

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on July 1, 2019 at 6:30p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the township. Chairman Fee called the meeting to order with a full board present.

G2019-51 Trustee Emerine made a motion to accept the First Energy Solutions Civic Grant in the amount of \$13,485.00 and to deposit it into the General Fund. Trustee Fee seconded. Trustee Bugos objected stating that windfall money should be held separately in the Park fund to plan for the future of Champion, but that he was not going to pass up the money and not accept it at all. Trustee Emerine and Trustee Fee both stated that the current budgetary issues with the General fund due to a loss of Local Government funds over the past few years and increasing healthcare costs required the monies to be placed in the General fund at this time. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-52 Trustee Bugos made a motion to approve the payment of \$3,000 to SCOPE Senior Services towards the local match for the Champion Senior Center located at the TCTC facility in Champion Township. This amount is the local match of 10% of the Trumbull County Senior Service Lev's Annual \$30,000 funding. The Champion Senior Center will be moving from the TCTC facility to the plaza near Brother's Pizza later this month. Center Director Mike Wilson gave a presentation and left brochures that are available for pick up in the Township Administration building. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-53 Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to accept the May 2019 Financial Reports. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-54 Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept the BWC refunds of the following amounts: Drug Free Workplace \$1,544.00, Lapse Free \$428.00, and Industry Specific Safety \$1,158.00. BWC deducted our monthly premium from these rebates and sent us the balance. The General fund was reimbursed for the Drug Free workplace training (\$350.00), then by percentage to the funds from which the premiums are deducted. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

An additional reading of the Police Renewal levy was conducted for those who were not present in the workshop since the Levy paperwork had not been back in time for reading at the last Regular session. Full wording is available in last month's minutes.

Trustee Emerine reluctantly made a motion to accept the retirement of Road Supervisor/Cemetery Sexton Christopher Connelly effective October 1, 2019. Trustee Fee read part of his Notice of Retirement and extended many congratulations on his years of faithful service to the community. Trustee Bugos seconded the motion under duress. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

The department heads gave their respective reports.

Z2019-55 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Zoning Inspector Fonce to declare ORC\$505.87 on 174 Marshall and 4399 N Park Ave. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Road Supervisor Connelly reported that the low bid on Downs Road was from Chagrin Valley Paving and he had never heard of them before. They had done work for the County and Liberty Township. He had not heard back from Liberty Township how their project went. The County was noncommittal, but stated that they would inspect the project for us to ensure we were happy with it prior to approving the release of funds. The Board instructed Road Supervisor Connelly to drive the roads that had been paved in Liberty Township by Chagrin Valley.

F2019-56 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Chief Hickey to place the 1992 KME (VIN 1K9AF4283PN058783) on GovDeals for a minimum of 14 days with a reserve of \$10,000. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Chief White (unable to attend) asked the Chairman to announce that there have been several stolen cars in the surrounding communities and please be sure to take your keys in your home and lock your cars when not in use.

Correspondence

The Trumbull County Combined Health District alerts residents that Larvaecide is available going in to the mosquito season.

Chief White requests that we accept the Ohio Attorney General's grant of \$4,197.37 for the bulletproof vests that he secured for the department.

Joel Davis recommends that the township purchase 5 new computers that have Windows 10 on them prior to January 1. He will provide quotes by the time we have our workshop.

Old Business

Chairman Fee gave an update on the Champion/Lordstown Bulk Sewer Agreement as follows: Warren City is pushing their luck by now sending bills to Lordstown residents covered under a different agreement for the rate that the County is negotiated at and the County still has not decided what they will do with their rate. Our attorney is providing updates to the Village and the Board as they become available.

Noise wall update: Chairman Fee contacted ODOT and the Environmental Team is doing an RFP to be finalized to have a consultant do a traffic study which should be completed within 6-8 months.

Facilities Use Form: All documents should be on file with the Board prior to form approval and use of the property. Adult Soccer League has begun using the property; need to set up a meeting regarding maintenance.

Personnel Policy: At this time, no Union feedback so forward to Letson along with the changes that department heads have made so he can see the document life cycle.

ODNR Grant Survey: The next step is to submit paper copies to SCOPE and the Champion Times for people who do not have online access to fill out.

New Business

Chief Hickey gave an update on the Diversified Property which is an Industrial site over by Snyder's.

The Healthcare Cost Containment Committee meeting was set for 7/18 at 9am with the Workshop to follow at 10:30.

Public Comment

Kelly Boyle, 417 State Road, question about employee life insurance for the fiscal officer.

Richard Berry, 5171 Calla, drainage issue.

Linda Hamilton, 247 Marshall, water issue.

Joey McFalls, 4481 Nutwood, issues with Zoning and comments about Chagrin Valley Paving.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to enter executive session to discuss fiscal office/zoning personnel issues. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to exit Executive session. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Special Session on July 18, 2019 at 9:00am for the purpose of convening the Healthcare Cost Containment Committee with a full board present.

Members present were: John Hickey and Stephen Kisak (Fire), Chris Connelly and Joe Meikle (Road), Rhonda Fonce (Zoning, arrived late).

Members not present were: Dan Wasko (Court) and Jeff White (shift coverage)

The numbers were not ready and back from the agent yet, so discussion was held about what makes up a group, how rates are determined (average age and health of a group), types of plans offered (traditional, H.S.A., H.R.A., F.S.A.), different strategies for keeping costs low, and what other Townships are hearing or offering (incentives) .

Hearing no further comment, the meeting was adjourned.

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Chairman

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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Session on July 18, 2019 at 10:30am for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township with a full board present.

The Board acknowledged David Carpenter, Boy Scout, working on a Communications Citizenship Merit Badge who was in attendance at our meeting.

G2019-57 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to approve the 2020 Alternative Tax Budget and to provide to the Trumbull County Auditor at the estimate percentages of increases less any carryover to show the need for the tax revenue and our share of the Local Government funds. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-58 Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to authorize the advance of up to \$75,000 in real estate taxes from the Trumbull County Auditor from the Road and Bridge (2031) fund, IF NEEDED. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Discussion to post the position of Road Supervisor to fill the vacancy that will be left by Road Supervisor Connelly upon retirement once a job description is drafted. Job descriptions will be further researched prior to posting. Potential information to include thusfar is as follows: CDL preferred, cemetery sexton, general engineering knowledge, pay commensurate with duties, ability to work on roads as operator/flagger, grant writer and other broad duties. No motion was made.

R2019-59 Trustee Emerine made a motion to award the bid for the Rolling Meadows area and Ridge Run project to Chagrin Valley Paving, 17290 Munn Road, Chagrin Falls, OH 44203 in the amount of \$117,831.20. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

The discussion with regard to moving vacations from anniversary date to January 01 was denied. Department head vacation requests will be dealt with in individual executive sessions. Trustee Bugos offered to be available for sessions during normal business hours when the department heads are working so they would not need to stay after Monday meetings and stretch out for three months.

The discussion on the Central Property Usage concluded that Attorney Letson had not yet reviewed any documentation but that no one except Township employees could maintain the property without incurring liability and therefore the soccer league would need to wait to maintain until an agreement is in place. Road Supervisor Connelly was directed to have the Cemetery workers maintain the property at the Township expense. Also discussed was the fact that there were animals being taken to the property and that was also a liability to the Township so Road Supervisor Connelly was instructed to immediately order "No Pets Allowed" and other Park Rules signs that should be applicable to the property to reduce liability.

Trustee Bugos volunteered to get quotes from Verizon and Spectrum and discuss with CenturyLink service for Cell Phones as our current provider is going to no longer offer our service plan as of December 31 and one of our employees broke their phone and cannot get a replacement.

G2019-60 Trustee Emerine made a motion to approve a supplemental appropriation of up to \$3,600 for Alexander Pest Control to conduct mosquito spraying up to 9 hours each date, no earlier than half an hour after dusk on 7/29/19 (7/30 make update) and 8/26/19 (8/27 makeup date). Trustee Bugos seconded. Trustee Fee expressed concerns about the general public welfare about spraying chemicals in the air and water within the Township. Trustee Bugos reminded the public to contract the Health department for the Larvaecide as part of a comprehensive mosquito control recommended by the CDC. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee no.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to enter executive session for the purpose of personnel matters relating to zoning/fiscal office staff. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to exit executive session. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-60 Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt, to submit the tax amounts and rates to the Trumbull County Budget Commission authorizing the necessary tax levies and certifying them to the Trumbull County Auditor for the current tax year, to be collected in 2020, as follows: County Health 0.15; General 0.50; Road and Bridge 1.85. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Hearing no further comment, the meeting was adjourned by the Chairman.

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