

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, February 6, 2023 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Peck, Councilmen Stewart, Uhlinger, and McMahon, and Highway Superintendent Strife. Councilman Russell was absent.

Supervisor Peck called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the public forum. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – M. Altieri reviewed steps being taken to address the order from the EPA regarding water quality in WD#2,4&5. W. McMahon questioned if changes would be made to testing when water from the V/West Carthage is combined with water produced by the town. M. Altieri suggested more frequent sampling and testing. He also reported, based on significant variations in testing results received by the V/West Carthage from two different laboratories, that an investigation has been opened. M. Altieri reported that delivery of the generator for the water plant on Lewis Loop is tentatively scheduled for February 20th.
- Councilmen – T. Stewart recommended replacement of the fans and outdoor lights at Champion Station. The Board agreed by consensus. The highway department will schedule the improvements.
J. Uhlinger reported on aspects of the Governor’s proposed budget that impact the town including no changes in AIM funding and proposals to supersede local zoning for proposed state housing projects and solar locating.
B. Peck recommended that Board packets be distributed electronically to members with email addresses to avoid postal delivery delays.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported on road maintenance and a motor replacement in one of the plow trucks. The estimated cost of the repairs will be lowered thanks to the in-house expertise and efforts of the highway crew.
- Assessor – W. Vargulick reported that he will be meeting with a representative of the State tax and finance department regarding a proposed drop in the town’s equalization rate.
- Parks/Historian – L Thornton reported that she has been working in the library Heritage Room on a number of local inquiries and preparing articles for the newspaper.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich reported on a number of topics including the upcoming Local Government Conference, the economic summit, radar signs and the promotional video.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by W. McMahon to approve the minutes from January 2, 2023 as presented. T. Stewart-aye, W. McMahon-aye, J. Uhlinger-nay, and B. Peck-aye. Motion carried.

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

General #14-47.....	\$393,643.65
Highway #4-20.....	\$39,718.65
RACOG #2-4.....	\$3,016.66
Con WD#1 O&M #2-5.....	\$9,326.05
WD#2,4&5 O&M #4-15.....	\$27,765.13
SD#1 O&M #2.....	\$63,580.00
SD#2 O&M #2-4.....	\$1,477.47

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by W. McMahon to accept the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peck discussed structure fires that had occurred during the previous weekend and reported that he had received a complaint regarding an odor in the water in WD#2,4&5 that was caused by the need to use all water sources to support draws from the fire hydrants. He thanked the highway department for responding and sanding.

New Business

- D. Martel provided recommendations to the Board regarding fund balances for a number of accounts.

Resolution offered by W. McMahon, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize the deposit of \$250,000 from fund balance to the established Capital Reserve fund. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

Resolution offered by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to create a new type reserve fund (Equipment Reserve) for the Highway DA account and authorize an initial deposit of \$250,000 from fund balance. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

Resolution offered by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to authorize the deposit in the amount of \$7,900.00 from fund balance into the Consolidated WD#1 repair/maintenance reserve fund. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

Resolution offered by W. McMahon, seconded by J. Uhlinger to authorize a deposit in the amount of \$24,313.00 from fund balance into the WD#2,4&5 repair/maintenance reserve fund. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by W. McMahon to schedule one (1) spring clean up weekend. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by W. McMahon to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

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