

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session Monday, September 12, 2022 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Peck, Councilmen Stewart, Gump, Russell and Uhlinger and Highway Superintendent Strife.

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

- Councilmen – J. Uhlinger advised the Board that neither the Champion Grange nor St. John’s Episcopal Church were eligible for a ReStore NY grant. M. Dietrich suggested that technical assistance work might be funded through the Preservation League of NYS. The pre-application deadline is October 17, 2022. Supervisor Peck authorized J. Uhlinger to prepare the pre-application for review and signature.
T. Stewart questioned the status of repair work at Champion Station 2. Supervisor Peck advised that he would be meeting with the general contract on September 13th and the electrical contractor would be starting September 16th. A quote for repairs to the furnace has been approved and work is pending. The overhead doors have been repaired and are functioning and the compressor has been replaced.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported on the department’s activities including: mowing, shoulder cutting, repairs to the 2008 International, and road grading. J. Strife recommended that the Board consider purchasing diagnostic software to assist with truck repairs. J. Strife has received quotes to replace the Case loader for budget discussion. The lead time for the loader would be at least nine months.
- Assessor – W. Vargulick reported that he is filing corrections and divided assessments as necessary for school tax billing.
- Planning Board/ZEO – the zoning officer’s written report was distributed.
- Parks/Historian – L. Thornton reported on inquiries she has received regarding connections to local families.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich reported that RACOG will meet on September 28th with a presentation on a food initiative.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to approve the minutes of August 1, 2022 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #219-251.....	\$37,546.53
Highway #118-143.....	\$39,435.17
Con WD#1 O&M #16-17.....	\$772.26
WD#2,4&5 O&M #62-67.....	\$5,571.00
SD#1 O&M #4.....	\$23.59
SD#2 O&M #28-35.....	\$12,425.06

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by T. Stewart to schedule a public hearing on the 2023 Preliminary budget on October 3, 2022 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by B. Peck, seconded by M. Gump to go into executive session to discuss a contract. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:33pm.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:07pm.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by M. Gump to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

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