

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, October 3, 2022 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Deputy Supervisor Stewart, Councilmen Gump, Russell and Uhlinger, and Highway Superintendent Strife. Supervisor Peck was excused.

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

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the 2023 preliminary budget was called to order at 7:01pm. No one from the public spoke in favor or in opposition to the budget. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

T. Stewart opened the public forum. Rodney Higgins, Pennock Road, addressed the Board regarding the classification of property he owns that he stated affected the sale of the property. Assessor Vargulick explained the circumstances of the classification change.

T. J. Williams, representing Copenhagen Fire Department, advised the Board that the Village seeks to dissolve the department and that a petition is being circulated to hold a voter referendum on the matter.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen – J. Uhlinger stated that he is continuing to pursue a grant for the Champion Grange and St. John’s Episcopal Church.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife requested approval of a night crew for a period covering December 2022 – March 15, 2023. Motion by B. Russell, seconded by M. Gump to approve the highway night crew for the period stated. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Planning/Zoning – The zoning enforcement officer’s report was read.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve the minutes from September 12, 2022 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #252-279.....	\$41,010.52
Highway #144-157.....	\$36,987.50
RACOG #18-21.....	\$575.00
Con WD#1 O&M #18.....	\$666.00
WD#2,4&5 O&M #68-70.....	\$2,885.46
SD#1 O&M #5.....	\$35,760.00
SD#2 O&M #36-38.....	\$1,343.94

Ayes-4, 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-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Motion by M. Gump, seconded by B. Russell to authorize the Supervisor to transfer \$120,000 from the Highway DA account to the Truck Capital Reserve. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Resolution offered by M. Gump, seconded by J. Uhlinger to establish a Capital Reserve Fund; to be a “type” listed as Construction, Reconstruction, and Acquisition for buildings in the amount of \$100,000. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Resolution offered by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to establish a reserve fund for the Repair and Maintenance of Facilities in Water District #2, 4 & 5. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted subject to permissive referendum.
- Resolution offered by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to establish a reserve fund for the Repair and Maintenance of Facilities in Consolidated Water District #1. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted subject to permissive referendum.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to increase the flat rate in Sewer District #2 by \$9.00/quarter. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by M. Gump, seconded by B. Russell to decrease the flat rate in Consolidated Water District #1 by \$1.75/quarter. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by M. Gump to issue a letter of intent to purchase a Cat 938M wheel loader with broom at a cost not to exceed \$203,181.36. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Delivery anticipated June, 2023.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to go into executive session to discuss a matter of potential litigation. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:30pm.
- Motion by R. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to return to open session. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Open session resumed at 7:54pm.
- Matthew Gump tendered his resignation as councilman with regret effective 10/06/2022 due to a move for work.
- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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