

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, January 6, 2020 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Waite, Gump and Watkins (7:02) and Highway Superintendent Strife.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and welcomed Councilman Matthew Gump to his first meeting. Supervisor Ferguson opened the public forum. No one from the public addressed the Board.

**Monthly Reports**

- Highway – Mr. Strife reported that the department is busy with snow and ice control. Electrical problems in a 2008 truck will necessitate a complete replacement of the electrical harness.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that a copy of the resolution adopted by the Board committing to a town wide revaluation for the 2021 roll has been forwarded to the state.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board did not meet in December due to a lack of business. He issued five (5) permits for new homes in November-December.
- Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that this year will be the bicentennial of the Hiram Hubbard House.
- Circuit Rider – Mr. Dietrich reported that the next RACOG meeting is scheduled for January 21 at the T/Champion. Earlier in the day, there will be a workshop with speakers from Good Energy, Joules Assets, MEGA, and the NY Power Authority discussing Community Choice Aggregation. Local leaders are discussing an economic development summit in the spring.

Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes of the December 2 and December 30, 2019 meetings as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by H. Watkins to approve payment of the following bills as presented:

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| General #1-14.....     | \$30,107.06 |
| Highway #1-7.....      | \$54,089.72 |
| RACOG #1-2.....        | \$529.53    |
| Con WD#1 O&M #1-2..... | \$1,327.00  |
| WD#2,4&5 O&M #1-3..... | \$17,684.79 |
| SD#1 O&M #1.....       | \$468.00    |
| SD#2 O&M #1.....       | \$624.00    |

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. D. Martel distributed information regarding the year end balances and comparative tax rate information. The Board members received the monthly revenue/appropriation analysis report to audit and comment.

**New Business**

- Motion by M. Gump, seconded by L. Waite to approve the salaries as budgeted and presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by L. Waite to approve the following annual appointments and organizational resolutions.  
Deputy clerk – Helen Novak

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Court Clerk – Helen Novak  
Deputy Court Clerk – Christina Vargulick  
Historian – Lynn Thornton  
Clerk to Supervisor – Donna Martel  
Town Attorney - Timothy Farley  
Zoning Enforcement Officer – Peter LaBarge  
Deputy Supervisor – Thomas Stewart  
RACOG member- Thomas Stewart

Town Board first Monday of each month at 7:00PM

Planning Board second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00PM, as necessary

Zoning Board first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM, as necessary

DESIGNATE BANKS-Community, Pathfinder and JP Morgan Chase

AUTHORIZE OFFICIALS TO ATTEND NECESSARY SCHOOLS

MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- In accordance with IRS reimbursement rates

DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – Watertown Daily Times

REAUTHORIZE INVESTMENT/PROCUREMENT POLICIES

AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR OR DEPUTY SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CHECKS

DESIGNATE FIRM TO ADMINISTER DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING - OnSite Testing Services, Inc.

CELLPHONES – Authorized for business use only

AUTHORIZE PRE-PAYMENT OF UTILITY, SECURITY, POSTAGE, FUEL AND ANY OTHER PAYMENTS DEEMED TO BE A SAVINGS

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by M. Gump to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

*Christina Vargulick*

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Town Clerk