

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular session on June 7, 2021, at 6:30pm with a full board present in the Champion high School Community Room.

The Chairman announced the Board accepts the resignation of Stephen Kisak from the Fire Department and thanks him for his outstanding service. Mr. Kisak had planned on moving south to be with family upon his wife's graduation from nursing school.

A lengthy and heated discussion was held on making an addendum to the school resource officer contract, extending it from one year to three years. Trustee Emerine had no interest in doing such. Trustee Bugos and Chief White believed a three-year contract was better than a one year contract since the Board was going to add another officer to the staff. Trustee Templeton brought up issues surrounding how the department was going to survive/cover said contract if an officer had to take leave. Trustee Bugos reminded Trustee Templeton that this topic had been in discussion and that question, in his opinion has been asked and answered. Trustee Bugos then reviewed the timeline with which the SRO contract has been under discussion. February, Trustee Bugos was appointed the Board's liaison, a matter requested to be put on the agenda by Chief White; further discussion was had by the Board at a couple of meetings and Chief White indicated to the Board that the Superintendent needed to know no later than May 1. The Board approved a one-year agreement on May 3. Then on Saturday, May 22, the Board hired someone to become the SRO, pending the school's approval of the contract. Now, the School came back and asked about a 3-year proposal instead of just a one year. Trustee Emerine gave a long-winded speech about the three-year contract and finally stated that he was still willing to do the one-year contract, but the three-year contract was not something he was interested in until he had seen how the first year went. Chief White indicated that the Trumbull County Sheriff's department was not unwilling to take the contract at this late stage, although the school and Trustee Bugos were concerned that the relationship between the school and Sheriff's office would be strained if a decision were not made and finalized by both boards earlier.

Chairman Emerine decided to table a discussion with possibly motion property 155 Marshall that has been declared unfit for human habitation by BOH due to the absence of the Zoning Inspector.

22021-66 Trustee Bugos made a motion to declare Zoning Inspector's list of properties as nuisance under ORC 505.87. Templeton seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

Chairman Emerine tabled the Discussion with Zoning Inspector on junk cars since she was absent from the meeting.

Board had discussion on changing insurance broker and healthcare plan. Trustee Templeton wanted the employees to re-sign their FormFire accounts, but Trustee Emerine said the broker that requested that was able to get quotes for us anyway. Since the quotes had come in just prior to the meeting, the matter was tabled. Templeton told the department heads to instruct their employees to re-sign anyway.

The Board held Discussion and possible motions on placement of Police/Fire levies for the November election. The Police Chief, Fiscal Officer and Chairman Emerine all stated that the Police Renewal could wait until Spring 2022 so that work can begin ASAP on the Fire levies. Chief Hickey asked to sit down with the Board again on a recommendation for millage for an additional operating levy. Trustee Bugos informed the public and the Board about the recent conversation that he had with the Trumbull County Prosecutor's office and Fiscal Officer Hatt to understand what could be done with capital improvement levies.

22021-67 Trustee Templeton made a motion to advertise for a part time, as needed, Zoning Inspector. Emerine seconded. Templeton asked Trustee Bugos to put it on our website. Trustee Bugos reminded the Board that no matter how much vacation time Zoning Inspector Fonce had, she continued to take calls and he did not feel the need to have an advertisement up. Bugos, abstain, Emerine yes, Templeton yes. Templeton objected to Bugos' abstention. Bugos reasserted

his right to abstain on any issue he desired. Chairman Emerine requested Chief Hickey place the ad on the website.

A date was set for a workshop on **June 22 at 6pm**. Originally, the Fire negotiations was scheduled for 6pm on **June 14**. Due to the need to interview, that meeting was moved up **to 5pm**, with Quiggle at 5, Gebhart at 5:20, and a healthcare decision to be made at 5:45.

Working Foreman Shawn Davis made a report on major issues on Aspen Drive that all the catch basins are solid full. The EPA said that street sweepings may cost \$600/yard to get rid of if they come back contaminated on the EPA testing.

Chief White reported that the AC unit in the station will need replaced as it is 33 years old. Best had a York model. MD Denna had a Hile model. He would like to obtain more quotes. Vendors that were thrown into the mix were Phillips in Newton Falls and Thompson on North River.

Correspondence:

Reminder that Direct Deposit deadline is Wednesday for those wanted to turn forms in to start the next payroll. Forms will be accepted on an ongoing basis, but the banking system has a cutoff for sending prenotes before each payroll submission.

Public Comment:

T. Hurst, 5212 Alva, upset about a fence complaint by a neighbor.

L. Lester, 5281 Alva, she lives with her parents and they also have had issues with frivolous complaints by the same neighbor. Chairman Emerine stated that since he did not have a report back from the Zoning Inspector's investigation on the property, he could not offer any assistance. He questioned when the Hurst's put up the fence and what the Zoning Inspector said each time she came out to inspect the fence. Trustees Templeton and Bugos confirmed the neighbor had complained to them as well.

R. Banks, 6097 Mahoning, advised the Trustees not to wait on the furnace as the same microchip problem that the car industry was having was also affecting the furnace industry. As former Zoning member, he questioned why the Zoning Inspector was not being held accountable for turning in a report and ending this fence issue once and for all. Chairman Emerine remarked that legal counsel had been consulted on the matter.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met on June 14, 2021, at 5:15pm, at the Champion High School Community room for conducting the business of the Township. The Chairman called the meeting to order absent Trustee Templeton who had the meeting time incorrect.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to enter executive session to interview for full time fire department positions. Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes.

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

Trustee Templeton arrived at the meeting. Chief Hickey left the meeting. Chairman Emerine welcomed the healthcare cost containment committee to the meeting. Brief discussion was held on healthcare. The topic was tabled to begin negotiations.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to enter executive session to discuss fire department contract negotiations with the IAFF representatives present. Templeton seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

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

Trustee Templeton wanted to wait to hire until the regular meeting. Trustee Bugos was concerned about the overtime in the department costing over \$35/hour for every hour they waited, especially given that Captain Glosser was off on medical leave and considering another job offer. Trustee Templeton stated that he did not feel tonight's meeting had been properly advertised and therefore no action should be taken. He stated that if wasting money was such a concern for Trustee Bugos, he better be prepared to do something about the wasteful spending in Zoning at the next meeting...and the Fiscal Officer better get up the newspaper's ass about advertising what she sends over.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to hire Brandon Quiggle to a full-time position in the fire department effective June 14, 2021 pending preemployment drug screen and physical. Trustee Emerine called for a brief recess to call Chief Hickey to see how this would affect the schedule. Trustee Emerine stated that Chief Hickey said that the schedule was already set, and no changes would happen with overtime if Quiggle was hired tonight, so Emerine declined to second the motion.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Special session on June 22, 2021, at 6:10pm for the purpose of conducting the business of the township at the Champion High School Community Room, absent Trustee Templeton. (The meeting originally scheduled for 6pm, but Board was awaiting the arrival of Trustee Templeton.)

Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept the resignation of full time Fire Fighter/Paramedic Captain Ben Glosser. Thank you for your service. Chief Hickey indicated that Captain Glosser has taken on a position in Solon. Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes.

22021-68 Trustee Bugos made a motion to declare 505.87 on the following properties: 392 Center St W, 155 Marshall St E, 356 Cleveland St E. Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes.

Trustee Templeton entered the meeting.

F2021-69 Trustee Bugos made a motion to promote Brandon Quiggle to full time Fire Fighter/Paramedic, pending pension physical effective June 22, 2021, with benefits to begin July 1, 2021. Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Templeton yes.

Trustee Bugos made and then withdrew a motion to hire Austin Gebhart effective June 23, 2021, benefits effective August 1, 2021, pending pension physical because Trustee Templeton said he would have egg on his face if they hired two guys in the same night and he would vote no on Austin. Templeton stated that it was important for employee morale to have 3-0 at hiring and if it were postponed until July 5, he could vote yes. Templeton stated to have Austin give his two weeks notice to Boardman now so he could start mid July as discussed. Chief Hickey went out of the room and called Austin and confirmed that Austin would be comfortable doing that without a motion on officially hiring him. Chief Hickey said that if Templeton would look him in the eye and promise a yes vote on Austin, he would find waiting acceptable. Chairman Emerine asked that all this discussion go in the minutes so that Austin would have confidence in being hired at the next meeting.

The Board gave BWC Liaison Hickey permission to change TPA to Alberini Insurance for BWC claims.

The Board would like to set a phone conference next week for placing a fire levy on the ballot, pending information on how many mills it would take to increase the operating and make a potential building payment. Templeton requested how the fire department could eliminate frivolous runs. Chief Hickey promised to get them the information to decide before Trustee Bugos leaves for vacation.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

Chairman

Fiscal Officer