

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, September 5, 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 public forum portion of the meeting. No one addressed the Board.

**Monthly Reports**

- Engineer – M. Altieri reported that the new generator, located on Lewis Loop, has been reset to satisfy the load necessary to operate the fire pump. Project close out is pending.  
M. Altieri reported that the Town received three bids to replace the highway barn heating system. Ontario HVAC bid both fuel oil and propane heating systems. J. E. Sheehan bid a propane heating system. J.E. Sheehan was the low bidder at \$133,000. A propane heating system will also require a pad and propane tank at an additional cost estimated not to exceed \$20,000. M. Altieri provided the Board with information regarding cost of fuel oil versus liquid propane showing significant savings with liquid propane. The propane heating system will include two boilers, piping, and new controls and electrical connections. If parts from the existing system can be used, they will be. J. Strife recommended using the existing fuel oil tank as a secondary diesel fuel tank. B. Russell questioned if a number of smaller propane tanks could be used to allow siting near to the barn. Supervisor Peck stated that if the highway department constructs the pad with bollards that there would be additional savings. M. Altieri recommended J. E. Sheehan as the lowest responsible bidder.
- Councilmen – W. McMahon reported that he and B. Russell attended the opening of the Stewart’s in Great Bend. B. Russell stated that persons have spoken to him regarding conditions at Lacey’s Auto, 32220 NYS Route 3. Supervisor Peck will discuss the matter with the zoning officer. J. Uhlinger reported on recent changes to State law regarding pistol permits, ammunition purchases and NY State Police conducted background checks.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported assisting T/Rutland and V/Carthage with paving. He also reported that Grant Gardner has been hired as an MEO and Matthew Sech has been appointed as Deputy Highway Superintendent and is receiving the contractual stipend.
- Planning Board/Zoning Enforcement Officer – A written monthly report was distributed.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich reported that RACOG will meet September 27, 2023 at the T/Champion and summarized upcoming training opportunities.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve the minutes of August 7, 2023 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #205-238.....	\$22,073.94
Highway #118-135.....	\$31,724.73
RACOG #18-24.....	\$1,042.82
Con WD#1 O&M #26.....	\$358.83
WD#2,4&5 O&M #62-69.....	\$7,502.22
SD#1 O&M #4.....	\$23.59
SD#2 O&M #27-30.....	\$3,675.69

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

**New Business**

- Resolution offered by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to accept the bid from J.E. Sheehan in the amount of \$133,000 to replace the heating system in the highway barn with a propane heating system and furthermore to authorize additional expenditures not to exceed \$20,000 for the construction of a tank pad w/bollards and the purchase of a propane tank. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to schedule a public hearing on the 2024 Town Budget on October 2, 2023 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by W. McMahon to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:53pm.

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Christina Vargulick  
Town Clerk