

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on November 5, 2018 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.

Minutes were approved as submitted.

The Board of Champion Township Trustees welcomed Trumbull county Treasurer, Sam Lamancusa and a representative from the Trumbull County Auditor's office, Bud McDermott, to discuss delinquent property taxes within the Township. Mr. Lamancusa gave a lengthy and informative presentation, with a public Q&A session. The Township officials and department heads also interjected questions. Mr. Lamancusa informed the public that he has three (3) jobs: to collect delinquent taxes, to invoice property owners for taxes and to invest public monies wisely. He reiterated that Champion Township has one of the lowest unpaid property tax rates in the county. He also informed the public that the list of unpaid property taxes consisted of: 288 properties, 78 of which were only short \$100 or less, most likely due to a numerical reversal when the customer paid and would be corrected by next tax collection. Mr. Lamancusa also discussed that there were seven (7) properties currently listed in the land bank and that he would be soon liquidating them so that they became tax-paying properties again. Mr. Lamancusa discussed his Land Bank program and its opportunities available to the public. Mr. Lamancusa indicated that the Delinquent Property Tax List would be published during the month of November and a portion of those taxes would be paid by December. The Board thanked him for his time and valuable information. A handout was provided to attendees and is available in the Fiscal Office or an updated one may be requested through Mr. Lamancusa's office.

The Champion Township Board of Trustees welcomed Mr. Nick Santucci, Director of Governmental and Public Affairs, from the Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber. Mr. Santucci briefly discussed the role of the Chamber in bringing new commerce to the area, either at the request of the local governments, by petitioning business that showed an interest in or by discovering local commercial lands for businesses looking to develop. He agreed to meet with the Board at another time for further discussion. Chairman Fee proposed that perhaps the Chamber could intervene with regard to the sewer issue as he is concerned that the residents in Lordstown and Champion will not get a good result from the current negotiations between Warren City and the Trumbull County Sanitary Engineer's Office.

F2018-75 Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to reallocate appropriations from the Fire Levy Machinery, Furniture and Equipment line item (2192-760-740) in the amount of \$30,000 to the Medical/Hospitalization (2192-220-221) and to the Contracted Services (2192-220-360). The Auditor requires the Contracted Services fees by Medicount Management to be included in the both Income and Expenditures retroactive to January 1, 2018 and Medical/Hospitalization was increased in premiums and utilization of services, both requiring an increase in appropriations. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2018-76 Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept the life and accidental death insurance coverage with Consumer's Life Insurance for November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019, at a cost of \$196.08 per month. The Board accepts this monthly rate may fluctuate due to changes in enrollment. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2018-77 Trustee Emerine made a motion to accept the Delta Dental Renewal Contract effective November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 at a cost of \$1,414.35 per month. The Board accepts this monthly rate may fluctuate due to changes in enrollment. This rate was an increase over last year's premiums. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2018-78 Trustee Bugos made a motion to approve the health insurance contract with Anthem effective November 1, 2018 through October 31, 2019 at a cost of \$25,701.20 per month The Board accepts that this monthly rate may fluctuate with changes in enrollment. This is an increase over last year's premiums. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to accept the donation of Ralph Moran, \$100.00; Donations "In Memory of Larry Norton": \$50.00 from Connie and John Sheridan, \$30.00 from Robert and Joan Hickox, \$200.00 from Kim Flynn, and \$50.00 from Beverly Mumpher, to the Fire Department. Champion Fire

Department and the Champion Township Board of Trustees THANKS them for their generous donations. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

F2018-79 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Chief Hickey to accept the grant payment from Ohio BWC in the amount of \$36,072.44 towards the total cost of \$48,096.59 for the Stryker Power Cot and Loading System for Champion Fire Department Squad 21. The approved local share for this purchase will be \$12,024.15. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

The Trustees announced that the Champion Pride Council is holding their annual food drive from November 1-15, 2018. .A Thank you to all who made it a success!

The department heads presented their respective reports.

Z2018-80 see attached resolution on declaring 727 Champion Ave W a nuisance through ORC 505.87

Chairman Fee recognized Trenten Miranda, Eagle Scout and Everett Miranda, Tenderfoot, of Troop #25, for their attendance at the meeting.

#### Correspondence

G2018-81 Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to approve the 2019 BWC monthly premium rate of \$3,706.28. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Announcement that the Geauga Trumbull Solid Waste open House will be held on November 9 if any department heads or public officials would like to attend.

Auditor of State Update” The Holiday from paying the \$50 Technology fee is over and will begin being billed to all entitites again. End of Year Training is coming up on December 4 in an all day Webinar.

#### Old Business

OTARMA KLA Loss Control visit was discussed with how to handle required report on action taken on their recommendations. Initial response was submitted. Action items are still being addressed in various workshops.

C2018-62A Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Cemetery Sexton Connelly to extend the deadline for Gaumer Landscaping to complete the tree removal in the cemetery by November 9, rather than Oct 31, due to rain delays. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

#### New Business

Chairman Fee requested schedules for the November workshop. Zoning inspector Fonce was requested to attend; date was set for November 21, 2018 at 9:00am at the Township Administration Building. Additional possible topics are having the Regional Chamber in, OTARMA information.

Chairman Fee reminded everyone that November 6<sup>th</sup> is Election Day and to please get out and vote! Trustee Emerine asked each department head to double check the OTARMA renewal so that we are not paying for vehicles that we no longer own.

#### Public Comment

D. Christ, 400 Lauder, had concerns about the property at 357 Lauder.

J. Potts, 5465 Oak Hill Dr., had a question on the site survey by the Sanitary Sewer department regarding State Rd.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting on November 20, 2018 at 3:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the township. The Chairman called the meeting to order with a full board present.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to enter into Executive Session to discuss Police personnel compensation regarding healthcare issues, inviting OPBA Union Representatives Jeff Parry, Champion OPBA Liaison Dan Wasko and Patrolman Koehler to join. Trustee Bugos 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.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting on November 21, 2018 at 9:00a.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the township, with Zoning Inspector Fonce and Fire chief John Hickey present, in the Township Administration Building. The Chairman called the meeting to order absent Trustee Emerine who came late due to an emergency.

F2018-82 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fire Chief Hickey to increase the reserve roster by two (2) spots temporarily due to a difficulty in filling weekend spots while we have two reservists out on military leave and one reservist about to resign. These two positions are to be filled immediately by Collin Dales and Kyle Maffit, pending pre-employment drug testing, at a rate of \$9.00 per hour until the end of their 90 day probationary period. Trustee Fee seconded. Bugos yes, Fee yes. (Emerine came late and stated he would have voted yes had he been present.)

G2018-83 Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to hire a part time assistant to work in the fiscal office up to 500 hours per year. Pay and duties to be commensurate with the experience and abilities of candidate hired. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

The Board requested that Fire Chief Hickey provide a staffing report to them along with his updated 2019 departmental budget by January 1.

Zoning Inspector Fonce went over several issues within her department, including tires balding on the township vehicle, her telephone acting up, a question of whether or not she should hand out guidelines to people asking about a variance, and other departmental issues she desired to address.

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

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Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a Special Meeting on November 28, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. for the purpose of conducting the business of the township, in conjunction with the Southington Township Trustees at the Southington Town Hall. The Chairman called the meeting to order with a full board present.

Chairman Plott offered a 10% increase to the contract currently in existence. The Champion board recessed to the basement.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to enter into Executive session with Chief Hickey present. Trustee Bugos 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.

When reconvened, Chairman Fee proposed that Champion be allowed to bill Southington residents for any costs not covered by their health insurance plans. The Southington Board tentatively agreed.

The chairman proposed that the contract be increased to \$27,500 in 2019, increased to \$30,000 in 2020 and hold at \$30,000 in 2021. The Southington Board tentatively agreed to this increase.

Fire Chief Hickey will draw up the contract and provide a copy for the Champion board to sign on December 3, 2018 at the Regular monthly meeting, then forward to Southington to sign and return a copy to us.

Hearing no further comment, The Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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