

## Record of proceedings Book for Champion Township Board of Trustees 2022-2025

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on September 12, 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 with a full board present.

The special meeting held on August 31, 2022, was not advertised in the paper properly. This meeting has been deemed not legal and therefore anything accomplished during this meeting is deemed null and void.

Trustee Fee made a motion to rescind resolution Contract for Professional Design Services. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Fee made a motion to rescind the appointment of Larry Skaggs as the new Police Chief with a one-year contract. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**R2022-94L** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the acceptance of bids for professional design services contracts until September 23, 2022 at 3pm. This resolution will be advertised in the Trumbull County Legal News and the township website. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**P2022-95L** Trustee Fee made a motion to appoint Larry Skaggs as Chief of Police at a salary of \$58,000.00 per a one-year compensation contract and a 60-day probationary period. Emerine seconded. Templeton questioned Skaggs on his audit of the transfer of credentials from OSP to OPOTA and any requirements he may be lacking. Fee yes, Emerine yes, Templeton no.

The department heads gave their respective reports.

**F2022-96** Trustee Fee made a motion to promote Paramedic Brandon Quiggle to Captain without testing as he is the only applicant at this time. Emerine seconded. Templeton abstained, citing contractual issues requiring an MOU. Fee yes, Emerine yes.

Chief Dempsey requested a posting for a FFII/Paramedic position full time. The applicant who he had previously recommended hiring was no longer interested in the job. Dempsey stated that a PT position would cost \$131,000 per year and right now we have many many open shifts for part times, so a full timer in one rotating slot would help the department. Dempsey was asked to meet with Fiscal Officer Hatt prior to the next meeting to discuss the budgets prior to the board voting on posting. Trustee Fee requested that we look for other options because clearly this many open shifts are a safety issue. Templeton questioned if raising the part time rate would aid in the filling of shifts. Templeton suggested using the ARP money to pay off the fire truck to free up cash flow in the fire budget. Trustee Fee believed that debt acquired prior to March 2021 was an ineligible use. Fiscal Officer Hatt stated that Trustee Fee was correct. Trustee Emerine said that was on his mind also as he had just signed the annual fire truck payment due October 1.

Trustee Emerine questioned Chief Dempsey on a repair of wiring on Chief 21 at Hudson one day and Banks the next. Chief Dempsey stated that he had already inquired, and Hudson said that because Chief 21 was so rusted out, the liability was on the department, not on them. Which led to Chief Dempsey requesting \$50,000 in ARP money to purchase a new Chief 221. Additional items on his ARP wish list include a new ambulance, which are about 2 years out from time of order, as well as 3 repeaters and a large fan.

Trustee Templeton stated that he was concerned that the fire department was vastly uninsured as the renewal was coming and the department only had \$56,000 in coverage for all their equipment. Trustees requested updated inventories for all departments to review with OTARMA, although he did not believe that the township was underinsured.

Trustees questioned on what was going on with EMT/Medic assists with other townships. Dempsey stated that Bazetta and Cortland want 'promise to pay' letter from the Board if we call for their services. Bristol owes Champion for over \$5,000 in calls that their Chief had a concern with. Dempsey straightened that out with a trustee there, but they have not paid yet.

Working Foreman Davis presented a resume for Marshall Speaker to the trustees and asked if he could hire someone as one employee is moving out of town and will be retiring when he moves. Another employee is pout on sick leave for up to 8 weeks and snow is on its way. A third employee will have 30 years in next year and is planning on retiring, so he is worried about his crew being properly trained

and staffed. Trustees requested that WF Davis meet with Fiscal Officer Hatt to determine if the budget can sustain an extra worker for six months. WF Davis stated that the street sweeper has been on GovDeals twice and not sold, so we are free to sell it to anyone who wants it for the same price from auction. He has a buyer who is interested. Board approved. The roller did not meet minimum bids, so WF Davis was to inquire if the Fair Board was still interested in it. WF Davis's wish list with ARP money includes a new pick up and a new vehicle to replace the Blazer. He is also looking for two new plow trucks. Trustee Templeton had done research on the DAS website and said we just need to pay the fee to rejoin. (This fee had been waived for COVID, so the township will need to check in to this. It is free to look.) Trustee Templeton also inquired if Chief Skaggs could investigate the township joining the military surplus program that Chief White had briefly looked into and not made any headway on. Brookfield Police Department had been able to get some items from the program.

Chief Skaggs thanked Mike and Debbie Caldwell for the donation of a station detention bench. Officer Lowery had researched a camera system for in front of the PD with ARP money. Some options were given to the trustees to look at. Skaggs was given a few names and numbers to call for additional quotes and to check the specifications he may need. Chief Skaggs is looking in to getting new vests for the department. He is inquiring whether or not all officers will be eligible or just the three new hires.

Chief Skaggs announced that the PD is still interested in hiring some additional part time officers. He is working on updating the drug drop off program and new procedures in the department. Templeton asked about whether or not he had a vehicle for use prior to his swearing in. Fee reminded him that he needed to get multiple quotes and not just go with RD Banks because it was here in Champion, due diligence is required by the law.

Zoning Inspector Fonce brought a property **6149** Shaffer Rd, Parcel #46-901856. Up for demolition discussion, with the property owner and neighbors present. Cheryl and Jared Wilson, have a buyer for the property and are expecting to sign the papers for the purchase this week. They would like the township to hold off on demolition as their buyer will restore the property and it was Cheryl's childhood home. They did not understand why the property was being targeted for removal now when it had ben in Cheryl's brother's possession for years and he is the one who let it go in disarray. Their buyer agreement states that the buyer will pay all property taxes in full, in addition to the sales price. Zoning Inspector Fonce recommends revisiting after the sale because the whole process will have to start all over again with the new owner.

**Z2022-97** Trustee Fee resolved that legal notice of this Board's intention to remove the structure(Sjon the following premises, being given in accordance with ORC §505.86 (B), and thirty (30) days having passed, without compliance of the property owners, the Board of Trustees hereby orders commencement of the removal of said structures: 455 Prentice Rd, Parcel #46-901856. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**Z2022-98** Trustee Fee resolved that Walter Paving be hired to provide for the securance and demolition of said property to be paid in the amount of \$7,299. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Board will accept Zoning Inspector Fonce's recommendation to speak to the new owner and have an update for the October 3 meeting. Silas Dozier and another neighbor made statements about the safety of the property and the inability to restore the building.

Discussion was held on the hiring of office help. Trustee Fee stated that the Board needed a job description and a pay rate before advertising. Trustee Templeton wanted to understand what tasks needed done and who had previously done these tasks before doing anything. Trustee Emerine addressed the Zoning Inspector and the Zoning Commission, who were also present, about a meeting that he had earlier today with KSU, the Planning Commission and the Youngstown Warren Regional Chamber of Commerce. He stated that someone was very interested in the property on Research Drive but wanted the official answer on whether or not champion Zoning would allow light manufacturing in that area, but Township Zoning Resolution does not contain light manufacturing. Zoning Inspector Fonce stated that it could lead to a lot of legal issues. The group wanted an answer right away so that they could move on to another property if the Board was not interested in having the plant there. The impact on Research Parkway and Educational Highway with

so much construction was discussed. The Zoning Commission was given permission to speak to legal counsel about the project.

Zoning Inspector Fonce had an idea to offer a "use variance" or add a new zoning category. Trustee Fee indicated some noise concerns with it being so close to residences.

Trustee Templeton addressed the return of Assistant to the Fiscal Officer from leave of absence. The Board agreed to discuss in executive session because it dealt with personnel matters.

**Public Comment:**

Don Varner, 5886 Mahoning, question moving the ball fields behind the homes and the comprehensive plan to do this? Commented on the cost of a new building and park levy. He also had traffic concerns on Mahoning. He also requested that if lights are put up to detract from crime, that motion sensor lights go up, not lights that shine in his windows like the school did. Stated that when his family sold the township the property it was to be used for cemetery expansion and park, but the township seemed to stray from that as he has concerns that the cemetery will run out of room if the park is built there. He also requested adequate fencing as with the new school, people try to use his yard as a thoroughfare. Trustee Fee addressed his concerns.

Robert Hill, Nutwood/Cleveland intersection, 8" pipe on his mother in laws property is no longer adequate. Nothing has been done since Handyman went in during the 80s and the property is flooding. Also, the property that is next to it is a field that Warren Diesel may or may not be renting is full of debris. Can't disaster services come help? There needs to be a retention pond. Also, what is going on with United Refractories? Trustee addressed the concern about the property and stated that the EPA may have involvement due to a wetlands preservation area.

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shaffer, had comments about the cameras and the need for a generator if the power goes out so the cameras continue to work. Also stated concerns about a business that wanted an answer in one day about whether zoning would change for them.

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, stated that she had a list of unpaid bills the fiscal officer left when she went on leave of absence. Trustee Emerine asked where she obtained the list, and she said Trustee Templeton gave it to her. Emerine asked Templeton about it, and he said he got it from the Deputy Fiscal officer. Emerine asked why Templeton was giving out records when he was not the records custodian and Christ stated that she called the office and no one returned her call, so she went to Templeton and told him the township had a duty to provide it in a timely manner, so he gave it to her. Emerine and Fee stated that they had seen no such list and wanted a copy, so Templeton told them to obtain it from Deputy Fiscal Officer Blazek. Had accusations of forgery against Fiscal Officer Hatt as well as questioning about Fiscal Officer Hatt's salary and work product and medical condition. Jason Kish, 5110 Sabrina, offered to help put up signs for the Police Replacement Levy.

Trustee Fee made a motion to enter executive session to discuss hiring, promotion, discipline or termination or a public employee or official and matters required to be kept confidential under Federal law. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Templeton made a motion to exit executive session and adjourn the meeting. Fee seconded, Passed unanimously.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the Board of Trustee meeting at pm.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on September 20, 2022, at 6:15pm in the Champion Township Administration Building for the purpose of conducting the business of the township. The Chairman called the meeting to order with a full board present. \*The meeting was supposed to be at 6:30, but it was incorrectly advertised for 6:00, so trustees started at 6:15 due to the number of public present since 6:00.

**Public Comment:**

Bob Szuch, 1701 Verona St, questions about the old park fund. Trustees informed him of the current balance in the fund and he asked if that money could be used for pickleball courts.

Jack Besse, 381 Durst, thanked the road department for work on his road and encouraged the trustees to apply for grants.

Jason Kish, 5110 Sabrina, supported working with the school and has spoken to Grabowski and the frisbee golf using the current park property on Mahoning. He offered information on grant writing and Trustee Emerine thoroughly discussed grant writing and matching funds.

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, questioned why our police department did not receive one of the CRIME grants recently awarded to other townships on the news. She also questioned the qualifications of the new police chief. She questioned the Chief's grant writing abilities. She questioned a new policy about why the police officers are not allowed to speak to the trustees on issues. Chief replied about chain of command issues. Emerine also weighed in that he felt that employees should be discussing issues with their supervisor and then their union if not resolved, not coming to trustees individually. Jim Latimer, 1025 Prentice, as an HR headhunter, he expressed some common issues with employees not being able to discuss issues with higher ups. Emerine reminded him that many of the employees were unionized, and trustees had already been chastised by speaking to them without their reps. Christy Christman, 126 Raymond, mentioned CHS students need volunteer hours for graduation. Debbie Christ stated she is creating a YouTube channel and would take help and certify hours. Christman asked about the students volunteering for fundraising for the park. Emerine stated that a committee was still needed to do that and this is going to move very slowly.

Mrs. Besse, 381 Durst Dr, wants a copy of the comprehensive plan published in the Champion Times as not everyone is on Facebook/internet.

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, questions about the police replacement levy.

Trustees Emerine and Templeton stated that this was an important levy because if the township does not pass this levy, the police will lose the current dollar amount in our budget until a new levy is passed. They were adamant about the dire impact it would have on services. Trustee Fee tried to interject that it would be detrimental but would not shut down the services of police.

Jack Besse, 381 Durst, questioned why the township was waiting to put levies on for the school when he did not think the school had ever waited on the township.

Jason Kish, 5110 Sabrina, supported the township levies by stating that he feels he is getting a better bang for his buck with local dollars at the township than he is getting from his Federal or state taxes.

D. Christ 400 Lauder, using ARP funds to fill the gap if the replacement levy goes down. Christy Christman, 126 Raymond, if we lose our police, the Sheriff department response time will be very slow, so it is important to pass this levy.

Mrs. Besse, 381 Durst, stated that she feels many people don't know the breakdown on their tax dollars and she would think more people would support the levy if they knew the information.

Christy Christman, 126 Raymond, shared how Fire has saved her families lives and she wants to stress the importance of the community appreciating what they have.

**Agenda:**

The secretary position has not yet been posted because the trustees need additional information, such as Trustee Fee named areas the office help will work on, Trustee Emerine asked if what hours threshold they want and if the person would help department heads. Rex stated there is a need for the secretary to the Board to help assist with typing and other duties. Emerine stated that he wanted a notary in the township. Templeton- questioned why is the re a need now and who was doing all of these tasks before? Emerine stated Tarleton did some, some were new programs, Hickey did som. Trustee Templeton interrupted the discussion on office help by asking who typed a document that he had in a Ziploc bag.

FO Hatt stated that Vanessa Teuscher, AFO, had typed the document at Trustee Emerine's request at Rhonda Fonce's request for a statement from the trustees. Templeton stated that he had not signed

the document and was going to send it to BCI to have the handwriting analyzed. Trustees Fee and Emerine examined the document and stated that they had both signed the document themselves and gave a timeline for their signatures.

Templeton questioned why everyone seems to have jumped ship on doing the jobs they were hired for, and he offered the job duties to Working Foreman Davis. Davis started that he is incapable of being a notary and a secretary.

Templeton questioned why Skaggs (who is not sworn in yet as Chief) does not have any officers as notaries.

Incoming Police Chief Larry Skaggs requested that trustees reimburse Officer Lowery for the 8-hour training on Advanced Criminal Investigations that Officer Lowery paid for out of his own pocket. Trustees agreed to pay for it.

**P2022-99** Trustee Fee made a motion to reimburse Officer Lowery \$149 for the Advanced Criminal Investigations class that he took. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously. Mr. And Mrs. Miller asked to interrupt the meeting to write a check to cover the cost of the training because they were touched by his initiative to better himself. The Board thanked them and accepted the donation.

Skaggs will submit that OAG grant for bulletproof vests at a rate of 75% pre vest upon his swearing into the position of Chief. An anonymous University is donating furniture and other office equipment to the CPD, and Champion ACE is donating a Penske truck rental to allow Chief's Skaggs and Dempsey to go down and pick up whatever is donated. The donation could yield between \$5-10,000.00 of equipment that will cost the township \$1, but Incoming Chief Skaggs will pay that from his own pocket.

Skaggs is working on the video camera system. He received a quote from Howland Alarm, 16 channel, 4 amp, 180 view. Trustees instructed him to get additional quotes. Skaggs would like to order some evidence bags/kits as he is upset about the availability of crime scene kits to officers currently.

Working Foreman Davis would like to seal the front parking lot for the township.

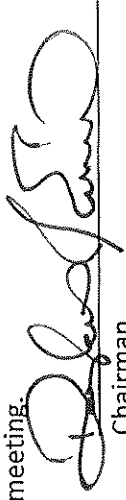
Trustee Emerine addressed the insurance issue raised at the last meeting by Trustee Templeton.

Having reviewed further, the \$56,000 in coverage is only for unscheduled items and not everything in the FD. Emerine indicated that he would like to increase the \$56,000 coverage a bit, but that Dempsey's equipment was covered.

Trustee Fee made a motion to go into executive session for the compensation of a public employee. Emerine seconded. Fee yes, Emerine yes, Templeton no stating that he delt the topic had already been discussed.

Templeton exit executive session. Fee seconded. Passed unanimously.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer



The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on October 3, 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 with a full board present.

The department heads presented their reports.

**P2022-100** Trustee Fee made a motion to purchase a 2017 Dodge Durango SSV AWD, with lights and sirens and back up camera, pending approval of police using an SSV from Asia Motors, 2300 N Manheim Rd, Melrose Park, IL 60164 at a cost of \$31,795 and \$1,000 delivery fee from 2191-760-700. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

The Board approved the purchase of four sets of leg shackles and handcuffs from Red Diamond and a new set of tires for Lowery's vehicle, no motion as under the approved purchase threshold for a department head. UH and the Fire department provided free was Roadside First Aid kits for every vehicle. Flares and cones are present in each vehicle. Chief Skaggs is looing for a new breathalyzer as ours is outdated. The Board also approved getting another quote on Rudesill' vehicle issue. Current quote is from Brian's for \$1945.41 and whether or not to use ARP money to purchase another vehicle.

**P2022-101** Trustee Fee made a motion to purchase the cost of crime scene kits and other evidence supplies from Evident, 739 Brook Mill Rd, Union Hall, VA 24176 at a cost of \$2,928. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**P2022-102** Trustee Fee made a motion to declare worthless the 2010 Crown Victoria Unit 51 and place on GovDeals with a minimum bid of \$500.00. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**F2022-103** Trustee Fee made a motion to purchase and install 3 MARCS Repeaters from Hudson Communication, 8400 Stanhope Rd, Pierpont, OH 44082 not to exceed \$12,735. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Jason Kish, 5110 Sabrina Lane, asked questions about the cross pipe on Sabrina Lane during Working Foreman Davis's report.

Commissioner John Streitferdt spoke during Zoning Inspector Fonce's report on the Board's informal request to consider rezoning the parcel on Research Parkway to Light Manufacturing. Five reasons were stated: a) Members did not think the Planning Commission would approve; b) there were other shovel ready industrial properties within the township such as Diversified and Copperweld; c) the comprehensive plan does not include light manufacturing in it and with the hospital coming, the area would be better served as a medical office building; d)the company only offered a five year commitment on the property so the Commission is concerned that this property would leave an eyesore behind after that timeframe and e) there are residents near there that would oppose as they already complain about the noise in that area. Trustee Templeton offered kudos to the Commission on their decision to protect the residents of Champion. Trustee Fee saw this from both perspectives and thanked the Commission for its service. Trustee Emerine expressed his disappointment but said the Commission is the expert in the matter and would relay the information to the committee that requested it.

Trustee Fee made a motion to acknowledge the receipt of the financial reports for June, July, August and September. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the meeting minutes, with amendments, for the months of March-August. Emerine seconded. Emerine yes, Fee yes, Templeton no.

**G2022-104** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the amended revenue and appropriation budgets for 2022 across all funds totaling \$5,799,976.65 and \$4,276,628.10. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**R2022-105** Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the 2022 OPWC Grant in the amount of \$74,952 for the Sarah/Alva/High St project. Although labeled a final disbursement, the work is not complete. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**G2022-106** Trustee Fee made a motion to close the Huntington account that had fraud on it and transfer all monies into the new account. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**G2022-107** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve the payment of the utility and credit card bills electronically from June through September 2022 only. The electronic payments made during the aforementioned time period have been reviewed by trustees and Fiscal Officer. Trustee Templeton questioned why this was necessary. FO Hatt explained that the payments were made without legislation on file for anything electronically that was not relevant to benefits and payroll, so this was necessary for audit purposes. Emerine seconded. Emerine yes, Fee yes, **Templeton did not believe it was necessary and voted no.**

Discussion on purchase of a FireKing Fireproof filing cabinet for the Fiscal Office was tabled as the Board will look into getting some records digitized.

Discussion was tabled on the personnel policies that were prepared by Atty Cherry Poteet until trustee Templeton could review them further. Trustee Fee would check and see her availability for attending a meeting to review since it had been a little while.

**P2022-108** Trustee Fee made a motion to approve Pradco services invoice for background check in the amount of \$3,750. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Discussion on the Delta Dental renewal due on November 1 was tabled as Alberini Insurance had not yet brought their quotes for the Humana plan that was better for the employees. Trustee Templeton will call Mr. Green.

**G2022-109** Trustee Fee made a motion to accept into Police and Fire inventories items obtained from the University and add to OTARMA policy. Thank you to the University for their generous donation. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Thank you were extended again to Champion ACE Hardware for donation of a truck to go to Columbus for aforementioned donations, to Nancy McGraw for donations to Fire and Police Departments, and the estate of Eleanor Hannison for the donation in memory of her husband, Nicholas Hannison and Mr. and Mrs. Miller for their donation to Officer Lowery's Advanced Criminal Training class.

A special note of thanks to VZ Carpet Care for cleaning the Police, admin and Zoning offices as well as power washing the Champion Historical Society's Schoolhouse.

Reminder: It is against state law to smoke in any township facility.

A discussion on hiring office help was tabled to executive session.

**F2022-110** Trustee Fee made a motion to ratify all actions taken by Chief Dempsey between 12/26/2021 and 9/21/2022 because he had not been properly sworn in due to COVID. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

**MCP2022-111** Trustee Fee made a motion to award the contract to Architect Tim Sexton for professional design service in the amount of \$11,575 for a road storage building having received no other architect statement of qualifications by the deadline. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Public Comment:

Silas Dozier, 6158 Shaffer, hearsay discussed the zoning issue at 6149 Shaffer

Tom Banley, 7162 Mahoning, had questions on the Zoning Resolution and wanted a copy of it.

Steve Morrow, 7037 Mahoning Ave, requested what the trustees could do to help with the storage container issue on his property.

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, YouTube viewers want to know when is Halloween and questions on the Natural Gas Aggregation.

Cyndee Mines, 207 Glendola, wondered about 7 cemeteries in Champion that she found the township should be caring for including 117 burials she believes are buried in a 'Potters Field' grave near lake Ann.



Trustee Emerine made a motion to enter executive session for matters pertaining to the investigation of charges or complaints against a public employee or elected official and matters required to be kept confidential under Federal law after a recess. Fee seconded. Passed unanimously. Trustee Fee made a motion to exit executive session. Emerine seconded. Passed unanimously. Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the Board of Trustee meeting at pm.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in Regular Meeting on October 18, 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 with a full board present.

Attorney Cherry Poteet was present to discuss the personnel policy changes that she had sent the trustees. After a review, she recommended sending them to the union representatives and then approval. Trustees asked several questions regarding procedures. Trustees thanked Atty Poteet for her hard work on the policy.

Trustee Fee introduced the topic of the natural gas aggregation program with Atty Poteet present as she had done a bit of work on the aggregation. Trustee Emerine tabled the passing of a resolution until further in the meeting while the records were checked on a separate resolution.

Chief Larry Skaggs thanked **Tom Vanelli and Kathleen Waddell** for a donation for the generous donation of \$2,000 for operations in the police department. He asked them to speak about their donation.

**P2022-112** Trustee Fee made a motion to promote patrolman Daniel Wascko to the position of Sergeant within the champion Township Police Department. Trustee Templeton had questions on the staffing of supervisors within the police department. Emerine seconded. Emerine yes, Fee yes, **Templeton no on the basis that he wants a sergeant on each shift and promoting Wascko but leaving him on first shift does not seem like the appropriate move. He is interested in seeing two sergeants and one lieutenant so there is an officer in charge on each shift.**

**ARP2022-113** Trustee Fee resolved Whereas the Coronavirus Pandemic was established January 20, 2020 by the President of the United States, Whereas the coronavirus Pandemic funding of American Rescue Plan provided funds for nonentitlement units of local government, Whereas champion Township received such funds, Whereas the economic impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic has created a national staffing shortage as well as a national supply chain demand that exceeds its ability to produce goods and services at a competitive rate, Whereas Champion Township employees have reviewed no less than ten (10) vendors and have found inventory at nil or no inventory matching the stated needs of the department  
Be it therefore resolved that the Champion Township Board of Trustees hereby resolves to purchase a 2022 Dodge Charger (VIN#2C3CDXKGNH150581) in the amount of \$53,697, plus cage at a cost not to exceed \$1850, totaling \$55,547, from John Jones Police Pursuit Vehicles, 1520 South Jackson St, Salem, IN 47167, to be paid prior to the shipping of the vehicle. This vehicle will be purchased using the ARP funds in line with the provision of government services. The vehicle will need wrapped also. Emerine seconded. Emerine yes, Fee yes, **Templeton no due to felling that a Charger is not the proper car for Champion township and that it is not cost effective with the limited funds since ARP monies are being used.**

Chief Skaggs requested that the trustees purchase video cameras for the police department. JED Services was the best quote, but the trustees wanted to add additional cameras and did not want to purchase if there would be a discount for more cameras. Placement of the additional server access in the road department area cameras was discussed.

**G2022-114** Trustee Fee made a motion to accept the Amended Official Certificate of Estimated Resources dated October 12, 2022 in the amount of \$5,852,685.31. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES TO REQUEST MEMBERSHIP IN THE TRUMBULL COUNTY NATURAL GAS PROGRAM AND ADOPT PLAN OF OPERATION

**G2022-115** Trustee Fee resolved WHEREAS, the Ohio Legislature has enacted deregulation legislation (H.B. No. 9”) which authorizes the legislative authorities of municipal corporations and townships to aggregate the retail natural gas loads located in the respective jurisdictions; and

WHEREAS such legislative authorities may exercise such authority jointly with any other legislative authorities; and

WHEREAS, Trumbull County Board of Commissioners passed a resolution recorded in Journal Volume 131, page 13645 to initiate a Natural Gas Program; and

WHEREAS this Board seeks to request membership in the Trumbull County Natural Gas Program.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Trustees of Champion Township, State of Ohio:

Section 1. This Board finds and determines that it is in the best interest of the township, its residents, businesses and other natural gas located within the unincorporated limits of Champion Township and who receive commodity sales service and distribution service from Dominion Energy Ohio to request a no cost membership in the Trumbull County Natural Gas Program and adopt the Trumbull County Plan of Operation.

Section 2. That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Board concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Board, and that all deliberations of this Board and of any of its committees that resulted in such formal action were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 3. That this resolution is hereby declared to be an emergency measure necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health, safety, thereof, for the reason that it is immediately necessary to contract consulting services for advice in a rapidly changing technical area, and provided it receives the necessary affirmative votes as required by the passage and approval by the Township Trustees; otherwise it shall take effect and be in force at the earliest period allowed by law. Wherefore, this Resolution shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval by the Champion Township Board of Trustees. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously. **Templeton reminded customers that this only applies to Dominion customers.**

**G2022-116** Trustee Fee resolved Whereas the Coronavirus Pandemic was established January 20, 2020, by the President of the United States, Whereas Congress passed the Disaster Relief Tax Act of 2020 affecting, in part, the administration of Health Reimbursement Arrangements (HRAs) Whereas Champion Township offers a Health Reimbursement Arrangement for its employees Whereas the Act allows for an extension of the common grace period due to medical facilities being overwhelmed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic, Whereas staffing shortages have caused significant delays in billing of medical claims exceeding a typical grace period Be it therefore resolved that the Champion Township Board of Trustees hereby amends its 2021 Section 125 Cafeteria Plan under Section 214 (c)1 to allow any participant in the plan to submit for reimbursement any claims from plan year 2021 through December 31, 2022. Be it noted that all other provisions of the HIRA must be met in its entirety, including submission of an Explanation of Benefits proving submission to the Plan to the Third Party Administrator, availability of funds in participant account and other proper substantiation documentation as required by the Plan. Templeton asked who this was being done for. Emerine listed off a few employees who had outstanding claims by department. Templeton seconded. Passed unanimously.

Trustees reviewed the job posting for the secretarial position within the township. Trustee Emerine stated that he would get it posted on Ohiomeansjobs.com, the township website and Facebook.

Trustee Templeton offered the job to Working Foreman Davis and asked what his price would be to complete these tasks in addition to his own. Working Foreman Davis stated he would do the job for \$1300 a month, then dropped it to \$800 per month.

Healthcare Broker Rob Green of Alberini Insurance came to present a Humana Dental plan. The Burnham and Flower plan was reviewed. Trustees asked questions and told Mr. Green that the elected officials could not change plans until their new terms were up but if his plan was better for the employees and about the same price, they had no problem offering two plans.

**G2022-117** Trustee Emerine made a motion to move the employee dental plan to Humana OHTRP01KUNC+ for November 1, and move the Delta Dental to Alberini as broker.

Fire Chief Dempsey's ARP fund requests were reviewed but he was not present and therefore it was not honored. Therma Imagers were tabled as the trustees were unclear on whether we needed 6 or 8.

Trustee Templeton questioned why department heads were not present at the meeting. Trustee Emerine believed that the Tuesday meeting was optional unless there was something needed from the trustees.

Working Foreman Davis requested a new vehicle from RD Banks Chevrolet as they were giving the township a good deal. Davis presented two different vehicles. Trustee Fee wanted to be sure there was due diligence on best pricing. Working Foreman Davis was given permission to obtain a PO to hold a vehicle up to \$42,000 after obtaining the best price in writing on three vehicles from the same specifications because this was a new vehicle and not in high demand like the PPVs. The vehicle is not in stock yet but ordered and on its way.

Announcement the Trumbull County Land Bank was holding a public hearing on November 1, 2022, at 6pm at the Champion Community High School Community Room. This is a requirement of the grant to clean up Diversified.

**Public Comment:**

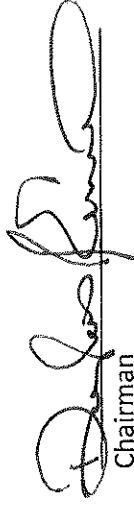
Steve Morrow had a question on the Zoning Commission update.


Cyndee Mines stated that she could not even find the "storage container" that Morrow had it was so well blended in the facility.

Debbie Christ had questions on the help wanted ad and the natural gas aggregation for her YouTube subscribers. She also wanted to clarify for her YouTubers that the vehicles were being purchased with ARP funds, not regular levy money.

September minutes were distributed to trustees via paper so there were no questions that they had received them.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the Board of Trustee meeting at pm.

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer

The Champion Township Board of Trustees met in a special meeting on October 28, 2022, at 6:30pm in the Champion Township Administration Building for the purpose of conducting the business of the township. The Chairman called the meeting to order absent Trustee Templeton.

**R2022-118** Trustee Fee made a motion to purchase a 2022 Chevrolet Silverado 1500 crew cab work truck 5.3v8 VIN#2gcudae d7p1101557 from RD Banks Chevrolet in the amount of \$41,861.48 from the

Road and Bridge fund. Other quotes were Brittain Motors \$42,220; Sims was \$47,429.94; and Sauer's did not have an equivalent. Emerine seconded. Passed unanimously.

**ARP2022-119** Trustee Fee resolved Whereas the Coronavirus Pandemic was established January 20, 2020 by the President of the United States, Whereas the coronavirus Pandemic funding of American Rescue Plan provided funds for nonentitlement units of local government Whereas champion Township received such funds Whereas the economic impact of the Coronavirus Pandemic has created a national staffing shortage as well as a national supply chain demand that exceeds its ability to produce goods and services at a competitive rate Whereas Champion Township employees have reviewed no less than ten (10) vendors and have found inventory at nil or no inventory matching the stated needs of the department

Be it therefore resolved that the Champion Township Board of Trustees hereby resolves to purchase a 2021 Ford Interceptor (VIN#1FM5K8AW4MNA16269) in the amount of \$48,006.95, plus ADDITIONAL CHARGES UP TO \$49,000 from John Megel 2742 Highway 129 S, Cleveland, GA 30528, to be paid prior to the shipping of the vehicle. This vehicle will be purchased using the ARP funds in line with the provision of government services.

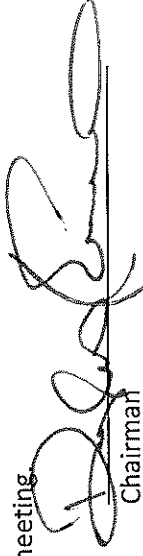
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**Public Comment:**

Debbie Christ, 400 Lauder, questioned whether or not Trustee Templeton was asked whether or not he had to work at the time of setting of the meeting for today AND WHTER OR NOT THE po TO John Megel had been done in advance of the meeting.

Andy Christ, 400 Lauder, questioned why police departments went to SUVs instead of cars.

Hearing no further comment, the Chairman adjourned the meeting

  
Chairman

  
Fiscal Officer