

The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a meeting on August 4, 2026, at the Champion Township Administration Building located at 240 Marshall Ave, Warren, OH for the purpose of conducting the business of the township.

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

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

All present cited the Pledge of Allegiance.

Chairman Emerine reminded the attendees to not interrupt the meeting and to save all comments for the public comment session at the end of the meeting.

Trustee Emerine announced that there is a public meeting on August 10, 2026, at 10am at the Champion Township Administration building, located at 240 Marshall Ave, Warren, OH, for the purpose of discussing clean-up of Young's Run. This meeting will be advertised as a special public meeting.

New Business

G128-2026: Trustee York made a motion to approve the July Financial Reports to include: Cash Summary by Fund, Revenue Summary, Fund Ledger, Appropriation Status, Fund Status, Fund Summary and PO/BC Status. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G129-2026: Trustee York made a motion to approve the July Warrant Payment Listing in the amount of \$21,334.29. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G130-2026: Trustee York made a motion to approve the July Electronic Funds Report (EFR) in the amount of \$261,815.08. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G131-2026: Trustee York made a motion to approve the July Credit Card Payment Report in the amount of \$500.58. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G132-2026: Trustee York made a motion to approve the July Appropriation Supplemental Report. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Discussion regarding hiring for the Fire Department was tabled.

Discussion was held regarding hiring for the Road Department. Foreman Davis has two possible candidates. Trustee Emerine pointed out that if the candidate needs CDL training they must make an employment commitment for 5 years or pay a pro-rated rate for the CDL Training if they leave prior to completion of the 5-year commitment.

R133-2026: Trustee York made a motion to accept Landon Weaver's resignation. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

R135-2026: Trustee York made a motion to set the bid limit at a max of \$12,000 for a street sweeper advertised on Munibid. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

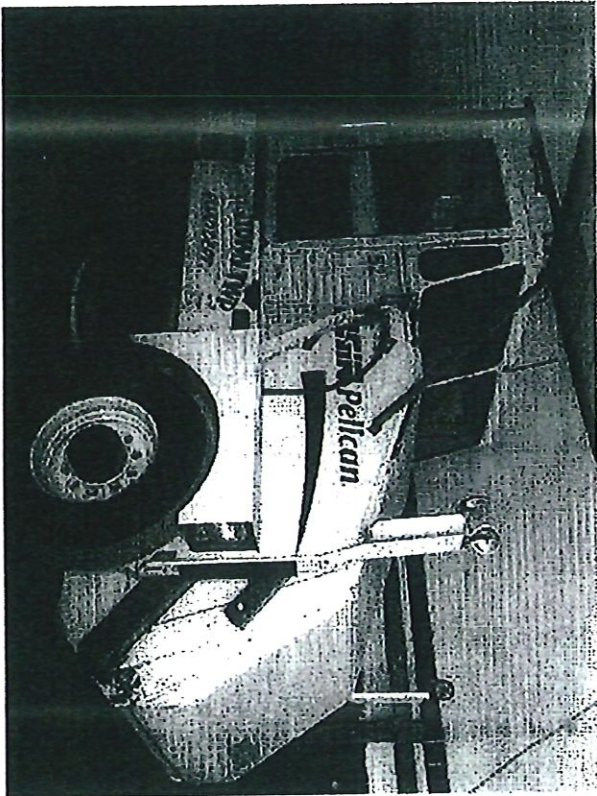
🏠 Browse / 📍 Street & Traffic / 🚛 Street Sweepers / 📄 2006 Elgin Pelican Street Sweeper (2014/1525)

2006 ELGIN PELICAN STREET SWEEPER

Listing # S3947873

📍 Youngstown, OH US

🏠 Austintown Township



🔍 Auction Details

Starting Bid: \$12,000.00	
Current Price: \$14,100.00	
11/27/2024	
Buyer's Email: [REDACTED]	
Start Date	11/27/2024 10:00 AM EST
End Date	11/27/2024 10:00 AM EST
Bid History	11/27/2024
High Bidder	[REDACTED]
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P136-2026: Trustee York made a motion to purchase 2 used police cruisers from the City of Niles in the amount of \$7,500 each. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Niles Police Cruisers For Sale

2019 Ford Explorer

VIN: 1FM5K8AR6KG31514

UNIT #100

Mileage: 90,045

2018 Ford Explorer

VIN: 1FM5K8AR6JGB47293

UNIT #181

Mileage: 77,322

*Our new cars are scheduled to be delivered the week of 8/10 or 8/17.

Looks like I will have the below available and wanted to give you first crack.

Both are equipped exactly like the other ones you bought.

P137-2026: Trustee York made a motion to accept the donation of 3 Laser Technology lasers from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

P138-2026: Trustee York made a motion to advertise police cruiser 57 and 58, both 2014 Ford Explorers, on GOVDEALS.com at \$1,000 each. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Department Reports

Zoning Inspector Gerry Brown presented the Zoning Report for the month of July.

City/Twp/Village: Champion				Jul-26	
Parcel #	Permit Description	Permit #	Permit Date	Est. Constr. Cost	Property Owner Name
46-901685	replace building	596	7/2/2026	\$ 55,000.00	Champion Community Senior Housing
46-024200	ABG Pool	597	7/6/2026	\$ 800.00	Stacy woodyard
46-023958	sign	598	7/7/2026		Center Associates
46-094500	fence	599	7/7/2026	\$ 3,300.00	Denver Craddock
46-308650	fence	600	7/10/2026	\$ 400.00	Folsom Properties
46-146250	shed	601	7/14/2026	\$ 3,500.00	David Dunch
46-113900	fence	602	7/16/2026	\$ 7,000.00	Joel Halstead
46-178400	fence	603	7/20/2026	\$ 3,000.00	Brian Walters
46-217920	pool	604	7/24/2026	\$ 500.00	Emily Trunick

Working Foreman Shawn Davis presented Road Reports for both June 2026 and July 2026.



June 2026

- Penetrate patch Prenice, Downs, Airport, Fairgreen, Summerdale, Shaffer, Anderson Anthony, and Templeton
- Roadside mowed
- Weed whacked around signs and guardrail
- Cold patched roads
- Fixed broken downspout pipe that was hit by Brightspeed on Sabrina
- Cleaned off basins in allotments
- Fixed sinkhole on Copeland
- Fixed yards on Downs where we did the crosspipe
- Installed Tee on Downs for property owner
- Fixed a basin on Downs that had a sinkhole around it
- Cleaned up branches on corner of Atwood and Woodside
- Put grinding in the berm on Marshall, Nutwood, and

Stewart



July 2026

- Sink hole on Marshall West Floods road
- Muncibid
 - Austintown Township 2006 Elgin Pelican street sweeper ends August 6, 2026 at 9 am current bid \$1,413,00 + 9% buyers fee
 - Also has 2008 Ford f-450 6.4 turbo diesel crew cab 2wd 168,744 miles
- Blew off loose stone on Downs, Prenice, Shaffer, Airport, Anderson Anthony and Tempeton at intersections
- Painted floor at the administration building
- Fixed broken door knob in the kitchen at the administration building
- Ditched all of Shaffer
- Ditched all of Downs
- Fixed 2 basins in the cemetery
- Chipped up branches on Anderson Anthony
- Fixed 2 basins on Craig 1-6" riser and 1-4" riser



- Fixed yard on Catwba from Brightspeed
- Rebuilt basin on Southeast corner of Shaffer and Airport and made a new grate for the top
- Fixed a downspout pipe going into basin on Earl was full of roots, installed 10" tee and tied line back in
- Cleaned up branches on Alva
- Trimmed bushes in cemetery
- Cleaned up dead trees on Chapel Hill
- Cleaned out basin on Towson
- Fixed basin on corner of Kuszmaul and High
- Jetted basin on Chapel Hill both basins where full, we cleaned them out and jetted them
- Put up new street sign on Calla and Esther
- Fixed front door at the administration building
- Put in driveway pipe on Anderson Anthony 40' of 12" with tee and basin lid
- Installed 20' of 12" pipe on Esther
- Chipped up brush on Shirley
- Cut up big tree across road on Shaffer and chipped it up
- Ditching on Eldon

Police Chief Skaggs presented the Police Department Report for the month of July 2026.



CHAMPION POLICE
DEPARTMENT



July 2026



Month	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	266	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	
September	424	586	502	519	
October	518	465	539	493	
November	435	424	535	465	
December	363	452	511	498	

Traffic Crash Investigations	24
Traffic Stops	178
Citations Issued	43
Adult Arrests	12
Juvenile Arrests	1
Warrant Arrests	2
Domestic Violence / Disputes	2
Incident Reports	2
OVI's	65
	2

Mutual Aid Calls: 2 Asst other agency
2 Asst CPD

NOTES:

- *The Champion Police Department is continuing its certification with the Ohio Collaborative for annual accreditation and h received certification on groups one, two and now group eight. The Ohio Collaborative review was completed by Bill Pfeiffer and he complimented the department on the turn around.
- *One case investigation for child abuse is being investigated after a parent alleged an adult sexually abused a child.
- *One 32-year-old was indicted for Grand Theft from a protected party.
- *One 19-year-old male was convicted of Contributing to the Delinquency of a Minor and sentenced to 180 days in jail

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CHAMPION POLICE DEPARTMENT



July 2026

- *Officers charged a 64-year-old resident with Attempted Murder and Felonious Assault, and the case has been bound over to the Trumbull County Grand Jury.
- *One felony drug possession arrest for Crack Cocaine.
- *Two stolen vehicles were recovered and a suspect was arrested.
- *One gun was recovered and a suspect was charged with Having Weapons While Under Disability and Fleeing and Eluding.
- *Officers charged a 37-year-old resident with Child Endangering after an investigation involving a child ingesting Methamphetamine while the parents were using drugs at the residence.
- *Officers are continuing the investigation into the Criminal Damaging and Vandalism at Cranberry Golf Course and have identified several suspects and obtained several admissions. Approximately \$50,000.00 in damages were done.
- *Chief Skaggs and area police chiefs met on July 16th about grants, ongoing Trumbull 911 Center concerns and county incidents. Looking for ways to improve operations and possibly moving to SUNDANCE Systems. We are waiting for approval from county commissioners. A representative from SUNDANCE provided us with a quote of \$12,200.00 for the first year. Each subsequent year would be \$5700.00. MDT licenses will still be paid by the county. The chiefs will be meeting again on August 10th.
- *All cruisers have had the new MDTs and equipment installed in them by department personnel and they are working fantastically.
- *New MARCS radios are being finalized by Hudson Communications and should be operational this week.
- *The Ohio State Highway Patrol (ODPS) donated (3) Laser Technology handheld laser units for use in school zones and other areas. They are valued at approximately \$15,000.00.
- *The installation of a K9 Heat Monitoring System from Hudson Communications will be installed this week in CPD 54 for K9 Storm

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.

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Fire Chief Thomas Dempsey was unable to attend the meeting.

Public Comment

Russ Banks - 6097 Mahoning Ave, stated that he had made three different purchase offers for the old elementary school property. The first attempt was in 2019, the second attempt in March of 2025, and the last attempt was in February of 2026. He has made modifications on each purchase to deal with the concerns of the School District's request to enlarge the bus garage property and the Champion Youth Soccer League. All purchase attempts have been turned down. Mr. Banks is concerned on how the Board intends to purchase the lot in front of the Administration Building located at 240 Marshall Ave. He would like to see the old school property sold to someone and use the proceeds to purchase the lot in front of the Administration Building to avoid depleting the General Fund. Trustee Emerine is in favor of selling the old elementary school property as it is of no value to the Township. The residents surrounding the old elementary school property opposed a zoning change from residential to commercial, thereby tying the Trustees hands in trying to sell that property. Trustee Emerine noted that Champion Township is the only township that is tasked with the expense of taking care of the soccer fields each year, but noted Champion Youth Soccer does make donations to offset expenses. The vision is for the Soccer Fields to be relocated to the property behind the high school, but there is cost involved in that.

Debbie Christ - 400 Lauder, voiced concerns that the old elementary school property is not being advertised for sale for its full potential value. She would like to see a full property evaluation performed. Chairman Emerine assured Mrs. Christ that the eventual sale of the old elementary school property would be conducted following all real estate and governmental procedures.

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.


Trustee


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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met on Tuesday August 18, 2026, at 6 pm, at the Township Administration Building, located at 240 Marshall Ave. Warren, Ohio, for the purpose of conducting township business.

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

All in attendance recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

F139-2026: Trustee York made a motion to approve the employment of Firefighter Hayes Yocum, as a full-time employee, pending successful completion of OP&F physical. The costs of this position will be offset through the Federal Safer Grant. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Officer Michael Lowery was honored for his exemplary investigative work solving a complex case that began in March of 2024. He was presented with a plaque in recognition for his hard work.



Detective / Officer Lowery,
August 18, 2026

This award is for exemplary investigative work that honors exceptional skill, persistence, and intelligence in solving a complex case that began on March 27, 2024. Michael throughout the course of this investigation, you stayed steadfast in the belief that the perpetrator needed to be held accountable and brought to justice. This was no easy case. Your newfound investigative analytics and dedication throughout the investigation enabled the suspect to be convicted. It is my belief that the hundreds of pieces of evidence you obtained, secured this conviction. Your work is a credit to the Champion Police Department, Champion Township, and this community.

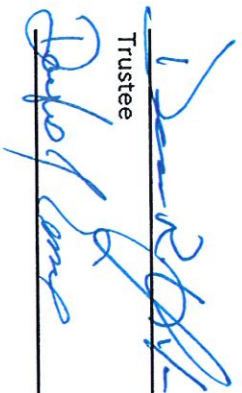
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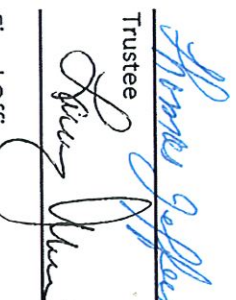
Chief L.A. Skaggs
Champion Township Police Department

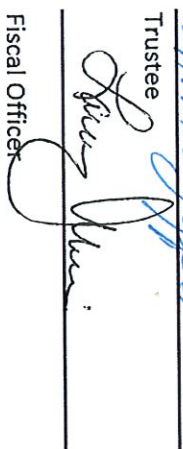
P140-2026: Trustee York made a motion to approve the ratification of the OPBA Police Contract, effective May 1, 2026, through April 30, 2028. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Discussion was held regarding who should be in charge of the camera system at the Administration Building. It is currently accessible by Third Party IT consultant Joel Davis. The trustees discussed the possibility of having the Champion Police Chief having access of the camera system.

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