

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, July 5, 2022 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Peck, Councilmen Gump and Russell and Highway Superintendent Strife. Councilmen Stewart and Uhlinger were absent.

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

Supervisor Peck opened the meeting for public comment. Dan Leary, County Route 47, discussed assistance he rendered at the June 28<sup>th</sup> fire at West Carthage Station 2. Based on his experience as a fire fighter, he recommended that smoke alarms be added and that they be connected to the central alarm system. Supervisor Peck stated that an after-action meeting is pending.

**Monthly Reports**

- Engineer – M. Altieri discussed the bids received for the WD#2 emergency generator replacement project. The lowest qualified bidder was Fisk Electric at \$88,000 including field allowance. The generator will operate on diesel for improved reliability and efficiency. B. Russell inquired about maintenance. M. Altieri explained that Fisk Electric has to provide a one-year warranty on their work. There is also an extended warranty on the equipment by the supplier. Potential suppliers are Caterpillar, Cummins, Generac, Kohler or an approved equal.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported on the department’s activities including mowing roadsides, cemeteries, and parks; improvements on Bach Road; and paving Jackson II Road and Wellington Circle. J. Strife reported that the overhead door on the cold storage barn is inoperable. Supervisor Peck stated that this is an emergency situation. The portable emergency generator is stored in the barn. J. Strife requested three quotes and received responses from Doors Plus for \$6,800 and Overhead Door for \$8,200. Motion by M. Gump, seconded by B. Russell to accept the quote from Doors Plus and to expend an amount not to exceed \$7,200. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Historian – B. Peck stated that the Old Home Day parade and barbeque were well attended. One hundred visitors toured the Hiram Hubbard House.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich reported that RACOG will meet again in September. A booth banner has been designed and ordered. M. Dietrich was contacted by the Center for Policy Research to discuss the RACOG cooperative model.

Motion by M. Gump, seconded by B. Russell to approve the minutes of June 6, 2022 as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Gump, seconded by B. Russell to approve payment of the following bills as presented:

General #158-188.....	\$59,937.53
Highway #83-100.....	\$165,913.80
RACOG #12-16.....	\$587.70
Con WD#1 O&M #13.....	\$359.00
WD#2,4&5 O&M #45-53.....	\$4,784.48
SD#1 O&M #3.....	\$5,438.25
SD#2 O&M #21-23.....	\$9,566.63

Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by M. Gump, seconded by B. Russell to accept the report as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peck reported on the proposed committee for the MRB downtown study including 1-member from each of the 4 boards, 2-private business owners, 1-LDC member, 1-from hospital, and 1-from school. Supervisor Peck, reading from a

letter received from Jefferson County, reported that sex offenders will no longer be housed at Pleasant Night Inn. The status of persons will be checked prior to placement at Pleasant Night Inn. The County Legislature will request that the State expand the safety zones.

### **New Business**

- Motion by M. Gump, seconded by B. Russell to accept the bid from Fisk Electric for the WD#2 emergency generator replacement for an amount not to exceed \$88,000 with a preference for a Cummins generator. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members discussed an amount to transfer to the Highway Capital Reserve. D. Martel recommended transferring \$150,000 to the reserve for the purchase of a truck and plowing equipment. Motion by B. Russell, seconded by M. Gump to authorize the transfer of \$150,000 to the Highway Capital Reserve. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by B. Peck, seconded by M. Gump to go into executive session to discuss a matter pertaining to a contract. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:42pm.
- Motion B. Peck, seconded by M. Gump to return to open session. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 7:48pm.
- Motion by M. Gump, seconded by B. Russell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.

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Christina Vargulick  
Town Clerk