

The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a Meeting on December 1, 2025, at 6 pm at the Administration Building located at 240 Marshall Ave. to conduct business of the township.

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller:

Trustee Fee: present  
Trustee York: present  
Chairman Emerine: present

All present joined in the Pledge of Allegiance.

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

Chairman Emerine made the following announcement:

- The 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tree Lighting will be held on December 6, 2025, from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm.
- The next Township Trustees meeting will be December 16, 2025, at 5:00 pm. The Board plans to enter into Executive Session to consider the compensation of public employees per Ohio Revised Code (ORC) 121.22(G1).

Chairman Emerine called on Mike Wilson, Director of Scope Senior Services, to provide an update on the planned events to be held at the Champion Township Administration Building. Marge Haley will be the coordinator for the Champion site and will work in conjunction with Mr. Wilson. A planned schedule of activities was provided (See below). Mike encouraged everyone to get involved. Volunteers are needed. Anyone wanting to help should contact Mike or Marge. Any help is greatly appreciated.

**CHAMPION TOWNSHIP OLDER ADULT CENTER**  
**CHAMPION TOWNSHIP ADMINISTRATION BLDG.**

**240 MARSHALL (old dance studio)**

**TENTATIVE ACTIVITIES BASED ON INTEREST**

**MONDAY**

10-11:30 Bingo  
10-11:30 am Chair Yoga & Cornhole or Chair Volleyball  
11:30-12:30 Free Lunch  
(limited to 30 meals please RSVP)  
12:30-1:30 pm Aerobic Fitness with Roselyn Ragozine (Roe)  
1:30-2:30 Yoga Stretch w/ Roe 12:30-2:30 pm Board games & cards & crafts  
4- 6 pm Chair Volleyball  
6-8pm Line Dancing

**WEDNESDAY**

10-11:30 Board games & cards & crafts  
10-11:30 am Chair Yoga & Cornhole or Chair Volleyball  
11:30-12:30 Free Lunch  
(limited to 30 meals please RSVP)  
12:30-1:30 pm Aerobic Fitness with Roselyn Ragozine (Roe)  
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4-6 pm Chair Volleyball  
6-8pm Line Dancing

**CALL SCOPE at 330-399-8846 FOR DETAILS OR SUGGESTIONS**

**New Business**

**G2025-202:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the receipt of the November Financial Reports to include: Cash Summary by Fund, Revenue Summary, Fund Ledger, Appropriation Status, Fund Status, Fund Summary, and Purchase Order (PO) Listing. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-203:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the November Warrant Payment Listing in the amount \$23,927.65. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-204:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the November Electronic Funds Transfer (EFT) Report in the amount of \$224,187.20. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-205:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the November Credit Card Payment Report in the amount of \$601.31. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-206:** Trustee York made a motion to approve the Supplemental Appropriations Report for the month of November. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2026-207:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) NatureWorks Grant in the amount of \$45,988.62 with the cost to the Township being \$15,329.54. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-208:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the appointment of Laurie-Jo Miller as the Local Project Coordinator for the NatureWorks Project as Rex Fee is retiring. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**P2025-209:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve a Grant in the amount of \$940.50 from the Ohio Attorney General's Office for 75% of the cost of Body Armor for the part time Police officers. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**P&F2025-210:** Trustee York made a motion to approve the acceptance of the donation of MARCS Motorola Radio Equipment from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. This equipment is valued at approximately \$35,000.00 and will benefit both the Police and Fire Departments. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**P2025-211:** Trustee Fee made a motion to declare worthless the list provided by Police Chief Skaggs (See below). Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**Declare Worthless**

**CANON Fax-Copier Serial # HQS09277**

**AMANA Microwave No Serial #**

**HP Photosmart C4200 Printer / Scanner Serial #CN767FY038**

**HP Printer Model CE658A Serial #VND3M24578**

**GETAC MDT F110 Serial # RLA03F1323**

**WHELLEN Siren Model 295SLSA6 Serial # 049848**

**P2025-215:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the list of auction items provided by Police Chief Skaggs (as follows). Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**AUCTION ITEMS**

- Gray Small floor cabinet
- 4 RCA desk phones model 25Z14
- Astron power supply model #RS-20A
- Regency Electronics Radio Ser#309-A11917
- Optimus cassette recorder
- 2 Realistic cassette recorders (Twp#01187)
- Paymaster S1000 check writing machine
- White plastic 5 drawer tote
- Panasonic VHS recorder #WA7641
- Drug display (Twp#01274)
- Drug display (Twp#01266)
- Audio Intelligence Device Model #ZZ5 #1120
- 5 Midland mobile radio #70-1340B  
Serial# 38673

- Serial# 38358
- Serial# 38671
- Serial# 38357
- Serial# 38672
- TROOPER radar units with antennas  
Serial# KK38324
- Serial# KK37057
- Serial# KK37140
- Serial# KK37148
- Serial# KK35275
- Serial# KK38331
- Serial# KK37158
- Serial# KK38334
- Serial# KK35259
- Serial# KK37147
- Serial# KK38328
- Serial# KK35261

- BAC Datamaster Breathalyzer Serial# 990209
- Repco Solution Model#3402C Serial# 1243
- Guth Labs Model# 10-4 Serial# 1552
- Router Cisco P18 501 Serial# 88808494112
- Router Cisco Soho Serial# FHK 0918100X
- Kenwood Portable Radios Model #TK2180 (3 wire mics)  
Serial# B1900172

- Serial# B1900173
- Serial# B1900174

- Serial# B1900175
- Serial# B1900176
- Serial# B1900177
- Serial# B1900178
- Serial# B1900179
- Serial# B1900180
- 10 Kenwood Portable Chargers KSC32 (6 cords)
- Kodak Carousel Slide Projector Model 5200 Typ#1333
- APC Battery Backup Serial# 360645X39325
- Passive Alcohol Sensor "Sniffer"
- Midland Dispatch Console Model 70-13408 Serial# 156080
- 3 Setra Cruiser cages
- Kenwood Power Supply Serial# KPS-15-1547-0317
- Kenwood Mobile VHF FM Transmitters Model#TK730H & TK7160H and Siren tree
- Serial# B1B02802 / unk make Serial# 2300
- Serial# B1B02857 / unk make and Serial#
- Serial# 90400315 / Whelen no Serial#
- Serial# 86103211 / Galls Serial# N15297 / Lights #012305H
- Emergency Lights Box only
- Street Thunder No #
- Galls Serial# 012306/H
- Siren Box only .
- Whelen Model#29591SC6 Serial# N017276
- Galls Model#221685 no #

- Galls Model#MM7450 no #
- Galls Model# GS-200-01.14 Serial# 8000210191
- Light Bars
- 2 FENIX No#
- Whelen SX866b Serial# 52143
- Whelen SX866rr Serial# H8349 (?)
- Whelen Serial#14231 (?) CPD 53 possibly
- Whelen (clear) no #

Discussion was held regarding the placard for the sound barriers being designed by ODOT. The Board tabled the approval due to a few changes they wanted to consider for the placard.

**Z2025-213:** Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the resignation of Cynthia Thomas from the Zoning Board. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**Z2025-218:** Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the resignation of Michael Bloom from the Zoning Board. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-212:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve renewal of the BWC Policy and a supplemental appropriation of up to \$31,053.00 in the General Fund, to enable the payment of the Champion Township Worker’s Compensation Bill for 2026. Payment of the entire bill prior to January 2026, results in a savings of about \$650.00. Worker’s Compensation cost for 2025 was paid in December 2024 using ARP Funds and was not incorporated into the 2025 Budget. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-216:** Trustee Fee made a motion that the township continue enrollment in the BWC Group Retrospective Rating program with Sedgewick. The township is currently enrolled in the Group Retrospective Rating program. Trustee York seconded. Roll call vote was taken: Trustee Fee - Yes; Trustee York - Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-217:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the 2025 October and November meeting minutes as submitted. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-214:** Trustee York made a motion to approve the reduction in Appropriations in the 4403 Fund of \$149,563.11 due to the 2025 OPWC Paving project (Clearview, Eldon, Shirley) being postponed until next year. The Revenue Budget will also be reduced by \$149,563.11. Fiscal Officer Miller will send a written notification to the County Budget Commission and request an Amended Certificate to reflect this change. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call – Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**P2025-219:** Trustee York made a motion, at the request of Police Chief Skaggs, to approve the annual payment to Lexipol, in the amount of \$6,526.15, for the Law Enforcement Policy Manual. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-220:** Trustee York made a motion to approve an update to the 2025 Revenue Budget to a total amount of \$6,319,782.66. This amount more closely matches the actual receipts for the 2025 calendar fiscal year. It is a decrease of \$131,125.00 from the originally adopted Revenue Budget. Of note is a reduction in revenue in the Police Fund of \$43,000.00. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-221:** Trustee Fee made a motion approve the acceptance of the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated November 24, 2025 (Cert 25-3, in the amount of \$6,319,782.66, for the 2025 Fiscal Year. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Trustee York presented an update of the number for Wellness Checks used by the employees. This is a benefit for the employee to receive gift cards and the township to qualify for a 2% savings on the insurance cost for 2026 if at least 21 employees complete a wellness check. Currently 15 employees have taken advantage of the offered Wellness Checks. We have until May 30, 2026, to get this completed.

A final decision on the SAFER Grant was made on October 21, 2026, and the Trustees decided to not accept it due to the financial risk it would place on the Champion Township resources, especially given the current activities with respect to abolishment of Property Taxes.

### Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Miller reported that the DE23 Tax Exemption for both the new garage building at 149 Center Street E and the Township Administration Building at 240 Marshall Ave have been approved by the Ohio Department of Taxation.

Fiscal Officer Miller communicated that the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber is sponsoring a Local Government Leadership Academy for elected officials interested.

It was reported that there will be a workshop on December 11, 2025, for Community Grants (Go Green 1/30/26 and Scrap Tires 2/27/26). Working Foreman Davis advised that he would be attending.

### New Business

Nopec reached out to the Board concerning gas and electric aggregate. This has been tabled until more information on rates is available and what the county's decision is.

Department Reports

Zoning Inspector Brown presented the Zoning Department Report for the month of November.

City/Town/Village/Champion	Parcel #	Permit Type	Permit Status	Permit Number	Permit Address
44-03300	154	11/16/2025	3100.00	3100.00	3100.00
44-03300	155	11/16/2025	3100.00	3100.00	3100.00
44-03300	156	11/16/2025	3100.00	3100.00	3100.00
44-03300	157	11/16/2025	3100.00	3100.00	3100.00
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44-03300	249	11/16/2025	3100.00	3100.00	3100.00
44-03300	250	11/16/2025	3100.00	3100.00	3100.00

Zoning Inspector Brown thanked Debbie Christ and the Harding High School National Honor Society students for decorating the building for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Christmas Tree Lighting Event here at the Administration Building.

Working Foreman Davis presented the Road Department Report for the month of November.



November 2025

- Crack patched Dalton Dr., Carawba Dr., Alva, Pierce, High St from Alva to Copeland, Emerson, Grady, Allison, spots ou Stewart, and Lauder East
- Ditching of Shaffer
- Painted truck beds for winter, hooked up spreaders and plows to make sure everything worked
- Stalked salt from the County
- Plowed and salted 3 times
- Took Chevy to Great Lakes Best One for tires
- Put up markers in cemetery and administration building for plowing
- Fixed and cold patched drive in cemetery where we installed pipe
- Cut administration drive to install electric to light for flag pole and install an outlet near the Christmas tree
- Hooked up downspout line on Louise to storm sewer drain



- Cold patched various roads
- Put up Christmas lights at the administration building and the township building
- Installed 36" door and 36" x 36" window at administration building for Scope center
- Installed new plow blades on trucks 7, 8, and 10
- Ran two electric outlets in the Scope office
- Closed roads and worked the Turkey Trot

Foreman Davis was contacted by a resident in the Cross Creek development about getting another street light installed. Trustee Emerine advised that a petition would most likely be needed.

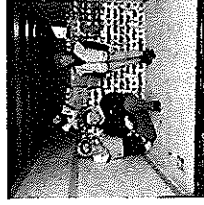
Police Chief Skaggs presented the Police Department Report for the month of November.



**CHAMPION  
POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**



**NOVEMBER 2025**



Month	2022	2023	2024	2025
January	256	471	494	393
February	266	471	484	367
March	325	538	448	516
April	324	541	572	547
May	333	545	557	530
June	324	525	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	563	452	511	

Traffic Crash Investigations	16
Traffic Stops	164
Citations Issued	21
Adult Arrests	4
Juvenile Arrests	1
Warrants from Investigation	1
Domestic Violence / Disputes	0
Incident Reports	32

Mutual Aid Calls: 3 Asst other agency  
4 Asst CPD

**Highlights**

- \* Want to thank the Champion community for their continued support with the passage of the November renewal levy.
- \* Suspect Harold Michaelis was sentenced on Nov 25, 2025 to 9 years in prison for Burglary and Breaking and Entering after a lengthy investigation. This case involved dozens of hours of preparation and review of electronic surveillance and search warrants to identify and locate the suspect who was not known at the time of the break in. This investigation also assisted police in Howland and Warren with similar unsolved cases. Detective Lowery received compliments from the Trumbull County Prosecutors Office for his outstanding investigation.
- \* Suspect Eve Tibbs issued a guilty plea on November 22<sup>nd</sup> in Trumbull County Common Pleas Court to Breaking and Entering at Dominos.

*Serving our Community with Honor and Commitment*



**CHAMPION POLICE  
DEPARTMENT**



**NOVEMBER 2025**

- \*Completed all annual CPT training for the year.
- \*Handed out 15 fresh turkeys for Thanksgiving during traffic stops that were provided by ACS Custom Graphics.
- \*Conducted Car like Carster Holiday Road Drive at Spackle Market and collected \$225 pounds of food which was dispersed to the community through the Champion Pride Council. Special Thanks to Russ Banks for the use of the trailer.
- \*Conducted K9 demonstration at the CMS with K9 Storm to show police work in a positive fashion for cancer day.
- \*Purchased Motorola MARCS radio equipment from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. Valued more than \$25,000.00 for the PD and \$5000.00 for the PD.

**Pending:**

- \*RCI is handling the Officer Involved Shooting incident from Oct 12, 2025.
- \*Holiday Shop with an Officer will be on December 13<sup>th</sup> at Waldman. An estimated 15 children will be given the opportunity to shop with an officer.
- \*Ten families will be provided full Christmas dinners.
- \*Officers are continuing to monitor the construction site on Educational Highway (Mercy Health) several times each shift to prevent theft and or criminal damaging. Traffic patterns during the day have been good.
- \*Upcoming K9 searches will be conducted in collaboration with Champion Local Schools.
- \*Officers have been conducting extra patrols in the outlying areas to target thefts and shop break ins. Officers have also been targeting speed violations in the Shaler Road and State Road areas when possible.

**Admin:**

- \*Officer Busko is progressing well through his training period with Officer Mance.
- \*Ohio Attorney General granted \$940.50 for Body Armor which is 75 % of the cost.
- \*The use of Part-Time officers has filled numerous shift assignment openings. Officers Danby and Berkholder have been a significant help during limited manpower days.
- \*Two new applications have been received.
- \*CPD 57 needs a new/used ABS module and is currently out of service until a part is found.

**Beneliter:**

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

*Sherry Ann Gendron, Jeff Ryan and Gendron*

Fire Chief Dempsey presented the Fire Department Report for the month of November.



**CHAMPION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT**

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

December 1, 2025

To: Champion Township Board of Trustees

Mr. Doug Emertine  
Mr. Rex Foc  
Mr. Dean "Rick" York  
Mrs. Laurie Jo Miller, Fiscal Officer

From: Thomas Dempsey, Fire Chief

- Personnel:
  - > See attached
- Public Relations/ Public Education:
  - > Three inspections were completed.
  - > Ongoing water pressure issues at Clearview Lamtans
  - > Extinguisher Class at Clearview Lamtans
- Vehicle and Equipment Status:
  - > M21 serviced
- Facility Status:
  - > Extinguishers serviced
- Training:
  - > 6 hours fire training
  - > 6 hours EMS training
- Other:
  - December Staffing Update
  - 9 Days full staffing
  - 3 days no PT
  - 5 Days Only 2 members
  - 14 days Only 3 Members

**Nov. Alarms:**

Total Calls:	126
EMER:	174
Fire:	22
Consecutive Calls:	40
YTD Calls:	2400

Mutual Aid Total - To SA / Received 3.

Southington - Total - 25  
EMS 25 - Fire 0

Public Comment

David Jaskovick, 4918 Myrtle Ave, voiced concern regarding an empty and run-down property and the Zoning Inspector gave him guidance on where to start. He also stated he was in support of the acceptance of the JEDD. He asked the Trustees if there was possibility of data centers coming to the township. Trustee Fee advised that he did not believe that the electrical grid would be good enough as

this would require a lot of power. He also shared that the Trumbull County Commissioners are working on a Resolution regarding data centers.

Harold Lanning, 626 State Road, thanked the Road Department for the Stop sign on Woodrow. He stated it has reduced the traffic, but some vehicles are still speeding.

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shafer Road, questioned the decision of turning down the SAFER Grant and suggested taking a loan out on the new building in order to accept the SAFER Grant. He also suggested taking General Fund money to pay for the SAFER Grant. Trustees provided responses indicating why it is not a good idea to use General Fund money to finance specific departments. The Police and Fire Departments are expected to operate on Property Tax and miscellaneous Grant Revenue.

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

**Approvals**  
Reed York  
Dea-Porter  
Dozier  
King

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met on December 16, 2025, at 6 pm at the Township Administration Building located at 240 Marshall Ave. to conduct business of the township.

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller:

Trustee Fee: present  
Trustee York: present  
Chairman Emerine: present

Everyone in attendance stood and joined in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

**New Business**

Motion to Approve/Deny accepting the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated December 8, 2025 (Cert 25-4, in the amount of \$6,170,219.55, for the 2025 Fiscal Year was tabled due to a typographical error. Fiscal Officer Miller made the Trumbull County Auditor's Office aware of the mistake and a new Amended Certificate will be provided.

**R2025-222:** Trustee Fee made a motion to appoint Road Department Working Foreman, Shawn Davis, to prepare and submit all required documents for the 2026 Ohio Public Works Commission (OPWC) project (Esther, Craig, and High) to the Trumbull County Highway Engineer's Office and to authorize Douglas Emerine to enter into any agreements, as necessary, to obtain this financial assistance.

Anticipated costs are as follows:

OPWC Grant (38.4%): \$150,000  
Local Share (~~61.6%~~): \$241,061  
Total Cost: \$391,061

The following Resolution was read aloud:



Chairman Douglas Emerine  
Trustee Rex Fee  
Trustee Dean Richard York  
Fiscal Officer Laurie-Jo Miller

**AUTHORIZING LEGISLATION**

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING SHAWN DAVIS-ROAD DEPARTMENT FOREMAN, TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT AN APPLICATION TO PARTICIPATE IN THE OHIO PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION STATE CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT AND LOCAL TRANSPORTATION IMPROVEMENT PROGRAM(S) AND TO EXECUTE CONTRACTS AS REQUIRED.

WHEREAS, the State Capital Improvement Program and the Local Transportation Improvement Program both provide financial assistance to political subdivisions for capital improvements to public infrastructure and

WHEREAS, Champion Township is planning to make capital improvements to Esther, Craig, and High Roads and

WHEREAS, THE INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENT HEREIN ABOVE DESCRIBED IS CONSIDERED TO BE A PRIORITY NEED FOR THE COMMUNITY AND IS A QUALIFIED PROJECT UNDER THE OPWC PROGRAMS,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by Champion Township;

Section 1: Shawn Davis—Road Department Foreman, is hereby authorized to apply to the OPWC for funds as described above

Section 2: Doug Emerine is authorized to enter into any agreements as may be necessary and appropriate for obtaining this financial assistance.

Passed: December 16, 2025

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CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER'S CERTIFICATION OF LOCAL FUNDS/LOAN REPAYMENT LETTER

December 16, 2025

I, Laurie-Jo Miller, the Champion Township Fiscal Officer, hereby certify that Champion Township has the amount of \$241,061 in the 2193 Special Levy Road Improvement Fund and that this amount will be used to pay the local share for the Esther, Craig and High Roads Resurfacing Project, when it is required.

Laurie-Jo Miller Champion Township Fiscal Officer

Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-223: Trustee York made a motion to approve the HRA Renewal for 2026 with Burnham and Flowers Agency, at the same cost (\$5.00/employee/month) and coverage as 2025. The contract begins 1/1/2026 and ends 12/31/2026. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-224: Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the payment of the 2026 Annual dues to the Trumbull County Emergency Management Agency in the amount of \$2,814.30. The dues are calculated as follows: \$.30 X 9,381 (2020 Census) = \$2,814.30. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2025-225: Trustee York made a motion to approve the 2026 Meeting Dates as specified in the following Resolution (G2026-01):



Champion Township Board of Trustees

Chairman Rex Fee
Trustee Doug Emerine
Trustee Dean R. York
Fiscal Officer Laurie-Jo Miller

RESOLUTION NO. G2026-01

Motion moved by: \_\_\_ Dean York \_\_\_ Seconded by: \_\_\_ Rex Fee \_\_\_

The Board of Trustees conducts its meetings in full compliance with the State of Ohio Sunshine Law and accordingly establishes the following rules for the scheduling and notice of all meetings:

- 1. Regular Meetings: Regular meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be held on the first Tuesday of each month at 6 p.m., and the third Tuesday of the even months at 6 p.m., at 240 Marshall Ave. Administration Building and notice of said Regular meetings will be posted on a conspicuous Township Bulletin Board or Sign provided for that purpose. Should legislation allow teleconferencing, an announcement will be made with the information. Should the first Tuesday fall on a legal holiday, the regular meeting will be held on the second Tuesday of the month.
2. Special/Emergency Meetings: Notice of special meetings of the Board of Trustees shall be given by posting advance written notice of the same to the Warren Tribune Chronicle, and any other media that requests the same. Notice of special meetings will also be posted on the Champion Township Website, bulletin board and any social media account representing the township. Notice of a special meeting shall be given at least 24 hours in advance of the meeting, except in an emergency in which case the notice shall be given as soon as possible.
3. Content of Notice: Notice of Special Meetings of the Board of Trustees shall contain the following information; (i) Special Meeting of the Champion Board of Trustees; (ii) Date; (iii) Time (iv) Place/Call in Phone; and (v) Purpose of the meeting.

Roll call: Trustee Fee - \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_ Trustee Emerine - \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_ Trustee York - \_\_\_Yes\_\_\_

Table with 4 columns: Meeting Date, Meeting Date, Meeting Date, Meeting Date. Rows include January 6, 2026; February 3, 17, 2026; March 3, 2026; April 7, 21, 2026; May 5, 2026; June 2, 15, 2026; July 7, 2026; August 4, 18, 2026; September 1, 2026; October 6, 20, 2026; November 3, 2026; December 1, 15, 2026.

Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**G2025-226:** Trustee York made a motion to approve the payment, in the amount of \$443.00, for the ERC-Employers Resource Council Associate Membership, through June 30, 2026, to qualify for reduced Health Care costs with Anthem. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**Z2025-227:** Trustee Fee made a motion to appoint William Spencer to the Zoning Board of Appeals, to replace Cyndy Thomas, through December 2027. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**Z2025-228:** Trustee Fee made a motion to appoint Thomas Hart to the Zoning Board of Appeals, to replace Michael Bloom, through December 2029. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

**A2025-229:** Trustee Fee made a motion to rehire all Department Part Time employees at the same rates of pay as last year, including Fire Department Reserves, Zoning Inspector, Fiscal Office Assistant and Part Time Police Officers. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Chief Skaggs and Working Foreman Davis requested approval to add a road sign prohibiting semi-trucks from using Towson Drive. Wrong directions are being provided by GPS devices. The Trustees provided their support.

Chairman Emerine noted that this was the last meeting for Trustee Fee. He thanked Trustee Fee for his years of service to the community. Trustee Fee expressed his thanks to the community for the trust they placed in him over the years.

Chairman Emerine received an email from the AFSCME Representative about changes to job titles however, there are no changes need on our end so he will communicate this to the AFSCME Representative.

Chairman Emerine thanked everyone who participated and attended the 3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Tree Lighting Event held on December 6, 2025. He felt it was a tremendous success.

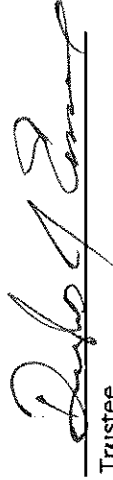
#### Public Comment

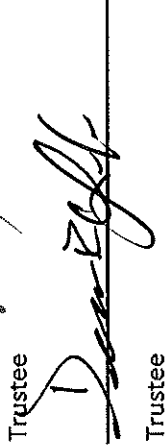
Silas Dozier, 6158 Shafer Road, thanked Trustee Fee for his years of service.

Trustee York made a motion to enter in Executive Session to consider the compensation of public employees per ORC 121.22(G1). Trustee Emerine seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

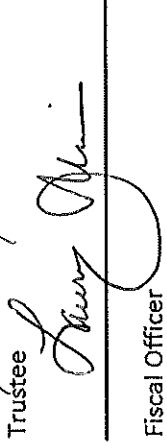
Trustee Emerine made a motion to exit Executive Session. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

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

  
Trustee

  
Trustee

  
Trustee

  
Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees held a special meeting on December 30, 2025, at 6:15 pm at the Township Administration building, located at 240 Marshall Ave, for the purpose of taking necessary action to close the 2025 financial records and to set Temporary Appropriations for the first Quarter of 2026.

Outgoing Trustee Rex Fee performed swearing in, at 6 pm, of the newly elected Trustees: Thomas Jeffers, Douglas Emerine, and Dean Richard York.

The special meeting was called to order by Chairman Emerine at 6:15 pm.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller:

Trustee Fee:	present
Trustee York:	present
Chairman Emerine:	present

Chairman Emerine announced that the next meeting would be **TUESDAY**, January 6, 2026, at 6 pm at the Township Administration Building located at 240 Marshall Ave.

**G2025-230:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the acceptance of the updated Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, originally dated November 24, 2025 (Cert 25-3), in the amount of \$6,291,882.66 for the 2025 fiscal year. The Amended Certificate was requested to reflect a reduction in Revenue of \$31,000, in Fund 2193, but a typographical error was made on the Certificate as originally received from the Budget Commission and it reflected a reduction of only \$3,100. Trustee York seconded: Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee — Yes; Trustee York — Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

**G2025-231:** Trustee York made a motion to approve the acceptance of the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, dated December 8, 2025 (Cert 25-4), in the amount of \$6,142,319.55, for the 2025 fiscal year. The Amended Certificate was requested to reflect a reduction of \$149,563.11, in Revenue and Appropriations, due to the postponement of the 2025 OPWC Project. Trustee Fee seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee — Yes; Trustee York — Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

**G2025-232:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the acceptance of the updated Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources, originally dated December 22, 2025 (Cert 25-5), in the amount of \$6,142,319.55 for the 2025 fiscal year. The Amended Certificate was requested to reflect a Fund Balance Adjustment that was made in UAN due to an accounting error in the original 2023 Purchase Order originated by the prior Fiscal Officer, preventing closure of the Fund in UAN. The 2023 OPWC Fund was reflecting a Balance of \$21,168.88, because the payment made was tied to Fund 2193 in error. The Adjustment in UAN reallocated this amount back to Fund 2193 and Fund OPWC 2023 is now closed. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee — Yes; Trustee York — Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

**G2025-233:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the acceptance of the updated Official Certificate of Estimated Resources, originally dated September 15, 2025, in the amount of \$6,381,049.96, for the fiscal year 2026. The Official Certificate received from the Budget Commission was found by Fiscal Officer Miller to have a typographical error reflecting projected Opioid Revenue of \$75,000, rather than \$7,500 as submitted to the Budget Commission. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee — Yes; Trustee York — Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

OFFICIAL CERTIFICATE OF ESTIMATED RESOURCES

The Budget Commission of **TRUMBULL** County, Ohio, hereby makes the following Official Certificate of Estimated Resources for the Township of **CHAMPION** for the Fiscal Year beginning January 1, 2026.

FUND	UNENCUMBERED			OTHER SOURCES	TOTAL
	BALANCE January 1, 2026	TAXES	TOTAL		
General Fund	564,249.53	270,964.42	306,484.58	1,141,698.54	
Special Revenue Funds	1,382,159.46	2,793,344.71	1,039,365.00	5,214,889.17	
Debt Service Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Capital Project Funds	24,462.25	0.00	0.00	24,462.25	
Enterprise Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Internal Service Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Fiduciary Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Agency Funds	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
Permanent	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,970,871.24</b>	<b>3,064,309.13</b>	<b>1,345,869.59</b>	<b>6,381,049.96</b>	

The Budget Commission further certifies that its action on the foregoing budget and the County Auditor's estimate of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and outside the 10-mill limitation is set forth in the proper columns of the preceding pages, and the total amount approved for each fund must govern the amount of appropriation from such fund.

September 15, 2025  
 Certified

*Maxen C. Godes*  
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\*\* Property Tax includes the following: Homestead and Rptback, PU State Reimbursement and Tangible State Reimbursement.

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FUND	UNENCUMBERED		TAXES		OTHER SOURCES		TOTAL
	BALANCE	January 1, 2026	**				
1000 GENERAL FUND	564,249.53		232,255.22	PT	140,109.59	LG	
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	564,249.53		38,709.20	CH	168,375.00	O	
			270,964.42		306,484.59		1,141,698.54
<b>SPECIAL REVENUE FUNDS</b>							
2011 Motor Vehicle	27,589.75				18,735.00	O	46,324.75
2021 Gasoline	26,468.54				179,150.00	O	205,618.54
2031 Road and Bridge	311,757.96		374,188.96	PT	20,000.00	O	705,946.92
2041 Cemetery	43,128.02				39,500.00	O	82,628.02
2171 Park Levy	52,480.00						52,480.00
2181 Zoning	12,234.63				20,000.00	O	32,234.63
2191 Police Levy	54,597.35		1,257,689.00	PT	39,000.00	O	1,351,286.35
2192 Fire Levy	632,763.27		899,667.42	PT	627,500.00	O	2,159,930.69
2193 Special Levy Rd Imp	124,976.63		261,799.33	PT			386,775.96
2231 Permissive MV	69,063.46				60,000.00	O	129,063.46
2901 Drug Law Enforcement	12,668.88				7,500.00		20,168.88
2401 Street Lighting	14,430.97				28,000.00	O	42,430.97
TOTAL SPECIAL REVENUE	1,382,159.46		2,793,344.71		1,039,385.00		5,214,889.17
<b>CAPITAL PROJECT FUNDS</b>							
4901 Misc. Capital Projects	24,462.25						24,462.25
TOTAL CAPITAL PROJECT	24,462.25		0.00		0.00		24,462.25

PT - Property Taxes  
 CH - County Health  
 DS - Debt Service

LG - Local Government  
 O - Other

\*\* Property Tax includes the following: Homestead and Rollback, PU State Reimbursement and Tangible State Reimbursement

**G2025-234:** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve setting the 2026 Temporary Appropriation Budget, for the first quarter of 2026, at a Total Amount of \$1,234,500. The Appropriation Budget will be in effect from January 1, 2026, until a Permanent Appropriation Budget is approved, but no later than March 31, 2026. A breakdown by Fund was provided to the Trustees. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Fee – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine - Yes.

Fund	Account Description	2025 Spend	2026 Tax Budget	Q1 2026 Appropriation	Comments
1000	Salaries	\$94,147.98	\$108,756.10	\$85,000.00	Trustees/FO/FO Assistant
1000	Other	\$411,491.99	\$429,300.00	\$122,000.00	
1000	Subtotal	\$505,639.97	\$538,056.10	\$157,000.00	
2011	Salaries	\$4,748.00	\$10,000.00	\$2,500.00	
2011	Other	\$13,917.68	\$14,000.00	\$3,000.00	
2011	Subtotal	\$18,665.68	\$24,000.00	\$5,500.00	
2021	Salaries	\$204,548.98	\$185,000.00	\$50,000.00	
2021	Other	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2021	Subtotal	\$204,548.98	\$185,000.00	\$50,000.00	
2031	Salaries	\$75,697.16	\$105,000.00	\$30,000.00	
2031	Other	\$518,148.21	\$331,350.00	\$85,000.00	
2031	Subtotal	\$393,845.37	\$436,350.00	\$115,000.00	
2041	Salaries	\$30,142.12	\$33,805.00	\$8,000.00	
2041	Other	\$21,968.51	\$19,725.00	\$5,000.00	
2041	Subtotal	\$52,110.63	\$53,530.00	\$13,000.00	
2171	Salaries	0	0	0	
2171	Other	0	\$16,000	\$16,000	
2171	Subtotal	0	\$16,000	\$16,000	
2181	Salaries	\$17,687.38	\$21,450.00	\$7,000.00	Zoning inspector only;
2181	Other	\$3,837.81	\$7,350.00	\$3,000.00	Boards annual pay in Jan
2181	Subtotal	\$21,525.19	\$28,800.00	\$10,000.00	


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2191	Salaries	\$506,346.57	\$605,500.12	\$170,000.00	Increase due to additional officers; special pays in January
2191	Other	\$467,684.19	\$610,650.00	\$153,000.00	New Required Equipment increase in Health Care; OPERS; Work Comp
2191	Subtotal	\$974,030.76	\$1,216,150.12	\$323,000.00	
2192	Salaries	\$814,725.34	\$863,438.07	\$240,000.00	Chief Payout in January
2192	Other	\$633,258.57	\$779,668.10	\$200,000.00	
2192	Subtotal	\$1,447,983.91	\$1,643,106.17	\$440,000.00	
2193	Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2193	Other	\$24,561.33	\$276,500.00	\$30,000.00	Fuel, Salt. 2026 Paving = \$242,000
2193	Subtotal	\$24,561.33	\$276,500.00	\$30,000.00	
2231	Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2231	Other	\$39,780.03	\$90,000.00	\$60,000.00	Fuel, Salt.
2231	Subtotal	\$39,780.03	\$90,000.00	\$60,000.00	
2401	Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2401	Other	\$23,044.73	\$32,750.00	\$10,000.00	
2401	Subtotal	\$23,044.73	\$32,750.00	\$10,000.00	
2901	Salaries	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	
2901	Other	\$20,400.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
2901	Subtotal	\$20,400.00	\$5,000.00	\$5,000.00	
	Total	\$3,726,136.58	\$4,545,242.39	\$1,234,500.00	Note: 2025 Q1 Appropriation was \$953,052


Trustee Fee announced that there would be a JEDD meeting on January 7, 2026, and he would provide an update of the Board of Trustees.


Trustee Emerine thanked Trustee Fee for his service to the community and wished him well in his retirement.

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

  
Trustee

  
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Fiscal Officer