

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on March 7, 2022 at 6:30p.m. at the Champion High School Community room for the purpose of conducting the business of the township. The Chairman called the meeting to order, absent Fiscal Officer Hatt.

The department heads gave their respective reports.

Trustee Fee requested that the comments be open for the public as the agenda was lengthy and he believed that the department heads would be needed to address the public's concerns.

Public Comment

Jim Reynold, 5262 Calla, water problems on Calla

Danel Boyce, 632 E Champion St, issue with water coming from Northwoods Golf Course and comments about kids screaming in the streets.

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, water issue on Damon and Myrtle.

The November and December 2021 minutes were not approved again as Trustee Templeton had not yet had a chance to finish reading them. Trustee Fee chastised the Board for not approving the minutes because it is a responsibility of the Board to make sure that they are transparent. Fee said that he receives them a week before the meeting and calls the Fiscal Officer to make any corrections. Trustee Templeton said that the minutes were not prepared on time prior to Fee being on the board.

Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the January 2022 Minutes. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the February 2022 minutes. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**G2022-1A** Trustee Fee made a motion to amend G2022-1 to change meeting location for regular meetings to Champion High School Community Room, 5976 Mahoning Ave NW, Warren, OH. AND to include the third Tuesday of the month as a second Regular Meeting date, beginning in March 2022. Templeton discussed that he does not want to stay at the school's facility, he want to move back to the Township building. Emerine stated there is footwork to do with moving the fiscal office out of the Township room and having the public traipse through the garage and therefore wants to move to the school until that is addressed. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated December 16, 2021 in the amount of \$5,475,727.46. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated February 22, 2022 in the amount of \$5,473,746.46. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the redistribution of ARP funds from the State of Ohio in the amount of \$1,894.19 for the 2022 fiscal year. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously. Trustee Fee let the public know that this was money previously unaccepted by other entities.

A motion to renew the Medicount Management Contract at a rate not to exceed 7.25% for EMS billing for one year **was tabled** while Trustee Templeton, Chief Dempsey and Debbie Christ look into other vendors. There was some question on the actual renewal date without Fiscal Officer Hatt and Chief Dempsey present to state. Templeton's issue with the vendor was the write off clause. Trustee Emerine stated that there would need to be a lot of work done by others about collections and internal work on collecting from nonresidents.

Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the OTARMA Capital Distribution check in the amount of \$2,169.73 . OTARMA gives back a portion of previous year policies' payments upon renewal of a policy when profits exceed a certain threshold. This is approximately a 9% premium refund. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Reminder: The Champion Township Clean Up Day is scheduled for April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 8-2. New this year, Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste District will have a truck onsite for hazardous materials such as paint. For a list of acceptable items, please see their website.

Announcement: Champion Township Free Garage Sale Weekend is May 19-22, 2022. Champion Community Calendar is taking sign ups for a mass distribution list to spread the word about your sale. They are encouraging the use of a yellow balloon on your mailbox for identification.

**G2022-17** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve permanent appropriations in the amount of \$3,844,002.26. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Emerine requested information about the Scrap Tire Grant to go along with the Clean Up Day.

Request for a motion to approve a transfer in the amount of up to \$55,000 to the Zoning Fund from the General Fund to cover expenses. After checking the fund balance to be sure it would cover until the next meeting on March 15, 2022, **the motion was tabled** until such a time as Fiscal Officer Hatt could give further details on the amount requested.

A motion to transfer \$1,450 from the Zoning Fund to the Cemetery Fund to correct typographical errors from receipts 211-2021 and 241-2021 found during an internal audit **was tabled** until the Fiscal Officer could explain this further. Carol Deehr, former Township Clerk, believed it was just a mistaken deposit.

Trustee Fee made a motion to accept BWC premium refund in the amount of \$2,410. This is a result of a true-up report submitted. Nancy Shaffer was present in the crowd to explain that this was an overpayment based on expected wages to be paid versus actual wages paid based on the premium paid, in the absence of Fiscal Officer Hatt. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**R2022-18** Trustee Fee made a motion to purchase four pallets of crack patch from DJL Materials and Supplies Inc. at a cost not to exceed \$1,350.00 per pallet from the Road Improvement Levy Fund 2193. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**G2022-19** Trustee Emerine moved for the adoption of a resolution WHEREAS, Section 505.10 of the Ohio Revised Code permits a board of trustees to sell personal property, including motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, tools or supplies which is not needed for public use, is obsolete or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired; and

WHEREAS, the board of Township Trustees of Champion Township, Trumbull County Ohio has determined that an internet auction is a cost effective method of disposing of such property; and

WHEREAS, Section 505.10(D) of the Ohio Revised Code permits a board of township trustees to sell such property by internet auction;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of trustees of Champion Township:

- Section 1: The pursuant to Section 505.10(D), the Board of Trustees of Champion Township hereby express its intent to sell personal property, including motor vehicles, road machinery, equipment, tools , or supplies, which is not needed for public use, is obsolete or is unfit for the use for which it was acquired by the internet auction.
- Section 2: That the Board of Trustees of Champion Township wishes to contract with GovDeals, Inc. to serve as a representative of the Township and conduct auctions on Behalf of the Township "GovDeals, Inc." is a Delaware corporation having its principal place of business at 5913 Carmichael Place, Montgomery, Alabama 26117 (1-800-613-0156).
- Section 3: That the items to be auctioned shall be inventoried, listed by Department, given an appropriate identification number and contains pertinent information (e.g. year, make, model, mileage, or use). A list of any such items shall then be presented to the Board of Trustees at a regularly scheduled meeting for determination as to whether the property is no longer needed for public use or is obsolete or unfit for the use for which it was acquired. The Board shall then adopt an appropriate resolution declaring said property to not be needed for public use, obsolete or unfit for the use for which is was acquired and shall order the property be sold via internet auction:

Section 4: That the Board of Trustees of Champion Township hereby designated the Fire Chief as the official point of contact for all internet auctions. This person shall be responsible for the following:

- A. Establishing a minimum price for each item of Township property auctioned;
- B. Establishing "terms and conditions" for online sales, which shall be displayed and available for review at the Township Administration Building.
- C. Ensuring that the property is sold by internet auction in accordance with the resolution and the "terms and conditions" for online sales; and
- D. Ensuring that the Township receives all monies due and owing to the township as a result of the sale of said property.

Section 5: That the internet auction will be conducted in the following manner under the following general terms and conditions:

- A. All property will be offered for sale subject to the Champion Township "On-line Sales – Terms and Conditions",
- B. All property is offered for sale "AS IS, WHEREIS." Champion Township, Trumbull County, Ohio makes no warranty, guarantee or representations of any kind, either express or implied as to the merchantability or fitness for any purpose of the property offered for sale. The "buyer" for any Township property is not entitled to any payment for loss for profit or any other money damages – special, direct, indirect or consequential – against the Township that in any way relates to the purchase and/or use of the property.
- C. All property will be available to the public on the "GovDeals, Inc." website for a minimum of ten (10) days, including Saturday, Sunday and legal holiday as required in Section 505.10(D) of the Ohio Revised Code;
- D. If any Township property offered for sale by internet auction is not sold within ten (10) days after being posted in the "GovDeals, Inc." website, the Township may withdraw said property from the internet auction at any time;
- E. Township property shall not be transferred to a successful bidder until such time as guaranteed payment had been received in full;
- F. The Board of Trustees, Champion Township, Trumbull County, Ohio reserves the right to reject any bids and to withdraw from sale any item listed on "GovDeals, Inc.",

Section 6: That Champion Township shall collect all auction proceeds by means of cash, certified check or money order, and ACH. In addition, "GovDeals, Inc." shall be entitled to a fee paid by the purchaser.

Section 7: That this Resolution takes effect at the earliest time as may be permitted by law;

Section 8: It has been determined that all formal action by the Board of Trustees of Champion Township concerning the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of the Board of Trustees of Champion Township and that all deliberation of the Board of Trustees of Champion Township which resulted in formal action were in a meeting open to the public and in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

**Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.**

A motion to rescind G2018-63, which required posting of the minutes on the townships **website was tabled** although the issue with who is going to be the website administrator is still unresolved. Tom Tracey asked if Trustee Bugos still had access to the website. Trustee Emerine and Trustee Fee said that Bugos does not have access. Trustee Templeton offered his son's services and asked Trustee Bugos for the password. Trustees stated that Quiggle had all the passwords so Trustee Templeton washed his hands of it. Discussion was had on getting someone from the outside to do this. An employee would be ideal but the trustees do not want to pay additional monies for this service.

A motion to purchase a 22' tandem axle tilt Moritz equipment trailer for \$11,496, plus \$35 title dock fee from Bennett Trailer **was tabled** for additional information.

Announcement: Drug Free Workplace Training for employees is tonight at 6pm at the Fire Station, tomorrow at 9am at the fire station and tomorrow night for supervisors at 6pm.

Announcement: Cemetery Clean Up will begin May 2. Please have all decorations removed by **April 30**. You may begin decorating again on May 7. Please remember that small stones are prohibited in the cemetery.

Announcement: Fiscal Year 2021 Reports are now available for inspection. A fee of \$3.00 is charged for paper copies of the documents. Email copies are free.

Reminder to Employees: March 31, 2022 is the deadline to submit any outstanding 2021 paperwork for reimbursement. Department heads, please remind your employees of this at your earliest convenience.

Reminder: The Trumbull County Health District Advisory Council will meet March 9, 2022 at 7pm in the Kent State University Trumbull Technology Building Room 117. If the Chairman is unable to attend, an alternate may be chosen from amongst the Board.

A motion to accept the 2021 OPWC Road Resurfacing payment of \$2,400.15. This amount was distributed directly to Ronyak Paving by OPWC on February 8, 2022 **was tabled**.

Trustee Templeton made a motion to accept the donation of Richard and Vanessa Teuscher of a HP LaserJet Printer MFP281FDP in to the Fiscal Office inventory and thank them for their donation. Fee seconded. Passed unanimously.

#### Old Business

Discussion was held on the IAFF MOU on testing captains in the fire department. Trustee Emerine made a motion to accept the MOU. Fee seconded it. Emerine yes, Fee no, Templeton no. **The motion died and cannot be brought back again. Chief Dempsey will be instructed to post the testing sign ups again immediately.**

**F2022-20** Trustee Fee made a motion to implement the paramedic training program for PT EMT Jonathan Massett at a cost not to exceed \$8,500.00. Mr. Massett has already signed the contract and enrolled in the class which starts tomorrow. **Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.** Massett will be required to pay back the training cost at a rate of 20% per year left on the next five years should he leave. Tom Tracey asked questions about the program and reimbursements. **Trustee Fee discussed the fact that this was poor practice to pass something at the last minute like this. Trustee Emerine stated that he had thought the motions were done in the November 8, 2021 meeting, but the minutes do not reflect that nor does the recollection of Trustee Bugos or Fiscal Officer Hatt.** John Streitferdt chimed in about the old training programs when he was a firefighter. **Fee brought up fire districts/regionalization.** Debbie Christ had comments about how other training programs work.

Trustees turned the project over to Trustee Fee to work with an architect for quotes on just a police/road garage, no fiscal office and meeting room area.

The Township has yet to respond to the KLM Risk Management assessment, which was due thirty (30) days after it was received by the Township. Much of this will be worked through with Cherry Poteet.

A discussion on website administration **was tabled**.

An intense discussion was held with Working Foreman Davis about the damage done to the roads by garbage trucks causing the need for additional equipment. **Trustee Templeton will head up looking in to another company servicing the entire township for a good price.** Trustee Emerine declined to do it as last time he brought it forward, he was crucified by the residents.

**R2022-21** Trustee Fee motion to purchase a SM TR575 Hot Tack Tank Trailer in the amount of \$18,144.00 from SealMaster, 4551 West State St, Edinburg, PA 16116. Templeton seconded. **Passed unanimously.**

New Business

A Public Hearing has been set on the Huntington Zone Change, details available by calling 330-847-6117. The hearing is March 14, 2022 at 6pm in the Township Garage.

Trustee Fee described the dilemma with the gas aggregate program right now because the market is so volatile. The price increased in just a few days by more than \$0.25 in some rates, based on length of contract. The energy group is going to continue to watch the market for a good price and keep the Township informed. A four year contract and a fixed rate are both unwise choices at this point.

Trustee Fee gave an architect update on the outdoor recreation project and his meetings with Andy Bednar. Trustee Fee is concerned that the money will not go as far if we purchase this project right now but would like to wait and see how prices go. Bednar suggested bidding it out in several projects, which may save a bit of money.

Public Comment

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, questions on the ARP money uses and granting Working Foreman Davis' other requests and how ridiculous is it to spend \$500,000 for a park when it doesn't serve everyone.

Carol Deehr, 5313 Craig, questioned whether or not the state audit was complete.

William Templeton, asked John Streitferdt, 5162 Calla, to speak about an award that he was getting for community service.

Douglas Emerine, congratulations to Tom Tracey on his daughter Morgan's accomplishments at the Olympics.

Dick Berry, 5171 Calla, there will be a banquet for John Streitferdt's award and Martin and Cindee Mines will also be honored at the banquet for community service via the Historical Society.

Trustee Templeton made a motion to hire Seth Shay at \$11 and Earl Huff at \$15 for seasonal Cemetery work. Fee stated that he felt it was ridiculous to pay a guy in the Cemetery \$15 an hour when we are paying fire department \$12.60/hr. Motion died for lack of a second.

Trustee Templeton made a motion to **enter executive Session for discipline of a Champion Township Fire Department PT employee**. Fee seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Templeton made a motion to exit executive session. Fee seconded. Passed unanimously.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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Trustee

The Champion Township Board of Trustees attended a Drug Free Workplace Training for Supervisory employees at the Champion High School Community room on March 8, 2022 at 6pm absent Fiscal Officer Hatt.

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Chairman

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Trustee

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Public Hearing on March 14, 2022 at 6pm in the Champion Township Administration Building for the purpose of hearing a zone change request from Huntington Bank. The Chairman called the meeting to order at 6:20pm, awaiting the arrival of Trustee Templeton who apologized for thinking the hearing began at 6:30pm.

The Fiscal Officer presented proof of publication.

The Chairman read the request: The Board of Champion Township Trustees, Trumbull County, OH gives notice that a public hearing will be held on the 14<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2022 at 6:00pm at the Township Hall, 149 Center St East, Warren, OH 44481, on the Application for a Zone Change Amendment changing the use classification on the following properties: Owner: Huntington Bank; Parcel: 46-012516, 46-350100, 46-012514, 46-12513, 46-376325, 46-012515. The Current Classification Residential with proposed change to Commercial. A copy of the proposed zoning changes are on file with the Zoning Commission and is available for inspection and copying upon request to the Zoning Inspector (330-847-6117). All persons have a right to appear in person or by representation to give testimony for or against the proposed zoning changes. At the conclusion of the hearing, the Board will have thirty days to issue a ruling. By order of the Board of Champion township Trustees By Courtney Hatt, Fiscal Officer

The Chairman called three times for opponents and proponents. None were present.

The Chairman called for comments from the Board.

Trustee Fee brought up a question about the lot in question being deeded to First Place Bank and not Huntington.

Attorney Letson stated that he would research this and let the board know in time for their next meeting.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the hearing.

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Chairman

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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on March 14, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Champion Township Administration Building for the purpose of negotiating the compensation on the AFSCME Union. The Chairman called the meeting to order with a full board present.

Trustee Fee made the motion **to enter executive session for the purposes of contract negotiations for compensation of a public employee with the AFSCME Union**. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Templeton made a motion to exit executive session. Fee seconded. Passed unanimously.

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 a special meeting on March 22, 2022 at 6:30pm in the Champion High School Community Room for the purpose of staffing, zoning and financial issues. The Chairman called the meeting to order with a full board present.

**Z2022-22** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve an application for a Zone Change Amendment changing the use classification on the following properties: Owner: Huntington Bank; Parcel: 46-012516, 46-350100, 46-012514, 46-12513, 46-376325, 46-012515. The Current Classification Residential with proposed change to Commercial. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated March 15, 2022 in the amount of \$5,486,740.6, accepting the permanent appropriations and revenue increases from the March 7, 2022 meeting. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**R2022-23** Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the 2021 OPWC Road Resurfacing payment of \$2,400.15. This amount was distributed directly to Ronyak Paving by OPWC on February 8, 2022 for the second distribution in the Copeland-Gertrude project. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**C2022-24** Trustee Fee made a motion to transfer \$1,450 from the Zoning Fund to the Cemetery Fund to correct typographical errors from receipts 211-2021 and 241-2021 found during an internal audit. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Fee made a motion to approve a transfer in the amount of up to \$25,000 to the Zoning Fund from the General Fund to cover expenses. **The motion died for a lack of second.**

**Z2022-25** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve a transfer in the amount of \$15,000 to the Zoning Fund from the General Fund to cover expenses. Emerine seconded. Emerine yes, Fee yes, Templeton no.

Motion to purchase a 22' tandem axles tilt equipment trailer from Bennett Trailer Sales in the amount of \$11,531 was discussed but Trustee Emerine had concerns on the weight bearing of the trailer and wanted a 10 ton trailer rather than an 8 ton trailer. He asked Working Foreman Davis to look into it and bring it forward next meeting.

**Public Comment:**

D Christ, 400 Lauder, asked about specifics for Zoning Fund Line items. The Fiscal officer gave her a copy of the Appropriations.

D Berry, 5171 Calla, question on Educational Highway.

**Trustee Templeton resolved** that the Board of Trustee recess from open session and enter into "Executive Session" to consider the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion, or compensation of a public employee. Trustee Fee seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Fee made a motion to exit executive session. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**F2022-26** Trustee Fee made a motion to promote Jon Bland to the position of Captain within the Champion Township Fire Department. **Emerine seconded.** Emerine yes, Fee yes, Templeton no as he would like the test to be administered and did not understand why the promotions were happening when the MOU was turned down. Fee stated that with the third candidate dropping out of the testing phase and only two candidates for two positions, it was just a waste of money to test.

**F2022-27** Trustee Fee made a motion to promote Justin martin to the position of Captain within the Champion Township Fire Department. **Emerine seconded.** Emerine yes, Fee yes, Templeton no, same as above.

Trustee Fee made a motion to create an full time FF/EMT position within the Champion Fire Department by requesting an MOU from the IAFF.

**F2022-28** Trustee Templeton made a motion to increase the FFII/EMT rate from \$11.22 to \$13.00 per hour and the FFII Paramedic from \$13.26 to \$15 per hour. Fee seconded. Passed unanimously.

**F2022-29** Trustee Fee made a motion to hire Steve Hall, pending pre-employment drug screen, background check and pension physical, as a full time firefighter/paramedic in the Champion Township Fire Department. Trustee Templeton objected as he did not believe that Hall had his paramedic certification. Fee showed that Hall was a certified paramedic. **Templeton seconded.** Passed unanimously.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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Fiscal Officer