

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

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. No one from the public was in attendance.

**Monthly Reports**

- Engineer – Supervisor Ferguson reported that the Highway Superintendent and the town engineer are exploring the possibility of funding through PESH for the construction of a salt barn.
- Councilmen – M. Gump reported that the Champion Station has been cleaned and organized for operation. T. Stewart advised that the West Carthage fire department is working on a sign, siren, and office outlets. L. Waite stated that the siren is on a timer.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported that the highway crew has been assisting with the work at the Champion Station. A new box has been installed on the 2008 plow truck. The crew has been plowing as necessary and night crew coverage begins tonight.
- Planning Board – Supervisor Ferguson reported that Ken Mix has resigned his position on the Planning Board. The Board is seeking a new member.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by L. Waite to approve the minutes of the November 2, 2020 meeting as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Gump, seconded by T. Stewart to retire the debt on the water system constructed for Pine Ridge to save on interest costs scheduled for the next twenty-three (23) years. The principal balance is \$66,443.40. Board members discussed the total savings. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

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| General #304-338.....    | \$19,256.95 |
| Highway #170-181.....    | \$63,324.62 |
| RACOG #22-26.....        | \$700.00    |
| Con WD#1 O&M #28-30..... | \$68,216.02 |
| WD#2,4&5 O&M #75-83..... | \$4,758.74  |
| SD#1 O&M #9-10.....      | \$2,199.37  |
| SD#2 O&M #56-62.....     | \$16,392.62 |

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s report was read and discussed. Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by M. Gump to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the recommended budget transfers (attached in official record). Motion by L. Waite, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the budget transfers as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson distributed a letter from Carthage Central School to Jefferson County Board of Elections informing the Board of Elections that the school would no longer be a voting place for residents of Champion District #1. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by M. Gump to recommend Champion Station as the new voting site. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**New Business**

- Motion by L. Waite, seconded by T. Stewart to schedule a public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2021 – a Local Law Amending Town Zoning Law in Regards to

Bed & Breakfast Operations on January 4, 2021 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0.  
Motion carried.

- Board members reviewed and discussed a contract between the Town and the V/West Carthage regarding the use of Champion Station and the responsibilities of each party. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded L. Waite to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract with the V/West Carthage for Champion Station as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Resolution offered by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Supervisor Ferguson:

RESOLVED, to establish the flat rate for users in Champion Water District #2 at \$120.00 per quarter.

Supervisor Ferguson –aye  
Councilman Stewart – aye  
Councilman Watkins –aye  
Councilman Waite –nay  
Councilman Gump –aye

Resolution adopted.

- Board members reviewed and discussed a resolution concerning a proposed action to select Good Energy, L.P. to act as community choice aggregation (CCA) program administrator and community solar program administrator for the Town. Supervisor Ferguson advised members that the V/West Carthage selected Good Energy as their administrator and were adopting a local law to proceed with the program at their meeting. By aggregating all the residents of the Town and Village, Good Energy hopes to find a 10% savings for both electric and natural gas. Residential and commercial customers, regardless of size, would be eligible to participate in the CCA program. The administrator would provide information and education to potential CCA customers.

Resolution offered by M. Gump, seconded by L. Waite:

WHEREAS, the Town of Champion desires to find ways to reduce electricity and/or natural gas costs for residential and commercial customers throughout the Town of Champion

WHEREAS, the Town of Champion desires to adopt and approve through local law a Community Choice Aggregation Program;

WHEREAS, the Town of Champion has been approached by Good Energy, L.P. regarding the possibility of Good Energy, L.P. acting as Administrator of the Town of Champion's Community Choice Aggregation Program and Community Solar Program;

WHEREAS, the Town Board of Town of Champion has determined that Good Energy, L.P. is qualified to act as Administrator of the Town of Champion's Community Choice Aggregation Program and Community Solar Program;

WHEREAS, the Town of Champion desires to work with Good Energy, L.P. to take any and all steps necessary and required by the New York State Law and policies, programs and orders of State administrative agencies to evaluate, negotiate and contract for the implementation of the Community Choice Aggregation Program and Community Solar Program if the Town of Champion determines the same to be in the best interests of the Town of Champion.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion resolves as follows:

1. The Town Board finds that the exploration of the potential use of Community Choice Aggregation and Community Solar Program in the Town of Champion is in the best interest of residential and commercial electricity and natural gas customers within the Town of Champion.
2. The Town Board hereby approves Good Energy, L.P. to act as Community Choice Aggregation Program Administrator and Community Solar Program Administrator and authorizes the necessary Town officials to work with Good Energy, L.P. to conduct preliminary analyses, design programs, and procure Community Solar, electricity and natural gas service from an energy service company, as well as to take any and all steps necessary and required by the New York State Law and policies, programs and orders of State administrative agencies, including but not limited to conducting an RFP to select an energy provider, and to negotiate and enter into any such agreements including power purchase agreements to facilitate the implementation of the Town of Champion's Community Choice Aggregation Program if the Town of Champion determines the same to be in the best interests of the Town of Champion's electric and natural gas customers.
3. The Town Supervisor is hereby authorized, empowered and directed to execute and deliver such documents and take all such action on behalf of the Town of Champion as may be deemed necessary, appropriate or advisable to carry out the intent or purposes of the foregoing resolutions.
4. The execution, delivery and performance by the Town Supervisor for and on behalf of the Town of Champion, of all such further instruments and documents required in connection with the implementation of a Community Choice Aggregation Program and Community Solar Program, each in form and substance approved by the Town Supervisor, his signature thereon being conclusive evidence of such approval, are hereby in all respects approved, adopted and authorized by and on behalf of the Town of Champion.
5. The foregoing resolution shall remain in full force and effect until a copy of a subsequent resolution revoking or amending them, duly certified by the proper officers of the Board, shall be made by the Board.
6. This resolution shall be effective immediately.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Motion by L. Waites, seconded by M. Gump to schedule the year end meeting for paying bills and conducting any other necessary business for December 29, 2020 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:11pm.

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