

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, June 5, 2023. 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, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Peck opened the meeting for public comment. Brian Nutting, DANC Division Director for Water Quality, discussed a grant opportunity with NYSEFC for an inflow and infiltration study of the Town's portion of the Route 3 Sewer System. The proposed \$50,000 grant requires a ten percent (10%) match by the town and would be used to prepare a preliminary report to support future funding applications. The Development Authority would prepare the application on behalf of the Town at no additional cost.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – M. Altieri reported that the new emergency generator is operational. The project will be closed out pending final commissioning and payment requests.

M. Altieri discussed the findings following inspection of the furnaces at the highway garage, Champion Station and municipal building. He stated that the municipal building furnace should not need replacing but does need a more intensive maintenance schedule. The highway barn needs both boilers replaced and recommends requesting bids for both propane and fuel oil and zoning the heating system. Champion Station requires a new furnace and propane is the recommended fuel. Additional study is necessary to determine if two heating systems, air conditioning, a backup generator should be included in the bid package as alternates. W. McMahon questioned if an installation date would be specified. M. Altieri confirmed it would be. Supervisor Peck questioned warranties and service contracts.

M. Altieri stated that plans to blend water in WD#2,4&5 with V/West Carthage will proceed this month.

- Councilmen – W. McMahon reported that he had attended two Jefferson County Legislature committee meetings. He also questioned whether solar lights for the flag in Great Bend had been located. J. Strife responded that they are still trying to find a supplier. T. Stewart apologized to the Board for his absences due to illness. J. Uhlinger discussed a conversation with the V/West Carthage fire chief regarding lighter and less expensive turn out gear for some department personnel.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported on mowing and mulching in the parks; completed truck repairs; roadside mowing; and paving on June 6. He informed the Board that Mark Scoville resigned his position with the department on May 18, 2023 to accept another job and discussed the issues filling vacant positions. J. Uhlinger suggested recruitment efforts in the high school.
- Planning Board/ZEO – The zoning officer's report was distributed.
- Parks – L. Thornton acknowledged a large list of park reservations already received and thanked J. Strife for repairs to the pavilion roof. Mrs. Thornton reported that the 4th of July Old Home Days parade will start at 11:00am. The Second Methodist Church intends to serve strawberry shortcake and other food along with providing a bouncy house. Plans for the chicken barbeque are still pending. The Hiram Hubbard House will be open for tours.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich stated that there was a discussion at the RACOG Economic Summit regarding the need for water/wastewater operators and whether a BOCES program could help to fill the gap. M. Dietrich suggested that they may also be a venue for students to receive instruction towards obtaining a CDL drivers license at a reduced cost. Supervisor Peck questioned the status of

the CDL program at Jefferson Community College. The next RACOG meeting is scheduled for June 28, 2023 at the V/Castorland.

Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes of May 1 and May 17, 2023 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by W. McMahon to pay the following bills as presented:

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| General #123-153..... | \$34,349.27 |
| Highway #63-80..... | \$35,392.56 |
| RACOG #12-16..... | \$700.00 |
| ConWD#1 O&M #13-18..... | \$1,059.25 |
| WD#2,4&5 O&M #37-44..... | \$5,434.95 |
| SD#1 O&M #3..... | \$5,359.79 |
| SD#2 O&M 18-20..... | \$1,432.52 |

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to accept the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by W. McMahon to approve the automatic reauthorization of the HUD HOME Investment Partnership Program to provide an annual allocation to the Consortium to benefit low and moderate income families for housing. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members discussed a resolution in support of a NYS Environmental Facilities Corporation wastewater infrastructure engineering planning grant application for the T/Champion inflow and infiltration project for SD#1. The resolution obligates the Town for the sum of \$10,000 to provide a required twenty percent (20%) local match to secure the State funds. Board members recognized that all funds collected in connection with SD#1 are deposited with the Route 3 Sewer Board of Commissioners therefore the Town has no funds to satisfy the local match. Resolution offered by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to support the grant application contingent on a commitment for funding from the Route 3 Sewer Board of Commissioners to provide the local match. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:-1pm.

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