

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, December 5, 2022 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Peck, Councilmen McMahon, Russell, and Uhlinger. Councilman Stewart was excused.

Supervisor Peck called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was opened for public comment. No one addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – M. Altieri, BC&A, discussed the USEPA order that WD#2,4&5 is under due to exceeding particular by-products. Water by-products are created when the chlorine used for disinfection reacts with organics. A plan has been submitted and accepted by the EPA to correct the issue including:
 - Short term – Increased system flushing and fine-tuning chlorine residuals.
 - Med term – Reactivate the link between the town and V/West Carthage systems at a volume to be determined.
 - Long term – study the feasibility of a connection between WD#2,4&5 and Consolidated WD#1 (Great Bend) to determine costs and impact on users.

Supervisor Peck asked if samples should be sent for testing to more than one lab. M. Altieri reported that the Village is doing that. W. McMahon questioned if there would be testing prior to activating the town/village water master meter. M. Altieri responded that there would be and that NYSDOH would oversee. The master meter has not been used in some time so that the connection will be gradual. J. Uhlinger was interested in a comparison between the costs of wholesale water purchase and installing a new main to Great Bend. B. Russell questioned the timeframe for EPA compliance. Compliance is staged with the pilot water link scheduled by 1/31/2023 and a feasibility study for a new main due by March 2023.

- Councilmen – The Board welcomed Councilman McMahon. B. Russell questioned who is responsible for sidewalks in Great Bend. There is no local law requiring snow removal.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported that town plows remained on the road during the recent emergency snow event. No delivery dates have been received for either the plow truck or loader that have been ordered. J.Strife discussed adding a snowblower attachment for the loader.
- Assessor – W. Vargulick shared information from the town real property sales report which reported that sale prices for homes is still exceeding the assessments.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich provided updates regarding ongoing RACOG initiatives including radar signs. Supervisor Peck supports the purchase of a moveable sign to provide data to law enforcement where speeding is an issue.
- County Legislator – J. Peck reported on an adopted resolution for rural transportation, budget adoption, ending the backlog for pistol permits, hunting on county forest lands, and housing for the homeless.

Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to approve the minutes of November 7 and 14, 2022 as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. W. McMahon abstained. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to pay the following bills as presented:

General #316-341.....	\$21,751.14
Highway #172-186.....	\$27,557.05
RACOG #22-27.....	\$718.48
Con WD#1 O&M #23-25.....	\$435.30
WD#2,4&5 O&M #81-87.....	\$4,161.57

SD#1 O&M #6.....\$1,659.62
SD#2 O&M #42-43.....49,115.25

Ayes 4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to approve the budget transfers as recommended (see insert). Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- The Board agreed by consensus to schedule the year end meeting for Tuesday, December 27, 2022 to pay bills.
- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by W. McMahon to schedule a public hearing on the proposed contract between the Town and the T/Rutland Fire District Board of Commissioners on December 27, 2022 at 4:00pm. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a contract. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:18pm.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to return to open session. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:25pm.
- Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by J. Uhlinger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

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