

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in regular session on Tuesday, February 3, 2026, at 6:00 pm, at the Champion Township Administration Building, 240 Marshall Ave, for the purpose of conducting the business of the township.

Chairman Emerine called the meeting to order.

Roll call was taken by Fiscal Officer Miller.

Trustee Jeffers: present

Trustee York: present

Chairman Emerine: present

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

Trustee Emerine read the following reminder: This is a public meeting and any interruptions can be subject to removal. The public is encouraged to no 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.

Trustee Emerine announced that the next Township meeting would be held of February 17, 2026, at 6 pm at the Township Administration Building located at 240 Marshall Ave. Warren, OH.

G2026-25: Trustee York made a motion to authorize a temporary cash advance of \$100,000.00 from the General Fund to the Police Fund to cover expenses until the first half property tax monies are received, to be repaid back to the General Fund by June 30, 2026. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2026-26: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to approve the receipt of the January Financial Reports to include: Cash Summary by Fund, Revenue Summary, Fund Ledger, Appropriation Status, Fund Summary, and PO Status. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2026-27: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to approve the January Payment Warrant Listing Report in the amount of \$54,606.20. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2026-28: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to approve the Electronic Funds Report (EFT) for the month of January in the amount of \$254,083.45. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2026-29: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to approve the January Credit Card Report in the amount of \$670.84. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2026-30: Trustee York made a motion to approve the Supplemental Appropriations Report for the month of January. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2026-31: Trustee York made a motion to approve the following resolution accepting the updated amount and rates as determined by the Budget Commission and authorizing the necessary Tax Levies and certifying them to the County Auditor. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE AMOUNT AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR

(BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES)

Revised Code, Sect. 5705.34-5705.35

The Board of Trustees of CHAMPION Township, TRUMBULL County, Ohio, met in regular session on the third day of February, 2026, at the Administration office of Champion Township (240 Marshall Ave) with the following members present:

- Thomas Jeffers
- Dean "Richard" York
- Douglas Emerine

Dean "Richard" York moved the adoption of the following Resolution:
RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of CHAMPION Township, TRUMBULL County, Ohio, in accordance with the provisions of Section 5705.281 R.C., previously provided the Alternative Tax Budget Information for the next succeeding fiscal year commencing January 1, 2026; and

WHEREAS, The Budget Commission of TRUMBULL County, Ohio, has certified its action thereon to this Board together with an estimate by the County Auditor of the rate of each tax necessary to be levied by this Board, and what part thereof is without, and what part within the ten mill limitation; therefore, be it

RESOLVED, By the Board of Trustees of CHAMPION Township TRUMBULL County, Ohio, that the amounts and rates, as determined by the Budget Commission in its certification, be and the same are hereby accepted; and be it further

RESOLVED, That there be and is hereby levied on the tax duplicate of said Township the rate of each tax necessary to be levied within and without the ten mill limitation as follows:

CHAMPION TWP Est. Value 261,186,880

**SCHEDULE A
 SUMMARY OF AMOUNTS REQUIRED FROM GENERAL PROPERTY TAX APPROVED BY BUDGET COMMISSION AND COUNTY AUDITOR'S ESTIMATED TAX RATES**

FUND	Amount Approved by Budget Commission Inside 10 M. Limitation	Amount to Be Derived From Levies Outside 10M. Limitation	County Auditor's Estimate of Tax Rate to be Levied	
			Inside 10 M. Limit	Outside 10M. Limit
	Column I	Column II	Column III	Column IV
General Fund (includes County Health)	235,068 39,178		0.90 0.15	
Road and Bridge Fund	378,721	265,375	1.45	1.50
Police District Fund		1,270,461		7.20
Fire District Fund		912,964		5.75
Total	652,967	2,442,798	2.50	14.45
Tangible Reimbursement and PU From State		0		
Total		<u>3,101,765</u>		

TOTAL MILLAGE

16.95

SCHEDULE B
LEVIES OUTSIDE 10 MILL LIMITATION, EXCLUSIVE OF DEBT LEVIES

FUND	Maximum Rate Authorized to be levied	County Auditor's Est. of Yield of Levy (Carry to Schedule A, Column II)
General Fund:		
Current Expense Levy authorized by voters on not to exceed 5 years		
Special Levy Funds:		
Levy authorized by voters on Fire Levy- Continuous	11/06/12	2.60
Levy authorized by voters on Police Levy- Continuous	11/04/86	1.00
Levy authorized by voters on Fire & EMS Levy - Continuous	11/06/90	1.00
Levy authorized by voters on Police Levy- Not to exceed 5 years	11/04/25	1.10
Levy authorized by voters on Fire & EMS Levy - Not to exceed 5 years	11/05/24	1.20
Levy authorized by voters on Police Levy- Not to exceed 5 years	11/05/24	0.50
Levy authorized by voters on Police Levy- Not to exceed 5 years	11/08/22	1.00
Levy authorized by voters on Police Levy- Continuous	11/05/13	2.00
Levy authorized by voters on Road & Bridge Levy- Not to exceed 5 years	11/04/25	1.50
Levy authorized by voters on Fire & EMS Levy- Continuous	11/02/21	0.95
Levy authorized by voters on Police & EMS Levy- Not to exceed 5 years	05/06/25	1.60

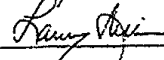
and be it further

RESOLVED, That the Clerk of this Board be and he is hereby directed to certify a copy of this Resolution to the County Auditor of Said County.

Thomas Jellers seconded the Resolution and the roll being called upon its adoption the vote resulted as follows:

Thomas Jellers - yes
Dean "Richard" York - yes
Douglas Emerine - yes

Adopted the 3rd day of February, 2026


 Fiscal Officer of the Board of Township Trustees of
CHAMPION Township
TRUMBULL County, Ohio

**CERTIFICATE OF COPY
ORIGINAL ON FILE**

The State of Ohio, TRUMBULL County, ss.

I, Laurie-Jo Miller, Clerk of the Board of Township Trustees
of CHAMPION Township, in said County, and in whose custody the Files
and Records of said Board are required by the laws of the State of Ohio to be kept, do hereby
certify that the foregoing is taken and copied from the original of

July 20, 2025

now on file with said Board, that the foregoing has been compared by me with said original document,
and that the same is a true and correct copy thereof.

WITNESS my signature, this 9th day of February, 2026.

Laurie-Jo Miller
Fiscal Officer of the Board of Township Trustees of

CHAMPION Township,
TRUMBULL County, Ohio.

1. A copy of this Resolution must be certified to the County Auditor within the time prescribed by Sec. 5705.34 R.C. or at such later date as may be approved by the Board of Tax Appeals.

No. <u>G 2026 - 31</u>	BOARD OF TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES	<u>CHAMPION</u> Township
		<u>TRUMBULL</u> County, Ohio
RESOLUTION		
ACCEPTING THE AMOUNTS AND RATES AS DETERMINED BY THE BUDGET COMMISSION AND AUTHORIZING THE NECESSARY TAX LEVIES AND CERTIFYING THEM TO THE COUNTY AUDITOR.		
(Board of Township Trustees)		
Adopted <u>February 3rd</u> , 20 <u>26</u>	<u>Laurie-Jo Miller</u> Township Clerk	
Filed _____, 20____		
By _____	County Auditor	Deputy

G2026-32: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to approve the payment of the ERC Associate Membership for the period of May 1, 2025, to June 30, 2026, in the amount of \$433.00. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

F2026-33: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to approve the acceptance of the Safety Intervention Grant for the Fire Department, in the amount of \$4,425.00, from Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation and authorize the purchase of 1 PPV Fan, from Atlantic Emergency Solutions, Chester Virginia. The grant is a 3:1 matching reimbursing grant. The Township cost share is \$1,475.00. The PPV Fan will be carried on a Firetruck and used for ventilation during a house fire. Reimbursement will be via ACH

payment from the Ohio BWC. Thanks to Chief Dempsey for his efforts to secure this grant. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2026-34: Trustee York made a motion to approve the Ohio Bureau of Worker’s Compensation (BWC) True Up payment in the amount of \$4,175.00. Each January we are required to submit actual payroll figures to the BWC, which are used to determine if our annual payment was accurate. The True Up payment in January of 2025 was \$5,403.00. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

P2026-35: Trustee York made a motion to approve the payment of \$2,000.00 to the Mahoning Valley Crisis Response Team for the Police Department. This is the County Swat Team. If Champion Police Department needs Swat assistance, this is the group that is used. If no payment is made, they will not assist us. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2026-36: Trustee York made a motion to approve the appointment of Gerry Brown as the Champion Township Administration Building Event Coordinator, at a rate of \$17.00 per hour and to establish necessary appropriations in the General Fund to support this role. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

R2026-37: Trustee York made a motion to approve the purchase of a Snowblower, at a cost not to exceed \$600.00. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

F2026-38: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to approve funding the tuition and miscellaneous expenses for Paramedic Training through Auburn Career Center, 8140 Auburn Road, Concord Township, Ohio 44077, for Hayes Yocum, part time Firefighter/EMT, with the stipulation that said employee must remain with the department for a period of 5 years or refund Champion Township if leaving prematurely. The cost is \$9,544.20. Chief Dempsey recommends reaching out to our Legal Counsel for the Opioid Funds to determine if this expense could be paid through those monies. If this is not a permitted expense, Chief Dempsey has advised that there are a few other Grant options we could pursue, with the expected reimbursement being 50%. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2026-39: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to appoint Trustee York and Fiscal Officer Miller to attend the Tax Incentive Review Council meeting for March 20, 2026. Response must be sent to the Trumbull County Planning Commission by February 27, 2026. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

G2026-40: Trustee York made a motion to accept the resignation of Attorney Cherry Lynne Poteet, at her request, effective March 1, 2026. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Discussion was held on who could replace Attorney Poteet and Fiscal Officer Miller will reach out to Tonya Rodgers and get information from her, as well as a few other candidates that were mentioned.

G2026-41: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to participate in the Ohio Department of Agriculture’s 2025 Land Use Planning Grant Program to complete a countywide update of the Trumbull County Comprehensive Land Use Plan. Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.



Chairman Douglas Emerine
Trustee Thomas Jeffers
Vice-Chairman Dean Richard York
Fiscal Officer Laurie-Jo Miller

February 13, 2026

Ohio Department of Agriculture
8995 E. Main Street
Reynoldsburg, OH 43068

RE: Letter of Support – 2025 Land Use Planning Grant Program - Trumbull County Comprehensive Land Use Plan Update

Dear Grant Review Committee,

On behalf of the TOWNSHIP of CHAMPION, this letter serves as formal support for Trumbull County's application to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's 2025 Land Use Planning Grant Program.

The TOWNSHIP of CHAMPION supports and commits to participating in the update of the Trumbull County Comprehensive Land Use Plan, a countywide planning effort intended to promote agricultural viability, responsible growth, and coordinated land use decision-making across jurisdictions.

We understand that the planning process is anticipated to include, but not be limited to, the following components:

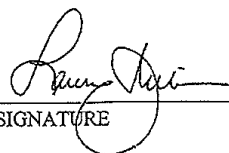
- A comprehensive land use and agricultural resource inventory
- GIS mapping and parcel-level analysis, including soils, zoning, land cover, prime farmland, and development trends
- Stakeholder and landowner engagement processes
- Analysis of policy and zoning requirements
- Drafting, public review, and final adoption of the updated comprehensive land use plan
- Drafting of agricultural zoning overlays, growth boundaries, or preservation corridors
- Integration with local comprehensive plans or regional growth strategies
- Preparation of implementation tools, including priority area mapping and objective scoring systems used to compare projects, barriers, or planning priorities based on established planning and development criteria

The TOWNSHIP of CHAMPION recognizes the value of a data-driven, collaborative planning process and supports Trumbull County's efforts to develop a modern comprehensive land use plan that reflects local priorities while protecting agricultural resources and guiding future development.

This letter confirms our community's willingness to participate in the planning process as appropriate and to coordinate with Trumbull County throughout the development of the updated plan.

Thank you for your consideration of this application.

Sincerely,



SIGNATURE

Laurie-Jo Miller

Fiscal Officer

TOWNSHIP of CHAMPION

Old Business

Fiscal Officer Miller reported that complete Record Retention Schedules are still needed from Zoning, Police, and Road Department.

Fiscal Officer Miller also reminded all newly sworn in Trustees to complete the required Fraud Training.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Miller shared the letter received from the Trumbull County Recorder regarding Ohio Revised Code (ORC)317.081.

Discussion was held on JT Whitehouse's request for information to support publication of the Tribune Annual Almanac pages, featuring our community. The Trustees answered the questions and Fiscal Officer Miller will forward information to JT Whitehouse.

Fiscal Officer Miller read aloud the following letter from Wendy's Restaurant Chain representative to the Zoning Appeals Board.

Outlook

Notice of findings Champion Township Zoning Appeals Board

From: Doug Kincaid <dkincaid@interstateconstruction.net>
Date: Wed 1/28/2026 2:00 PM
To: Richard Dearth <radearth@aol.com>
Cc: Gerry Brown, Zoning Inspector <zoning@championtownship.org>

Mr. Dearth

Thank you and Mr. Brown and all the members of the zoning appeal committee. It was great meeting all of you. The Township's building was a great building and nicely renovated and I am sure a source of pride for the Township. The Township of about 15,000 residents where I live in Central Ohio has a 1500 square foot renovated house for offices and meeting space, and I recall being in a variance meeting with about 30 people crammed into what was the former living room. It was pretty tight, with some of us standing in the entryway of the building.

We look forward to the upcoming conversion of the existing building on Mahoning Ave. NW into a Wendy's. Stay safe and stay warm!!

Thanks again.

Doug Kincaid
Interstate Construction, Inc.
3511 Farm Bank Way
Grove City, OH 43123
614-539-1188
dkincaid@interstateconstruction.net

From: Richard Dearth <radearth@aol.com>
Sent: Wednesday, January 28, 2026 1:43 PM
To: Doug Kincaid <dkincaid@interstateconstruction.net>
Cc: Zoning Inspector Gerry Brown <zoning@championtownship.org>
Subject: Notice of findings Champion Township Zoning Appeals Board

Mr. Kincaid:

Attached, please find the Champion Township Zoning Appeals Board Notice of Findings regarding the Zoning Appeal for Thomas 5 Limited.
Richard Dearth
Chairman, Champion Township Zoning Board of Appeals

Sent from my iPhone

Department Reports

Zoning Inspector Brown presented the Zoning Department report for the month of January.

City/Twp/Village: Champion		Jan-26					
Parcel #	Permit Description	Permit #	Permit Date	Est. Constr. Cost	Property Owner Name	Property Address	
45-901692	solar panel	536	1/22/2026	\$ 37,000.00	George Anderson	5089 Sabrina Ln, Warren, Ohio 44483	\$
45-37377	New Construction	537	1/12/2026	\$ 360,000.00	R Caldwell holdings LLC	1100 State Rd NW, Warren, Ohio 44481	\$ 653.00
46-148131	porch roof	538	1/13/2026	\$ 8,450.00	Ronald / Cindy Grove	2379 ClearView Ave., Warren, Ohio	\$ 120.00
							\$ 773.00

Champion Township Zoning 2025

A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J	K	L	M	N	O	P	Q	R	U
1	Month	Permits	Garage	New Construction	Deck	Transect	Sign	Pool	Porch	Permits	Permits	Permits	Permits	Variance	Permit Fee	Estimated Construction Cost		
2	January	2	1											\$ 180.00	\$	28,190.00		
3	February													\$ 120.00	\$	10,500.00		
4	March	3	2											\$ 1,285.00	\$	122,438.28		
5	April	3	2											\$ 650.00	\$	187,400.00		
6	May	3	2		2									\$ 3,186.00	\$	1,024,643.78		
7	June	3	2		2									\$ 2,540.00	\$	1,139,150.00		
8	July	5	3		2									\$ 2,810.00	\$	781,997.00		
9	August	5	3		2									\$ 1,042.00	\$	228,680.00		
10	September	5	3		2									\$ 1,260.00	\$	109,875.00		
11	October	2	1											\$ 400.00	\$	64,644.00		
12	November	2	1						2	0				\$ 1,470.00	\$	155,762.25		
13	December	1			1									\$ 690.00	\$	251,576.00		
14		33	22	11	7	15	8	4	8	2	1	2		\$ 16,751.00	\$	4,116,256.31		
15																		
16	Heavy Weather 3/25/23																	
17	TRCO 5/18/25																	
18																		
19	Garage Sale		322															

Zoning Inspector Brown presented the following Building/Event Rental Report.

Event Rooms Usage / Rental

3/8/2025 Funeral / Housel	\$	225.00
3/27/2025 Public Information / Levy	\$	-
3/29/2025 Public Information / Levy	\$	-
6/6/2025 Graduation party / Emerine	\$	225.00
6/7/2025 Graduation party / Rodgers	\$	225.00
7/12/2025 Graduation party / Dunning	\$	225.00
7/24/2025 Champion Police / Self Defense Workshop	\$	-
8/3/2025 Baby Shower / Siltman	\$	225.00
10/26/2025 Birthday Party / McKee	\$	225.00
12/26/2025 Family party / Fields	\$	225.00
	\$	1,575.00
Truck Night		
5/21/2025		
6/18/2025		
7/16/2025		
8/20/2025		
Trunk or Treat		
10/18/2025		
Christmas Tree Lighting		
12/6/2025		

February 3rd Meeting

Truck Night set for : May 20th

June 17th

July 15th

August 19th

September 16th

Trunk or Treat October 17th 1:30 to 4:00

Champion Township Fourth Annual Tree Lighting December 5th, 2026 (5:00)

Road Forman Davis presented the Road and Cemetery Report for the month of January.



January 2026

- Street sweeper rental for 1 month \$13,500.00
- Skid steer rental with broom box one month
 - Cat- \$2958.000
 - Leppo- \$2800.00
- Branch pick-up? (still working on)
- Did tire grant \$3508.00
- Plowed and salted 15 times
- Used \$262.61 tons of salt in Jan. \$12736.59
- Cold patched roads
- Put new plow blades on all trucks
- Fixed graves in cemetery
- Took down all Christmas lights
- Put away Christmas decor from admin building
- Trimmed tree's and bushes on corner of Johnathon Lane
due to being a sight problem for the plow truck
- Put up walls at admin building, 2 doors, and drywall on
outside walls



- Fixed mailboxes on Airport, Gertrude, Louise Court, Lauder, Shaffer, Warrenton, Kincaid, Earl, Glendola, Damon, and prentice- used 6 posts, 10- 1x8's for bottom to attach mailbox to post and 5 mailboxes
- BUDGET for the following
 - 3,000 gallons CRS-2- \$7500.00 (penetrate patch)
 - 200 tons of #8 limestone- \$6,500.00 (penetrate patch)
 - 4 skids of Crack patch material \$5,800.00
- Need to advertise for season cemetery worker \$14.00/hour

Trustee York praised the Road Department for all of the hard work during the storm the last weekend in January.

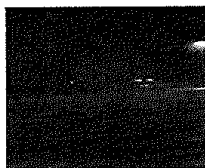
Chief Larry Skaggs presented the Police Department Report for the month of January.



CHAMPION POLICE DEPARTMENT



JANUARY 2026



Month	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
January	256	471	494	393	514
February	266	471	484	367	
March	325	538	448	516	
April	324	541	572	547	
May	333	545	587	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	26
Traffic Stops	207
Citations Issued	22
Adult Arrests	5
Juvenile Arrests	0
Warrants from Investigation	2
Domestic Violence / Disputes	4
Incident Reports	53

Mutual Aid Calls: 2 Asst other agency
2 Asst CPD

Pending:

- *Suspect R. Presioso issued a guilty plea on January 28, 2026 to Aggravated Assault (Felony 4) and will be sentenced later this year.
- *BCI is still investigating the Officer Involved Shooting incident from Oct 12, 2025.
- *Awaiting repairs to CPD 59 after the crash from New Years Eve.

Serving our Community with Honor and Commitment



CHAMPION POLICE DEPARTMENT



JANUARY 2026

- *Annual evidence room audit, vehicle and weapons inspections are being completed
- *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.

Admin:

- *Having difficulty with IDNetworks and validating incident reports. Officers have had to edit nearly 200 reports for federal and state reporting requirements. We will be looking at switching to the Ohio AGO's SWIFT program.
- *PT Officers Darbey and Borkholder have been filling openings in the schedule.

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 Tom Dempsey presented the following Fire Department Report for the month of January.



CHAMPION TOWNSHIP FIRE DEPARTMENT

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

February 3, 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:

> Nothing to report.

January Alarm -

Total Calls: 221

Public Relations/ Public Education:

> Three Fire Safety inspections were completed.

EMS: 195

Fires: 28

Consecutive Calls: 38

Vehicle and Equipment Status:

> Tk21 ignition repair.
 > M20 PM / battery replaced
 >

Facility Status:

> Nothing to report

Training:

> 6 hours EMS Training
 > 6 hours Fire Training

Other:

After the Fire Report was presented, Chairman Emerine addressed his concerns regarding the recent Tribune Articles regarding the Mutual Aid with Warren Township and Bristolville Township. Chairman Emerine clarified the facts regarding the meeting held on January 20, 2026. There is another mutual aid meeting planned to see what the other townships have done to help their Township's situations. Fiscal officer Miller confirmed that the Fire Levy paperwork has been filed with the Board of Elections and will appear of the May 2026 ballot.

Public Comment

Richard Berry, 5171 Calla Ave, inquired about the county aggregate program for gas and electric. Chairman Emerine recommended Apples to Apples and to check to see what kind of penalties are listed with each supplier.


Silas Dozier, 6158 Shafer Road, inquired about the prices of the aggregate programs through the county. Inquired about the renewal of the Southington Mutual Aid agreement. Chairman Emerine replied that that agreement will stay as it was built into the new fire levy figures. If it is not included, then the levy would have to have been higher. Southington is going from a volunteer program to a funded program and has made a continual effort to build their program.

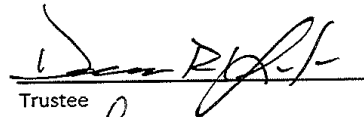
G2026-42: Trustee Jeffers made a motion to enter into Executive Session to consider the compensation of public employees per ORC121.22(G1). Trustee York seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

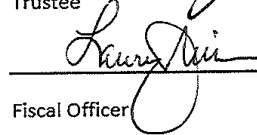
G2026-43: Trustee York made a motion to exit Executive Session. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

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.


Trustee


Trustee


Trustee


Fiscal Officer

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The Trumbull County Commissioners have chosen a gas aggregate through AEP Energy at a rate of \$4.919 per Mc, until the March 2029 meter read. If you are currently enrolled in the aggregate you don't have to do anything. If you are currently with a supplier that is not the aggregate you must go to Apples to Apples and choose a new supplier when your current contract expires; you will not automatically be enrolled in the County Aggregate Program.

The 2025 End of Year Township Financial Statements are available for review in the Fiscal Office.

The 2026 Drug Free Workplace Training for employees will be held on Monday, March 2, 2026 at 6 pm at the Township Administration Building located at 240 Marshall Ave. For those who cannot make it to the Monday night meeting, there will be an additional meeting for employees at 9 am on Tuesday, March 3, 2026. The meeting for Trustees and Department Supervisors will be at 10 am on Tuesday March 3, 2026. This training is required.

The Local government Officials Conference is in Columbus on March 19th and March 20th.

New Business

F2026-42: Trustee York made a motion to approve a \$500 anonymous donation to the Fire Department, with much appreciation. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

F2026-43: Trustee York made a motion to approve a \$100 anonymous donation to the Fire Department, with much appreciation. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

R2026-44: Trustee York made a motion to approve the authorization for the Trumbull County Engineer's Office to advertise for bids for the 2026 OPWC Project (Craig, High Street and Esther), with anticipation that the bids will go out in March 2026. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

F2026-45: Trustee York made a motion to approve the Fire Chief's Employment contract for 2026. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

P2026-46: Trustee York made a motion to approve the Police Chief's Employment contract through January 1, 2029. Trustee Jeffers seconded. Roll Call vote was taken: Trustee Jeffers – Yes; Trustee York – Yes; Chairman Emerine – Yes.

Discussion was held on who should replace Attorney Cherry Poteet. Options discussed include Patrick Wilson, Tonya Rodgers, Michael Bloom, and Michael Fredricka. Fiscal Officer Miller will contact perspective attorneys.

Trustees discussed the option of selling the Old Elementary School property. There is an interested buyer. The Trustees discussed the impact on soccer. There are a couple appraisals with differing amounts. There are many things the trustees must consider.

Correspondence

Fiscal Officer Miller made the Board of Trustee aware of the following correspondence:

We received notification that Trumbull County Engineer, David DeChristofaro, that he would like to schedule meetings with newly elected Township Trustees, the Fiscal Officer and the Road Department Supervisors, for townships that are interested.

The ERC is requesting a representative from Champion Township to attend a meeting in Cleveland on April 30, 2026. This is a mandatory meeting but it will be rescheduled since our renewal for the current health insurance plan is up that same day.

We have received notification from Perry and Associates that they are ready to begin the audit of 2024/2025 and would like to make arrangements to pick up our records by the end of the month.

Zoning Inspector Brown and Trustee Emerine completed the 2026 Boundary and Annexation Survey (BAS) in response to the email they received.

We received a letter from the OPBA regarding the filed Notice to Negotiate. The current OPBA contract expires April 30, 2026.

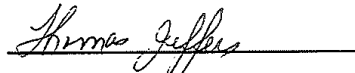
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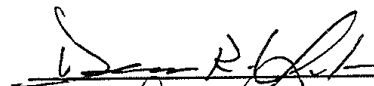
Follow up to Records Retention Schedule – All that is needed is the Road Department.

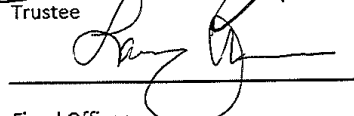
Trustee York and Trustee Jeffers have completed the required Fraud Training.

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


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Fiscal Officer