

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, August 1, 2022 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Peck, Councilmen Stewart, Gump and Uhlinger, and Highway Superintendent Strife. Councilman Russell was 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. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Councilman – J. Uhlinger questioned the amount of salt used on town highways in regards to the regulations in the Salt Act. Highway Superintendent Strife reported that he uses approximately 300T in a 40/60 salt/sand mix. T. Stewart questioned the status of the Champion Station 2 clean-up. Supervisor Peck reported that ServPro has completed the clean-up. A meeting with Fire Chief Crump, Fire Inspector Reed and Mayor Burto has been scheduled. Councilmen Gump and Uhlinger suggested an application for grant funding to replace the electrical infrastructure.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported that the loading ramps have been replaced due to damage. The road shoulders on Jackson II Road have been completed.
- Historian/Parks – L. Thornton reported that the park is in very good condition. In response to a question from J. Uhlinger, L. Thornton responded that St. John’s Episcopal Church is owned by Grange #18 but is in need of structural repairs including repointing and window stabilization. D. Martel stated that the Town could apply for a Restore NY grant even though it is not the owner of the property. Supervisor Peck requested that Councilman Uhlinger research the needs for the required letter of intent.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich reviewed his monthly report and offered the Commission’s assistance with a Restore NY grant application.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve the minutes of July 5, 2022 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #189-218.....	\$37,757.87
Highway #101-117.....	\$27,937.95
RACOG #17.....	\$116.99
Con WD#1 O&M #14-15.....	\$9,048.49
WD#2,4&5 O&M #54-61.....	\$37,153.66
SD#2 O&M #24-27.....	\$2,779.33

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by M. Gump, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by M. Gump, seconded by J. Uhlinger to schedule a budget meeting for September 26, 2022 at 4:00pm. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peck distributed a letter and list of names received from Lou A. Cesario regarding a request to lower the speed limit on North Lake Road and County Route 47. Supervisor Peck noted that the Town can make a formal request to study a lower speed limit on a town road but does not have authority over county highways. He also noted that the speed limit on all unmarked roads is 55mph and that citizens should contact law enforcement when alleged speed infractions are occurring. J. Uhlinger noted that speed zone changes are the exception not the rule. M. Gump stated that the Town may still support a speed zone change on a county road. Motion by B. Peck,

seconded by T. Stewart to authorize the Clerk to request the establishment of a lower maximum speed limit on North Lake Road and to urge County Legislator John Peck to request a lower speed limit on County Route 47. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Resolution offered by Councilman Uhlinger; seconded by Councilman Gump: WHEREAS, the Town of Champion will submit an application for a Department of Defense Infrastructure Program Grant to provide needed infrastructure to support the construction of the new Carthage Area Hospital Facility and adjacent lots for future development; THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion Town Board authorizes Town to act a Co-Applicant with the Carthage Area Hospital, and; FURTHERMORE, authorizes the Town Supervisor to sign any documents required to submit the application.

Supervisor Peck	aye
Councilman Stewart	aye
Councilman Gump	aye
Councilman Russell	absent
Councilman Uhlinger	aye

- WHEREAS, the Town Board recognizes that the Evergreen Cemetery Association Trustees have abandoned the maintenance and upkeep of the cemetery, and;
WHEREAS, the Town under the Town Law of New York State is required to take responsibility for abandoned cemeteries, and;
WHEREAS, what monies, if any, shall be transferred to the Town to be held in a separate account entitled "The Evergreen Cemetery Upkeep Account" which funds will be held until expended for their proper use of maintenance to the cemetery.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk shall be the contact person for inquiries concerning burials within the cemetery and access to the cemetery, and;
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Trustees of Evergreen Cemetery shall be required to turn over to the Town all records in their possession related to the operation and burials within the cemetery.

By order of the Town Board of the Town of Champion by the following vote thereon: Motion made by: Councilman Stewart; seconded by: J. Uhlinger

Ayes-4 Nay-0. Resolution adopted.

Board members discussed the town's responsibility to maintain the Bentley Family Cemetery off County Route 47. The private family cemetery is located in a cornfield owned by Nathan Gerber and the town does not have a right-of-way.

- Motion by M. Gump, seconded by J. Uhlinger to provide \$500 in bed tax funds to the V/West Carthage to support a Block Party scheduled for August 27, 2022 organized and operated by the V/West Carthage. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by M. Gump, seconded by T. Stewart to reschedule the September Town Board meeting for September 12, 2022 at 7:00pm due to the Labor Day holiday. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

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