

The Town of Champion Town Board met in special session on Tuesday, December 29, 2020 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson and Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, and Waite. Councilman Gump did not attend.

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

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by L. Waite to pay the following bills as presented:

General #339-361.....	\$21,188.37
Highway #182-193.....	\$6,463.89
Con WD#1 O&M #31-33.....	\$13,397.75
WD#2,4&5 O&M #84-86.....	\$3,083.31
SD#2 O&M #63-65.....	\$1,168.22

Aye-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by H. Watkins to reappoint Stephen Eisel to the Board of Assessment Review for a term ending September 30, 2025. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by T. Stewart to approve recommended budget transfers as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Resolution offered by L. Waite, seconded by T. Stewart:

WHEREAS, on March 7, 2020, Governor Andrew M. Cuomo issued an Executive Order Number 202 declaring a State disaster emergency for the entire State of New York, and;

WHEREAS, on December 18, 2020 said declaration was extended to include: Subdivisions 7, 7-a, and 8 of section 459-c of the Real Property Tax Law, and subdivisions 5, 5-a, 5-b, 5-c and 6 of section 467 of the Real Property Tax Law, which permits the governing body of an assessing unit to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemption pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal application to such person, and;

WHEREAS, the Town is desirous in adopting such resolution while also allowing the assessor to require a renewal application to be filed when he has reason to believe that an owner who qualified for the exemption on the 2020 assessment roll may have since changed his or her primary residence, added another owner to the deed, transferred the property to a new owner, or died.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board is authorized to pass such resolution, and that the assessor is instructed to take any such necessary actions in the above-described directives.

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by Supervisor Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:07pm.

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Town Clerk