

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, January 7, 2019 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell and Waite and Highway Superintendent Strife.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Ferguson opened the public forum. Larry Waite inquired about the procedure to apply for the anticipated justice vacancy. Supervisor Ferguson advised him to submit a letter of interest.

**Monthly Reports**

- Councilmen – S. Buzzell and T. Stewart expressed their condolences to P. LaBarge on the passing of his mother. S. Buzzell and L. Waite questioned the calculation for the fire protection rate in Champion FPD #1. Supervisor Ferguson referred them to the contract that states “contracted for the calendar year January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, a sum equal to \$.85 per thousand dollars of assessment of the assessments within the Town of Champion Fire Protection District Number One or \$60,500, whichever amount is greater”, explaining that changes in assessed taxable value will affect the tax rate.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Strife reported on equipment maintenance and the sale of the Chevrolet pickup and International dump truck at \$5,300 and \$3,550 respectively.
- Planning Board/ZEO – P. LaBarge issued two permits.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich submitted his written report.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for December 3 and December 28, 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 #1-18.....	\$33,787.49
Highway #1-7.....	\$72,827.16
RACOG #1-2.....	\$429.17
Con WD#1 O&M #1-2.....	\$1,552.50
WD#2,4&5 O&M #1-9.....	\$21,164.89
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$413.00
SD#2 O&M #1-3.....	\$1,260.32

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Waite to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reviewed correspondence from NYS DOT denying the Town’s request for a reduced speed limit on Britton Drive. Supervisor Ferguson advised the Board that a three (3) year agreement has been reached between the City of Watertown and Jefferson County regarding dog control.

**New Business**

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to appoint the following individuals to the position indicated:  
  
Deputy clerk – Helen Novak  
Deputy clerk – Christine Scott  
Registrar - Christina Vargulick  
Deputy registrar – Helen Novak  
Court Clerk – Helen Novak  
Deputy Court Clerk – Christina Vargulick  
Historian – Lynn Thornton

Clerk to the Supervisor – Donna Martel  
Town Attorney - Timothy Farley  
Zoning Enforcement Officer – Peter LaBarge  
Deputy Supervisor – Thomas Stewart  
Planning Board member – Frances Brooks (Term 12/31/2023)  
RACOG member – Thomas Stewart

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to set salaries and hourly rates as budgeted. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to set the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM as the meeting date and time of the Town Board; the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00PM, as necessary, as the Planning Board meeting date and time; and the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM, as necessary, as the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting date and time. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Waite to designate Community Bank, Pathfinder and J P Morgan Chase as the depositories in which the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Justices shall deposit all monies coming into their hands by virtue of their offices. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize officials to attend necessary schools. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Waite to set the mileage reimbursement in accordance with the state reimbursement rate. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to designate the Carthage Republican Tribune as the official Town newspaper. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Waite to authorize the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to sign checks. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Watkins to designate On-Site Testing Services Inc. as the firm to administer drug and alcohol testing. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize town cellphones for business use only. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the pre-payment of utility, security, postage, fuel billing, and any other payments deemed to be a savings. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adopt the investment and procurement policies as written. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

*Christina Vargulick*  
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Town Clerk