

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on November 4, 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.

The September amendment to the minutes, an agenda correction and the October minutes were approved as submitted.

Announcement of Champion Central Elementary and the Champion Senior Citizen Advisory Council will present "A Veteran's Day Ceremony" on November 11, 2019 at 10:00 am in the Champion High School Pamela S. Hood Auditorium, Chairman Fee will be speaking.

F2019-92 Trustee Bugos made a motion to approve the Champion Township Policy for the General Procurement Standards for Purchase with Federal Funds, in compliance with 2CFR200. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-93 Trustee Emerine made a motion to accept the 2018 OPWC Drainage and Resurfacing Project Disbursement, increasing revenue and appropriations to \$97,962.23. This disbursement was made by OPWC in August, but the Township was not officially notified of the disbursement until October. The project referenced is the Marshall, Folsom and High St project. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

G2019-94 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to accept the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources dated October 18, 2019 in the amount of \$5,980,896.72. This reflects the transfer from General Fund to Zoning. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Emerine made a motion to accept the donation by the Auditor of State's office of a Dell Laserjet Printer into our inventory. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Thank you to our Police and Fire for patrolling the streets during Trick or Treat.

Thank you to Nancy Shafer who donated over \$150 worth of candy to each department to distribute.

At this time, the Fiscal Officer forwarded the Zoning Amendment books and the board acknowledged receipt of the September and October Financial Reports. The Zoning Hearing was set for December 2, 2019 at 5:30pm.

Chairman Fee issued a reminder to the residents to vote in the Tuesday, November 5, 2019 election.

The department heads gave their respective reports.

Zoning Inspector Fonce requested to have legal counsel send letters to noncompliant residents for 8 properties. The Board denied this request and asked Zoning Inspector Fonce whether or not certified mail was appropriate as a step in this process. Zoning Inspector Fonce stated that the current process did not include certified mail. The Board indicated that prior to the expense of legal counsel, it would like to see if the residents responded to certified mail. Zoning Inspector Fonce indicated that she would do whatever the Board asked of her. The Board directed her to send the violation letters via certified mail.

R2019-95 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Road Supervisor Rozzo for the purchase of a replacement steel bed for Dump Truck #10 from Myers Equipment, of Canfield; the dump bed will be \$8,890 and installation up to \$1,110, a cost not to exceed \$10,000. Trustee Emerine seconded. Truck #10 is a 1999 in excellent condition but the existing bed is in poor condition. The Road Department will remove the existing bed and scrap it to save labor costs. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

R2019-96 Trustee Emerine made a motion at the request of Road Supervisor Rozzo, with support from Police Chief White, to sell the 2008 Ford Crown Victoria, VIN 2FAHP71V39X105055, inventory #45, on GovDeals.com with a minimum starting bid of \$350.00. Trustee Bugos seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

R2019-97 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Road Supervisor Rozzo to sell a Toro Zero Turn mower (#2) on GovDeals.com with no minimum starting bid. Trustee Emerine seconded. Bugos yes, Emerine yes, Fee yes.

Trustee Emerine requested an inventory of the storage facility with a list to be provided to the Board of any items that have been in storage for greater than 6 months and not been utilized.

Correspondence

OTARMA has sent correspondence with the latest renewal that the laws on bonding public officials has changed and they have added additional services with their coverages, so they are prepared to meet with the Board to give an update on coverages. The Board has opted to not meet with them at this time. Perhaps when the new Trustee is seated the discussion should be renewed.

Three firms responded to the Park Land Use Request for Proposal and two firms have requested meetings with the Board. A meeting date was set for 11/7 at 3:30pm with GPD Group and for 11/12 @ 3:15pm with Baker, Bednar and Snyder. If available, these meetings will be held in the Champion High School Community room.

New Business

The November Workshop was not set due to already meeting with the firms (above) and the Thanksgiving holiday.

Chairman Fee gave an update on the Governor’s release of some of the Local Government Fund distribution amounts coming in 2020.

Chairman Fee gave an update on the Research Drive situation with the County engineer’s office.

Public Comment

Jim Latimer, 1025 Prentice Rd, had questions about water lines and investments with park funds. Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, had questions about drainage.

Trustee Bugos made a motion to enter into executive session. 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 November 7, 2019 at 3:30pm for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township with a full board present.

The GPD Group was present to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and the Board’s vision for a Park Land Use Proposal.

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 Special Meeting on November 12, 2019 at 3:20pm for the purposes of conducting the business of the Township. The Chairman called the meeting to order without Trustee Emerine.

Baker Bednar and Snyder was present to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and the Board’s vision for a Park Land Use Proposal.

A renewed conversation with regard to the OTARMA meeting request was discussed.

G2019-99 Trustee Bugos made a motion at the request of Fiscal Officer Hatt to increase appropriations in the following funds to cover expenses through December 31, 2019: General \$4,000.00; road and Bridge \$48,677.21; Police \$25,000.00; and Fire \$52,500.00. Trustee Fee seconded. Bugos 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 Meeting on November 18, 2019 at 3:20 pm for the purpose of conducting the business of the Township. The Chairman called the meeting to order with a full board present.

Thomas Fok Engineering was present to discuss the Comprehensive Plan and the Board’s vision for a Park Land Use Proposal.

The Fiscal Officer presented an amended certificate dated November 12, 2019 in the amount of \$6,078,858.95, but stated that it was incorrect and the Board did not vote to accept it. The certificate should have read \$6,004,099.83.

Paychecks were passed out, noting that the Fiscal Officer and Trustees pay had increased due to the Estimated Resources exceeding \$6,000,000.00.

Correspondence with OTARMA was presented to the Board with regard to the new faithful performance bond.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

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Chairman

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Fiscal Officer

November 22, 2019 Special Meeting opened at 1030 Hours by Trustee Brian Bugos. Fire Chief John Hickey was appointed secretary pro temp for this meeting.

Others in attendance:

- Michael Rozzo                      Champion Township Road Department
- Sam Lamancusa                    Trumbull County Treasurer
- Sean Carvin                        Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership / Land Bank
- Lisa Ramsey                        Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership / Land Bank
- Dan Tjolker                         Ohio Environmental Protection Agency
- Roxanne Anderson                Ohio Environmental Protection Agency

- ❖ Introductions of all parties’ present was held.
- ❖ Trustee Doug Emerine arrived at 1040 Hours.
- ❖ Mr. Lamancusa gave a brief description of what his office does as treasurer and as part of the Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership/Land Bank.
- ❖ Discussion was held about the property located at 400 Refractory Drive or Parcel 46-373500.
- ❖ Mr. Lamancusa advised that the property has a foreclosure pending and they currently owe \$235,773.42 in unpaid taxes.
- ❖ Mr. Tjolker gave a brief history of what actions the Federal EPA and Ohio EPA have taken on the property as of today’s date. Mr. Tjolker provided multiple avenues that the township may take in order to secure funding to assist in the clean-up of the old refractory’s’ property.
- ❖ Mrs. Ramsey talked about the definition of a “Brownfield” project, and what criteria needed to be met in order to qualify for this federal program.

- ❖ Trustee Fee arrived at the meeting at 1122 Hours.
- ❖ A discussion was held concerning the property located at 4000 Mahoning Ave. (Warren Steel Holdings)
- ❖ Mr. Lamancusa gave an update on the status of this property. Currently the owners owe \$579,655.55 in unpaid taxes. This is for Parcel 41-901611 & 46-373100.
- ❖ A discussion took place about the options that the township could pursue with this property. It was determined that any course of action would need to include Warren Township Trustees also.
- ❖ It was determined that Champion Township should focus its current efforts on the property located at 400 Refractory Drive and use the resources through the Ohio EPA and the Trumbull Neighborhood Partnership to help secure grant funding in order to assist in cleaning up the property. It was agreed that another meeting would be scheduled in the future to continue talks and ideas about what Champion Township's next step would be with the property and the proposed cleanup and revitalization of the parcel.
- ❖ The meeting adjourned at 1210 hours

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Chairman

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Pro Tempore