

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, September 3, 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 meeting for public comment. David Gunderson, CAH, invited board members and the public to a presentation by Nick Buettner regarding the Blue Zones Project to explore ways to make our community healthier. The presentation will be held at Carthage High School on Saturday, September 21, 2019 at 3pm.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – M. Altieri, BC&A, reported that a pre-construction meeting is scheduled for September 4, 2019 for the fuel tank removal and replacement project at the town barn. Councilman Buzzell asked about the tank canopy. Mr. Altieri responded that the bid alternate was not accepted due to cost. A canopy may be constructed by the highway department.

Mr. Altieri advised the Board that the 8" water main constructed for the CAH Rural Health Center has not been tested, disinfected, and activated. The developer has been notified that if the water main is not put into use NYSDOH will require that the line be severed to prevent contamination. Supervisor Ferguson requested written recommendations from the town engineer and NYSDOH for legal review and action.

Mr. Altieri discussed scheduled meetings with USDA/RD and other funding agencies to explore funding opportunities for SD#3.

- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Strife reported on the following: assisting the V/West Carthage with paving and sand; assisting T/Wilna with paving; tree trimming on town roads; truck repairs; and mowing the DANC waterline.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is dealing with an application for a minor subdivision. He issued fourteen (14) permits in August.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported on a number of genealogical requests.
- Circuit Rider – Mr. Dietrich reported that the next RACOG meeting is scheduled for September 17, 2019 at the T/Lowville Municipal Building.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the minutes for August 5, 2019 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #212-230.....	\$26,888.92
Highway #148-171.....	\$37,224.70
Con WD#1 O&M #18.....	\$418.72
WD#2,4&5 O&M #61-67.....	\$5,417.46
SD#1 O&M #11-12.....	\$34,904.15
SD#2 O&M #36-41.....	\$8,444.74

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

carried. Board members received the monthly revenue/appropriation analysis report to audit and comment.

D. Martel advised the Board that BAS has sold their enterprise to Edmunds.gov. The firm is the software vendor for the town's financial and payroll software. The conversion to the Edmunds.gov system will cost \$4,000 including the first year's maintenance and support. There will be a cost for continued maintenance and support estimated at approximately \$4,000/year. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the conversion to the Edmunds.gov software at a cost of \$4,000. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson presented the flyer for Fall Clean Up Days to the Board noting changes. The Town will not be accepting construction debris or agricultural bags. Members discussed assuring that the service is limited to town residents.

New Business

- Members reviewed the solar decommissioning plans submitted by NSG Fund 1, LLC for two solar arrays approved by the Planning Board. Attorney Farley has reviewed the plans. The developer has identified the decommissioning cost at \$62,088/array and has agreed to provide bonds to insure the Town. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve the solar facility decommissioning plans for 24658 County Route 47 – North and 24658 County Route 47 – South as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to schedule a public hearing on Local Law #1- A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for October 7, 2019 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members agreed, by consensus, to schedule a budget workshop for September 20, 2019 at 8:00am.
- Mr. Waite inquired about the County Snow & Ice contract. Supervisor Ferguson responded that the Jefferson County Supervisors Association rejected the contract as presented.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:57pm.

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