

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, November 2, 2020. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Waite (7:11) and Gump and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Ferguson opened the public forum. No one addressed the Board.

**Monthly Reports**

- Councilmen – T. Stewart reported that the septic tank and grease trap have been located at the fire substation. The furnace has been cleaned. The heating oil tank will be filled after testing. Door overhangs have been constructed. M. Gump reported that the fire department may have to replace the 2 ½” hose.
- Highway – J. Strife reported that the rear ends in two (2) trucks have been rebuilt. The new truck box should be delivered by the end of the week.

Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by M. Gump to approve the minutes for October 5 and October 14, 2020 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #276-303.....	\$33,709.58
Highway #150-169.....	\$39,334.42
RACOG #21.....	\$47.00
Con WD#1 O&M #23-27.....	\$12,695.37
WD#2,4&5 O&M #68-74.....	\$5,441.62
SD#1 O&M.....	\$35,760.00
SD#2 O&M #53-55.....	\$1,431.00

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s report was read and discussed. Sales tax and mortgage tax receipts exceeded the anticipated revenue. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by L. Waite to approve the report as presented.

Supervisor Ferguson reported that the conversion of the street lights in Great Bend to LED has been completed. Conversion of the exterior lights at the highway garage is pending. The electrical entrance at the fire substation needs to be replaced.

**New Business**

- D. Martel reviewed minor changes to the 2021 town budget based on new figures from the county budget office. Supervisor Ferguson stated that the change has no impact on the tax cap and the town tax rate shall remain at \$3.50/\$1,000 taxable value.

Motion by M. Gump, seconded by T. Stewart;

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 2021 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.

- Board members reviewed the fuel bidding abstract. Bids were received from Simpson Fuels and Christman Fuel Services Inc.. Supervisor Ferguson

recommended that the Board approve the bid from Christman Fuels Services at the variable price for diesel, winter blend and heating oil and the fixed price for propane. Highway Superintendent Strife concurred based on the bids. M. Gump questioned if the Board should consider the fixed price for all fuels. Motion by Supervisor Ferguson, seconded by T. Stewart to award the bid to Christman Fuels Services for diesel, winter blend and heating oil at the variable cost and for propane at the fixed cost. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Board members reviewed the recommendations from the Planning Board to amend the zoning law in regards to bed & breakfast operations. The Planning Board recommended the following:
  - Allow bed and breakfast operations in R-1 and R-2 zoning districts with required site plan approval.
  - Set a minimum two (2) acre requirement for bed and breakfasts operating in an R-1 or R-2 zoning district.
  - Set a maximum of five (5) bedrooms that may be rented by a bed and breakfast operation in all zoning districts where they are allowed.
  - No changes to the definition of bed and breakfast in the Town Zoning Law.

M. Gump stated that he felt the regulations were reasonable. L. Waite questioned why two (2) acres is required in R-1 and R-2 zones. M. Gump responded that the regulation is to avoid interference between neighboring properties. Supervisor Ferguson stated that it also protects residential developments. The Board agreed by consensus to direct the Town Clerk to forward the recommendations to the town attorney to be put into local law form.

- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by H. Watkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:31pm.

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