

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, November 5, 2018 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Waite and Buzzell (7:06pm), and Highway Superintendent Strife.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Public Hearing

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the 2019 Town Budget was called to order at 7:01pm. No one spoke in favor or against the proposed 2019 Town Budget. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

Monthly Reports

- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Strife reported that trucks and plows have been prepared and on equipment repairs. Mr. Strife recommended declaring the single axle dump truck and 2006 Chevrolet pickup as excess equipment and advertising them for sale through Auction International. Councilman Waite suggested deferring the action until the new pickup is delivered. Mr. Strife recommended adding a 2-person night crew. He also advised the Board that the Boni Road Spur has been reconstructed to town standards and recommended the Board reclassify the road.
- Justice – Judge Quinn reported that a JCAP application was submitted for security cameras in the court.
- Planning Board – In the absence of Mr. LaBarge, Supervisor Ferguson reported that Team OBS has begun laying water lines and the Planning Board continues to review the site plan for the Carthage Area Hospital and a rural health center.
- Parks – Mrs. Thornton noted that the park has been secured for the season and reported that she has applied for signage for the park.
- Circuit Rider – Mr. Dietrich reported that NY Alerts training has been completed. A RACOG intern has completed the design for the town comprehensive plan cover. Copies of the plan will be distributed to Board members.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of October 1, 2018 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to pay the following bills as presented:

General #267-299.....	\$35,003.07
Highway #168-194.....	\$53,173.54
RACOG #28.....	\$443.58
Con WD#1 O&M #23-25.....	\$16,483.56
WD#2,4&5 O&M #72-82.....	\$11,294.44
SD#2 O&M #46-49.....	\$1,059.52

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Ms. Martel noted that the sales tax payment was received from the County and that CHIPS funding has been submitted and is expected in December. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reported, that in response to a solicitation for comments from the Deer River wind farm project, that he commented on the negative visual impact of the wind towers in the Town of Champion.

New Business

- Supervisor Ferguson commented that the 2019 Town Budget addresses potential liability issues with an underground fuel tank, positions the Town for future equipment purchases.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins:
 WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;
 NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the preliminary budget as the annual budget of the Town of Champion for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2019 and that such budget as so adopted be entered in the minutes of the Town Board; and
 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of the said annual budget as adopted pursuant to
 Section 202A and B2 of the Town Law and shall present a copy thereof to the Supervisor of the Town to be presented by him to the County Legislature. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
 - Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to hire Marvin Micek and Dennis Burgess, for the highway night crew, at a rate of \$15/hour starting December 1, 2018 through February 28, 2019 as recommended by the Highway Superintendent. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
 - Resolution offered by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Waite: RESOLVED that the Town of Champion has previously entered into an Agreement with Copenhagen Wind Farm, LLC for use of Boni Road Spur for the purposes of heavy equipment and materials transportation, and it is further RESOLVED that Copenhagen Wind Farm, LLC as part of said Agreement installed certain improvement on the subject road, all of which are to be constructed in accordance with the specifications and requirements for Town roads in the Town of Champion , and it is further RESOLVED that Copenhagen Wind Farm, LLC has taken and holds certain Easements for the said roadway including shoulders, ditches, drainage and such other improvements as are useful in the operation of the roadway, and it is further RESOLVED that the Town Highway Superintendent of the Town of Champion has reviewed and found the improvement as installed to be in conformance with the requirements of the Town of Champion, and it is further RESOLVED that the Town of Champion has authorized the Town Supervisor of the Town of Champion to execute and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposed of these Resolutions, and it is further REOSOLVED that the Town of Champion hereby changes the status of the Boni Road Spur from qualified abandoned to Town Highway open for all usual and customary purposes. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
 - Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for fuel bids for the period January 1 through December 31, 2019. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
 - The Board considered a proposal from Public Sector HR Consultants, LLC for the development of an Employee Handbook. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to enter into an agreement with Public Sector HR Consultants, LLC for the development and implementation of an employee handbook at a cost not to exceed \$3,750. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
 - Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.
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Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk