

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, January 2, 2023 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Peck, Councilmen Stewart, McMahon, 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. J. Schell, Eddy Road, thanked the highway department for their work. He urged the Town to discourage residential construction on agricultural land.

**Monthly Reports**

- Councilmen – W. McMahon questioned providing water to properties on Hall Road and the highway department working on the construction of County Route 47. There is no study regarding the feasibility and cost to provide public water to Hall Road. J. Strife explained that the County reimbursement rate does not compensate the town sufficiently for the cost of necessary added employees and the wear and tear on equipment.  
B. Russell questioned the turnover on the highway pickup and plow trucks. J. Strife responded that the pick up is on a 3-year replacement plan and that plow trucks are serviced, maintained and repaired in house and are used for their useful life.  
J. Uhlinger discussed USDA-RUD grants for green projects suggesting the replacement of lights in the Great Bend Lighting District. He was advised that the retrofit project was completed in 2020, prior to his joining the Town Board, with LED fixtures resulting in significant savings.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported on plowing and road maintenance to protect areas from flooding.
- Assessor – W. Vargulick was present to respond to inquiries.
- Planning Board/ZEO – P. LaBarge submitted his written report.
- Circuit Rider – The next RACOG meeting will be held January 25, 2023 at 6:00pm at the T/Champion Municipal Building.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to approve the minutes of December 5 and December 27, 2022 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #1-13.....	\$32,552.72
Highway #1-3.....	\$36,026.65
RACOG \$1.....	\$57.00
Con WD#1 O&M #1.....	\$294.00
WD#2,4&5 O&M #1-3.....	\$17,222.43
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$45.00
SD#2 O&M #1.....	\$225.00

Ayes5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

**New Business**

- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to make the following appointments:

Deputy clerk – Helen Novak  
Deputy clerk – Christine Scott

Registrar – Christina Vargulick  
Court Clerk – Helen Novak  
Deputy Court Clerk – Christina Vargulick  
Historian – Lynn Thornton  
Clerk to Supervisor – Donna Martel  
Town Attorney - Timothy Farley  
Zoning Enforcement Officer – Peter LaBarge  
Deputy Supervisor – Thomas Stewart  
RACOG member- Thomas Stewart  
Planning Board member – Dan Leary (12/2027)

J. Uhlinger questioned the appointment of P. LaBarge as ZEO suggesting a conflict of interest with his role as Planning Board Chairman. Supervisor Peck will discuss the concerns with P. LaBarge. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve salaries the following salaries:

Councilman: \$4,100 each, payable bi-weekly  
Supervisor: \$22,000, payable bi-weekly  
Clerk to Supervisor: \$19,950, payable bi-weekly  
Town Clerk/Collector: \$48,000, payable bi-weekly  
Justices: \$15,000 each, payable bi-weekly  
Assessor: \$28,500, payable bi-weekly  
Zoning Officer: \$9,500, payable bi-weekly  
Town Attorney: \$8,000 payable bi-weekly  
Court Clerk: \$22.00/hour, payable bi-weekly  
Highway Superintendent: \$61,200 payable bi-weekly  
Part Time/Seasonal MEO: \$18.72/hour, payable bi-weekly  
Part Time/Seasonal Laborer: \$17.68/hour, payable bi-weekly  
Deputy Town Clerk: \$20.00/hour  
Consolidated WD#1 Clerk: \$6,000, payable bi-weekly  
Water District #2/4/5 Clerk: \$5,000, payable bi-weekly  
Sewer District #1 Clerk: \$3,700 payable bi-weekly  
Sewer District #2 Clerk: \$5,000, payable bi-weekly  
RACOG Clerk: \$500, payable bi-weekly  
RACOG ZBA Clerk: \$1,000, payable bi-weekly  
Planning Board Clerk: \$1,000, payable bi-weekly  
Planning Board Chairman: \$1,400/yr, payable quarterly  
Planning Board member: \$800/yr, payable quarterly  
Board of Assessment Review: Chairman \$100.00; Member \$75.00 each  
Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve the following organizational resolutions:

**SET MEETING DATES AND TIME**

- a) Town Board first Monday of each month at 7:00PM
- b) Planning Board second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 4:00PM, as necessary
- c) Zoning Board first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM, as necessary

**DESIGNATE BANKS-Community and Carthage Savings**

**AUTHORIZE OFFICIALS TO ATTEND NECESSARY SCHOOLS**

**MILEAGE REIMBURSEMENT- In accordance with IRS reimbursement rates**

**DESIGNATE OFFICIAL NEWSPAPER – Watertown Daily Times**

**REAUTHORIZE INVESTMENT/PROCUREMENT POLICIES**

**AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR OR DEPUTY SUPERVISOR TO SIGN CHECKS**

**DESIGNATE FIRM TO ADMINISTER DRUG AND ALCOHOL TESTING -**

OnSite Testing Services, Inc.

**CELLPHONES – Authorized for business use only**

AUTHORIZE PRE-PAYMENT OF UTILITY, SECURITY, POSTAGE, FUEL BILLING AND ANY OTHER PAYMENTS DEEMED TO BE A SAVINGS Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:28pm.

*Christina Vargulick*

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Town Clerk