

The Town of Champion Town Board met in special session on Wednesday, December 20, 2023 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Peck, Councilmen Stewart, McMahon, and Russell, and Deputy Highway Superintendent Sech. Councilman Uhlinger was absent.

Supervisor Peck called the meeting to order at 6:00pm.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to pay the following bills as presented:

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| General #323-339..... | \$20,429.28 |
| Highway #180-188..... | \$16,632.80 |
| RACOG #33..... | \$1,787.76 |
| Con WD#1 O&M #37-38..... | \$556.33 |
| WD#2,4&5 O&M #102-105..... | \$5,176.31 |
| SD#2 O&M #40-42..... | \$9,825.68 |

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by B. Russell to accept the resignation of Supervisor Peck effective December 31, 2023. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Peck, seconded by B. Russell to appoint Thomas E. Stewart to serve as Town Supervisor effective January 1, 2024. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Supervisor Peck, seconded by B. Russell to appoint William McMahon as Deputy Town Supervisor effective January 1, 2024. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to appoint Matthew Sech to serve as Town Highway Superintendent effective January 1, 2024. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by Supervisor Peck to appoint David Pustizzi, 34648 NYS Route 26, to complete the term of Dan Leary on the Planning Board. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Town received one bid for its fuel needs. Christman Fuel Service Inc. submitted both variable and fixed bids for diesel and propane which the Board reviewed and discussed. Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to accept the variable price for the delivery of diesel and propane for a term running from January 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

M. Altieri, town engineer, discussed the proposals that were received from Hyde-Stone Mechanical Contractors and Ontario HVAC Solutions for the maintenance of the heating systems at the highway garage and Champion Station. The Town Municipal building was previously contracted. W. McMahon questioned whether the information provided for fee comparison was accurately presented. He recommended a contract that clearly defined the work to be accomplished and costs associated with that work. Board members recognized that the new heating systems are under warranty for one year and suggested that the coming year would provide an opportunity to evaluate the responsiveness of both firms. Motion by Supervisor Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to award the 2024 maintenance contract to Ontario HVAC Solutions. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart; seconded by Councilman Russell:

\\WHEREAS, the Town of Champion has received a request to name a private driveway for the purpose of establishing an E-911 address, and;

WHEREAS, Shawn Tripp, the owner of parcel no. 76.06-2-79, located off NYS Route 3, Great Bend has received site plan approval for the construction of six-8 unit apartment buildings and a community building.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, to name the private driveway “Manor Lane” located on parcel number 76.06-2-79 and to provide a sign with the provision that the Town accepts no responsibility for the maintenance, upkeep, or care of the driveway.

Supervisor Peckaye
Councilman Stewart.....aye
Councilman McMahon.....aye
Councilman Russell.....aye
Councilman Uhlinger.....absent

Resolution adopted.

Resolution offered by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart:

WHEREAS, the NY State Unified Court System’s ACTION PLAN FOR THE JUSTICE COURTS included initiatives to improve accountability and controls over Justice Court finances and records; and,

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective Town Board and that such records then be examined or audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board’s proceedings; and,

WHEREAS, the Town of Champion Town Board did audit and examine said records and dockets provided by Town Justices for the fiscal year 1/1/2021 to 12/31/2021; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Champion Town Board did approve said records and dockets of the justices as submitted;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Champion does hereby accept the books of Town Justices.

Supervisor Peck.....aye
Councilman Stewart.....aye
Councilman McMahon.....aye
Councilman Russell.....aye
Councilman Uhlinger.....absent

Resolution adopted.

Motion made by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to schedule the organizational meeting for January 2, 2024. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

W. Vargulick, town assessor, provided information and discussed potential residential trends for the Board to consider relative to moving the town’s equalization rate back to 100%.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by W. McMahon to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 6:35pm.

Christina Vargulick
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Town Clerk