and Equipment Status:
- All units in service

Facility Status
- Main Breaker in station replaced

Training:
- 6 hours EMS Training
- Driver / operator training 40hrs

Sept. Alarms
203 Alarms
Year to Date 1921
-100 from 2025
Aid given 38
Aid Received 4



Chief Dempsey reported that the next Fire Department Open House will be held in September of 2028, in celebration of the 100th Anniversary of the Champion Township Fire Department.

Police Chief Larry Skaggs presented the Police Department Report for the month of September.

CHAMPION POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 2026

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	518
June	324	535	549	515	509
July	494	633	581	582	509
August	345	576	563	570	434
September	424	586	502	519	453
October	518	465	539	493	
November	435	424	535	465	
December	363	452	511	498	

Traffic Crash Investigations	17
Traffic Stops	183
Citations Issued	22
Adult Arrests	8
Juvenile Arrests	2
Warrant Arrests	2
Domestic Violence / Disputes	2 0
Incident Reports	42
OVI's	0

Mutual Aid Calls: 1 Asst other agency
1 Asst CPD

NOTES:

*The Champion Police Department is continuing its certification with the **Ohio Collaborative** for annual accreditation and received certification on groups one, two and now group eight.
*One case investigation for a large fight involving over thirty individuals and a stabbing at Willow Lake has resulted in Felonious Assault and Strangulation charges against a 19 year old male. More charges are pending.
*One child sexual assault case investigation.
*One case investigation into a possible rape of an elderly female at an elderly care facility with court orders and subpoenas being issued for records. The facility has denied law enforcement access to workers at the facility.
*CPD 63 has been put into service.
*CPD 57 and CPD 58 are out of service and on Gov/Deals. Newer tires were placed onto CPD62 from CPD57 by Doug Emerine.
*K9 Storm passed yearly OPOTA certification.
*All police cruisers have now been outfitted with new MDTs and Body Worn Camera chargers. No additional expenses.
*Applied for the OCJS grant for Body Worn Cameras (BWC) in the amount of $8,256.00 to pay for two years of CLOUD storage. This is a %100 grant with no match.

Serving our Community with Honor and Commitment

CHAMPION POLICE DEPARTMENT

September 2026

*Officer C. Pascoe will be attending 40 hours of Critical Incident Training (CIT).
*Officers are completing annual weapons qualifications, Taser and Continuing Education requirements in October.
*Renovation to back officer equipment room is complete. Thanks to Road Dept for all the help with the trim. Only township funds used was for a court / ticket mailbox.

*Annual Holiday fundraiser for the Kids Christmas shopping with an officer on Oct 15th at 5PM.
*Annual Holiday Food Drive has been set for November 21st from 10AM to 2PM at Golden Dawn.

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.

Four Police officers will be on duty for Trick or Treat on October 31, 2026.

Champion Police and Fire Departments have collection boxes at each building for the Annual Coat Drive, in collaboration with Champion Pride Council.

The trustees authorized Chief Skaggs to put all old and outdated equipment on GovDeals for total amount of all to be $500.00

Working Foreman Shawn Davis presented the Road/Cemetery Department Report for the month of September.

September 2026

- Cold patch roads
- Fixed door at administration building
- Cut up dead tree by road on Esther
- Cleaned up branches on Kincaid and Anderson Anthony
- Cut up 5' round tree on Templeton
- Chipped up branches on Esther, Alva, and Edward
- Cleaned up branches on Templeton
- Took down all the flags and banners on telephone poles
- Removed the flags from cemetery plots
- Trimmed trees on Anderson Anthony, Kincaid, and started Templeton
- Drug tested all employees through On Demand and set everyone up for random screenings
- Burned all flags
- Serviced all the zero turn mowers
- Picked up Hydraulic Cylinder and dropped the other two off for repairs

- Put in 30' of 8" double wall pipe and 1 tee on Glendola (driveway)
- Fixed sinkhole on Alva
- Put 12" riser on Esther
- Dug and poured cement for military marker
- Fixed dead ends with grindings
- Fixed two sinkholes on Durst
- Checked street lights there are two that I marked and emailed them to Ohio Edison
- We used the camera on High, Craig, and Calla
- Worked on box truck brakes
- Cut down two trees on the corner of Doris Jean and Earl
- Pushed big tree on templeton out of the right of way
- Trimmed trees and bushes on the corner of Durst and Louise
- Changed oil and sharpened the blades on the chipper
- Fixed sink hole on Eldon

- Put in 60' of 12" double wall pipe on Templeton (field drive)
- Took out slab wood and small pipe in ditch on Templeton
- Started milling Esther, Craig, and High St. they came back and did PDR's
- Flushing on Craig, High, Esther, Calla, Towson, Shafer, Alva, and Stewart
- Dug up bad pipe on Alva and put in 12' of 10" pipe

Zoning Inspector Gerry Brown presented the Zoning Department Report for the month of September.

City/Twp/Village: Champion — Sep-26

Parcel #	Permit Description	Permit #	Permit Date	Est. Constr. Cost	Property Owner Name	Property Address
46-902556	new construction	618	9/2/2026	$ 240,000.00	Jason & Teresa Hickman	6496 Mahoning Ave, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-903412	patio roof	619	9/2/2026	$ 1,000.00	Arthur & Holli Likens	5974 Shafer Rd, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-901700	shed	620	9/8/2026	$ 1,500.00	Jeffrey Kish	5129 Sabrina Ln, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-159513	pole barn	621	9/9/2026	$ 28,800.00	Jonathan Cummings	6080 Downs Rd, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-904174	inground pool	622	9/9/2026	$ 96,000.00	David & Amber Fleet	5300 sabrina Ln, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-308000	fence	623	9/9/2025	$ 10,435.00	Jaimie Ugarte	5863 Emerson Ave, Warren, Ohio 444483
46-117340	solar panels	624	9/10/2026	$ 38,675.00	Tom Hart	408 Bristol Champion , Warren, Ohio 44481
46-310220	inground pool	625	9/28/2026		Robert & Jennifer Gavazzi	392 Bristol Champion, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-121701	addition	626	9/14/2026	$ 5,500.00	Ledgestone Farms	6491 Downs Rd, Warren, Ohio 44481
46-903779	new construction	627	9/27/2026	$ 274,000.00	Kevin Hostetler & Lorianne Weaver	330 Bristol Champion, Bristolville, Oh 44402
46-103315	outbuilding	628	9/18/2026		Martin Mounts	5541 Mahoning Ave, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-220800	solar panels	629	9/18/2026	$ 20,328.00	Suzanne Mills	5847 Sarah Ave, Warren, Ohio 44483
46-901688	signage	630	9/29/2026	$ -	Mercy Health Youngstown LLC	570 Educational HW, Warren, Ohio
46-298500	outbuilding	631	9/30/2026	$ 5,500.00	Matthew Byler	6693 N Park Ave, Cortland, Ohio 44410

Trustee Emerine inquired whether there has been any more movement on the two new housing developments. Inspector Brown responded that they are waiting for environmental reports to come back from various agencies.

Public Comment

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shafer Road, questioned Chief Dempsey if the Open House provided any fire extinguisher training to anyone. Chief responded that they did not offer that but planned to during the next Open House scheduled for September 2028.

Cynthia Hancharick, Champion Chronicle, encouraged the Board to notify her of anything they wanted to put in the paper.

David Jaskowick, 4918 Myrtle Ave, questioned why the meeting minutes are not placed on the website once a month, sometimes 3 months show up at one time. Fiscal Officer Miller explained the process of getting them written, emailing them to the trustees, getting them approved, printing them on special paper, getting them signed, and then copying so they can be uploaded to the Township Website administrator. Fiscal Officer Miller advised that they are done as soon as possible, but it is workload dependent. Mr. Jaskowick also expressed his disappointment that non-existent business signs are still up, for example, Champion Skate. Trustee Emerine addressed the fact that the sign permit has no expiration date even though the business may be gone. Zoning Board member Silas Dozier stated that there is legislation in Attorney Mark Finamore's hands that they are still waiting for.

Aaron Abrahamson, 5294 Mahoning Ave, informed the meeting participants of the events being held at the Champion Local Schools.

Trustee York made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the compensation of a Public Employee per ORC Section 121.22(G)(1) and to consider the purchase or sale of property at competitive bidding per ORC Section 121.22(G)(2). Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Trustee Jeffers made a motion to exit Executive Session. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Z2026-170 Trustee York made a motion to consult a commercial realtor, Platz Realty, to offer a portion of the Central School property for sale for $178,000, with the Buyer paying

necessary fees. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

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

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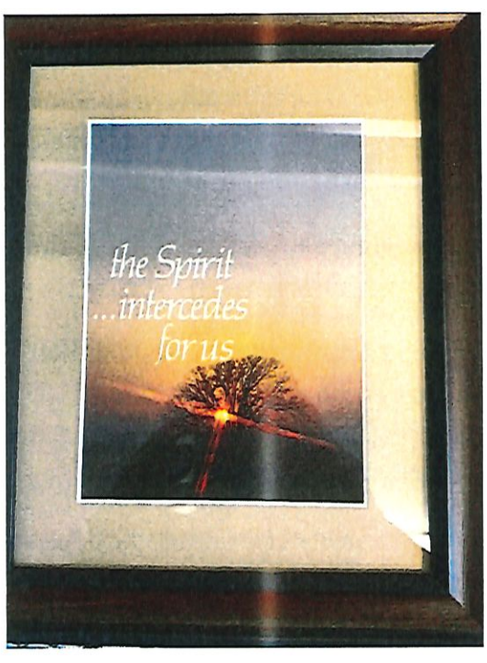
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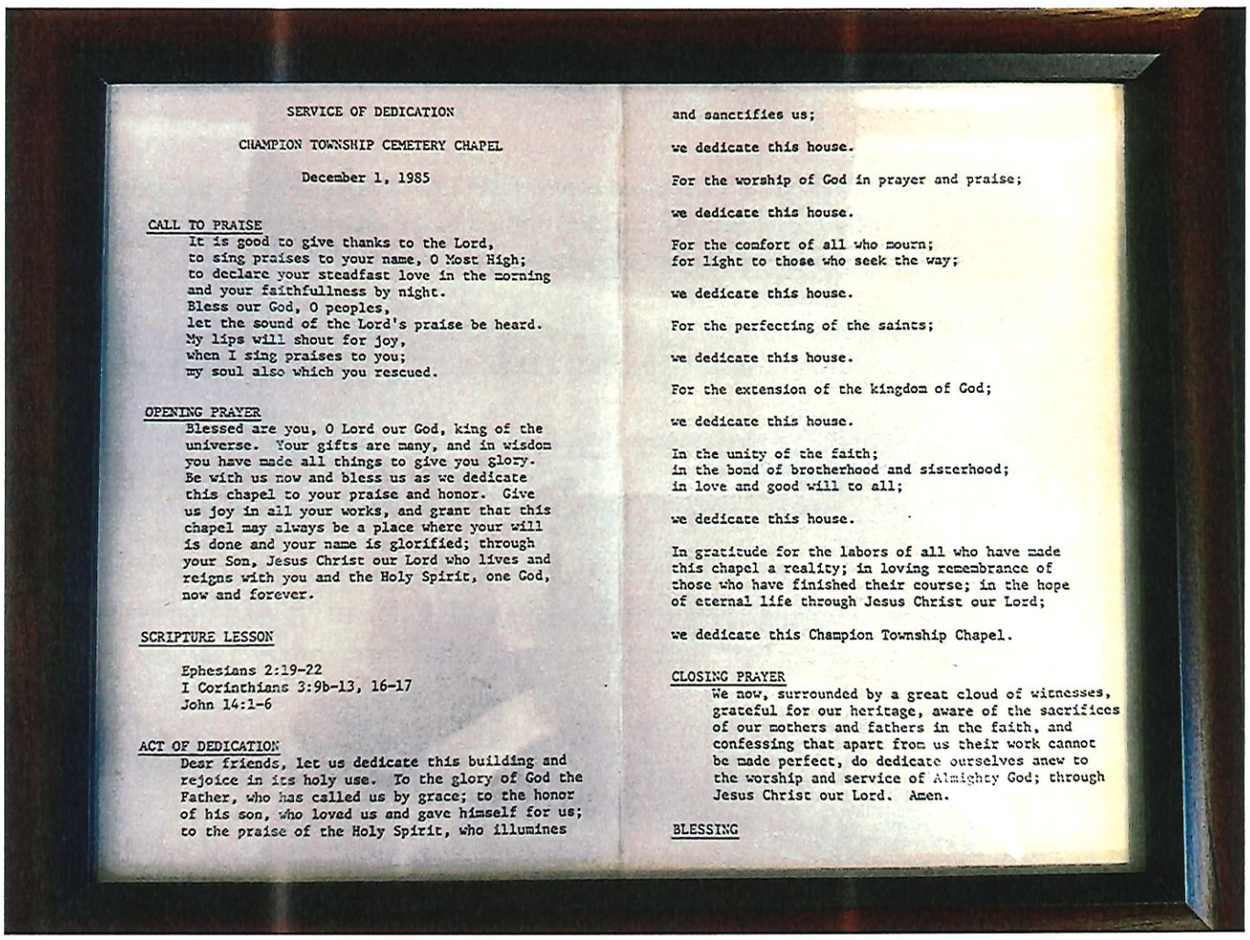
Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Fiscal Officer Miller called roll call with a full Board present.

All present for the meeting recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Vanessa Teuscher presented to the Board framed Ceremony Bulletins from the Dedication of the Chapel that took place on December 1, 1985. These bulletins were found when files were cleaned up and reorganized when the new Administration building opened.





SERVICE OF DEDICATION

CHAMPION TOWNSHIP CEMETERY CHAPEL

December 1, 1985

CALL TO PRAISE

It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;
to declare your steadfast love in the morning
and your faithfullness by night.
Bless our God, O peoples,
let the sound of the Lord's praise be heard.
My lips will shout for joy,
when I sing praises to you;
my soul also which you rescued.

OPENING PRAYER

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, king of the universe. Your gifts are many, and in wisdom you have made all things to give you glory. Be with us now and bless us as we dedicate this chapel to your praise and honor. Give us joy in all your works, and grant that this chapel may always be a place where your will is done and your name is glorified; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Ephesians 2:19-22
I Corinthians 3:9b-13, 16-17
John 14:1-6

ACT OF DEDICATION

Dear friends, let us dedicate this building and rejoice in its holy use. To the glory of God the Father, who has called us by grace; to the honor of his son, who loved us and gave himself for us; to the praise of the Holy Spirit, who illumines and sanctifies us;

we dedicate this house.

For the worship of God in prayer and praise;

we dedicate this house.

For the comfort of all who mourn;
for light to those who seek the way;

we dedicate this house.

For the perfecting of the saints;

we dedicate this house.

For the extension of the kingdom of God;

we dedicate this house.

In the unity of the faith;
in the bond of brotherhood and sisterhood;
in love and good will to all;

we dedicate this house.

In gratitude for the labors of all who have made this chapel a reality; in loving remembrance of those who have finished their course; in the hope of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord;

we dedicate this Champion Township Chapel.

CLOSING PRAYER

We now, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, grateful for our heritage, aware of the sacrifices of our mothers and fathers in the faith, and confessing that apart from us their work cannot be made perfect, do dedicate ourselves anew to the worship and service of Almighty God; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING

Working Foreman Shawn Davis discussed the following concerns with the Board of Trustees:

- Truck #8 needs a new radiator.
- The Road Department needs new drums for 15W40 oil and AW46 Hydraulic oil.
- The hammer drill broke and the replacement was $459.00.

The road department has been working diligently to manage the natural flow of water from Holmes down to Marshall to Hummel. Basins have been replaced and drain tiles have been opened up. Additional drain tiles were put on Hummel.

R2026-171 Trustee York made a motion to re-allocate the leftover monies in Fund 2193 ($27,000) from the 2025 Paving project, from Capitol Improvement to Supplies and Materials. Trustee Jeffers seconded. It was noted that 2026 Paving Project is expected to come in $20,000.00 to $30,000.00 under the original estimate. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

R2026-172 Trustee York made a motion to spend no more than $5,500.00, from Fund 2193, to finish the Water Management Project on Marshall Ave. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

The Board of Trustees mentioned that they are interested in applying for another NatureWorks Grant to continue development of the park property. The deadline however is October 31, 2026, and there is not enough time for this year, but we can start in early 2027 to meet that deadline. Trustees also are interested in seeing what other Grants are available and the corresponding due dates for those.

Trustees shared that some of the Central School Property was been listed with Platz Reality.

Public Comment

Silas Dozier, 5158 Shaffer Road, expressed that a thorough investigation needs to be held concerning Data Centers. Trustees have asked Zoning to look into this matter. Chairman Emerine would like to tour a newer Data Center to get a full clear overview.

Trustees are working to set a special meeting with Warren Township, possibly on November 4, 2026, at 6 pm, to explore alignment with Data Center vision regarding property owned jointly.

Gary Thompson, Cranberry Court, questioned the housing project for Cranberry Golf Course. Also inquired about a hospital expansion on top of the Mercy Health Emergency Room on Kent State Property. Once the facility is open, we will have a better idea if there will be future expansion.

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

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