

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, November 7, 2022 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Peck, Councilmen Stewart and Russell, and Highway Superintendent Strife. Councilman Uhlinger 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. Rodney Higgins stated that he has narrowed down his search of a person whom he asserts affected the sale of his property on Pennock Road and demanded that the Board provide information to confirm his assertion.

James Henry, representing Copenhagen Fire Department, reported that the Village of Copenhagen has dissolved the department. Mr. Henry suggested that the town rewrite its fire protection contract, omitting the Village, and contracting with them directly.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Supervisor Peck reported that installation of the generator in WD#2 is scheduled for February.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported that the department is working on ditching, shaping shoulders and tree removal.
- Assessor – W. Vargulick reported that renewal applications for senior exemptions will be mailed out in December.
- Planning Board/ZEO – A written report was included in the Board's packets.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich reported that the next RACOG meeting is scheduled for January 25, 2023. He also reported on a demonstration of the digital radar signs that may be obtained at a cost of approximately \$2,100 for mobile signs.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to approve the minutes of October 3, 2022 as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to pay the following bills as presented:

General #280-315.....	\$45,553.00
Highway #158-171.....	\$19,891.99
Con WD#1 O&M #19-22.....	\$9,748.08
WD#2,4&5 O&M #71-80.....	\$8,387.69
SD#2 O&M #39-41.....	\$2,255.65

Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the report as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- The Board reviewed changes to the preliminary budget based on modifications to County charges and taxable value. The tax rate remains at \$3.39/\$1,000 assessed value.

Resolution offered by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the preliminary budget as the annual budget of the Town of Champion for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2023 and that such budget as so adopted be entered in the minutes of the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of the said annual budget as adopted pursuant to

Section 202A and B2 of the Town Law and shall present a copy thereof to the Supervisor of the Town to be presented by him to the County Legislature. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- The Board reviewed recommended budget transfers and amendments. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to approve the transfers and amendments as recommended (see insert). Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to approve the membership of the Town of Croghan in RACOG. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize the Town Clerk to levy unpaid water and sewer charges on the 2023 town and county tax bills. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement between the Town of Champion and the Development Authority of the North Country for the operation and maintenance of Consolidated Water District #1. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement between the Town of Champion and the Development Authority of the North Country for the operation and maintenance of Water District #2,4&5. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed the fuel bid it received from Christman Fuel Service Inc.. J. Strife recommended approval for the fixed price delivery of fuels for the entire contract period.

USL Diesel	\$5.49/G
Winter Blend	\$5.91/G
Propane	\$1.999/G
Heating Oil	\$5.39/G

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to accept the fixed price of delivery for the period January 1, 2023 through December 31, 2023. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:30pm.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to return to open session. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:20pm.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:20pm.

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