

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, February 1, 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 #2 for 2021 - Community Choice Aggregation Energy Program was called to order at 7:01pm. Supervisor Ferguson introduced Javier Barrios from Good Energy. Mr. Barrios stated that the local law authorizes the municipality to collect data from suppliers with the assistance of a PSC approved administrator. The intent of the data collection is to review costs for the bulk purchase of electricity and natural gas and to contract to purchase the commodities on behalf of the residents of the town if a savings can be recognized. The adoption of the local law does not obligate the town board to enter into a contract to purchase the commodities. If a contract was signed, residents would continue to receive their billing from National Grid; National Grid would continue to deliver the electricity and/or natural gas; there would be a mandatory 60-day outreach to residents at no cost to the town. Residents may opt in or opt out of the program at any time with no penalty or fee.

L. Waite asked how the administrator is paid. Mr. Barrios stated that they are paid by the energy service company selected. In response to questioning, Mr. Barrios stated that it would take approximately two (2) months to get started.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:25pm.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Supervisor Ferguson reported that there is an opportunity for a 75% grant through PESH to supplement the 50/50 grant received from the State to construct a new salt barn.
- Councilmen – M. Gump questioned the condition of the salt barn. Highway Superintendent Strife reported that a number of cross bars on rafters have been damaged and have been temporarily repaired. T. Stewart will contact Overhead Door regarding chain pulls to operate the doors at Champion Station.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported on highway maintenance, equipment repairs, and the status of the order for a new pickup truck.
- Circuit Rider – A written report was distributed.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by H. Watkins to approve the minutes of January 4, 2021 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 #19-45.....	\$260,496.06
Highway #5-19.....	\$26,098.88
RACOG #2.....	\$500.00
Con WD#1 O&M #2.....	\$7,736.55
WD#2,4&5 O&M #2-11.....	\$28,516.28
SD#1 O&M #2.....	\$63,392.00
SD#2 O&M #2-5.....	\$1,659.22

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. The amount to be collected by taxes has been paid in full. Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by M. Gump to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson distributed copies of the draft Health Emergency Plan to the Board and the Teamsters for comment. The plan will be included in the Employee Handbook pending adoption at the March meeting. The plan does not mandate employees to receive a vaccination for Covid-19 based on legal opinion.

Supervisor Ferguson informed the Board that he has received notices of violation from the Public Employees Safety and Health Bureau regarding an electrical outlet at the Village Green park and a risk management assessment. The outlet was repaired in August, 2020 and the risk assessment is being conducted.

New Business

- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by M. Gump to adopt Local Law #2 for 2021 - Community Choice Aggregation Energy Program. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by L. Waite, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement for shared services with the State of New York for a term of four (4) years. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by Supervisor Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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