

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, January 4, 2021 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.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2021 – Amending Zoning Law in regard to Bed and Breakfast Operations. No one spoke for or in opposition to the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

Supervisor Ferguson opened the public forum. No one from the public addressed the Board.

### **Monthly Reports**

- Councilmen – Supervisor Ferguson and Councilman Stewart reported that West Carthage Station 2 is in service.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife requested authorization to order a 2021 F Series pickup truck and equip it with a Fisher 8.5’ stainless steel V-plow with back rack and lights at a cost not to exceed \$43,640.58 to replace the thirteen-year-old pickup now being driven. Superintendent Strife recommended adopting a three-year replacement schedule to obtain the maximum resale value. Motion by M. Gump, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize the Highway Superintendent to order a 2021 F Series pickup truck and equip it with a Fisher 8.5’ stainless steel V-plow with back rack and lights at a cost not to exceed \$43,640.58. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich read his monthly report suggesting that the RACOG meeting tentatively scheduled for January 19, 2021 include a discussion with Jefferson and Lewis County emergency management directors. Supervisor Ferguson discussed the requirement for municipalities to submit a Health Emergency Plan for Union review by February 4, 2021 and to adopt the final plan by April 1, 2021.

Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by L. Waite to approve the minutes of December 7 and December 29, 2020 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #1-18.....	\$36,526.77
Highway #1-4.....	\$45,624.68
RACOG #1.....	\$157.00
Con WD#1.....	\$816.00
WD#2,4&5 O&M #1.....	\$816.00
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$468.00
SD#2 O&M #1.....	\$624.00

Ayes-5, Nay-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by M. Gump to approve the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reviewed a letter from NYS Department of Health regarding new water sampling requirements for PFOA, PFOS, 1,4-Dioxane. Users in WD#2 recently received notification that TTHM levels were exceeded. The system operator will increase flushing and remove sediment from the clear wells to correct the issue.

The NYS Association of Towns will be holding virtual training courses. Information will be forwarded to board members.

## New Business

- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by H. Watkins to approve the organizational resolutions as follows:
  1. GENERAL APPOINTMENTS
    - Deputy clerk – Helen Novak
    - Deputy clerk – Christine Scott
    - 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
    - Planning Board member – Peter LaBarge (12/2025)
  2. Salaries
  3. Meeting dates and times
    - a) Town Board first Monday of each month at 7:00PM
    - b) Planning Board second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00PM, as necessary
    - c) Zoning Board first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM, as necessary
  4. Designated banks -Community, Pathfinder and JP Morgan Chase
  5. Authorize officials to attend necessary schools
  6. Mileage reimbursement- In accordance with IRS reimbursement rates
  7. Official newspaper – Watertown Daily Times
  8. Reauthorize investment/procurement policies
  9. Authorize Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to sign checks
  10. Fire to administer drug and alcohol testing – OnSite Testing Services, Inc.
  11. Cellphones – Authorized for business use only
  12. 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 L. Waite, seconded by H. Watkins to adopt Local Law #1 for 2021 – Amending Zoning Law in Regard to Bed and Breakfast Operations. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Local Law #2 for 2021 – Community Choice Aggregations Energy Program was presented to the Board. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by L. Waite to schedule a public hearing on the proposed law for February 1, 2021 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by H. Watkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

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