

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, June 3, 2024 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Stewart and Councilmen McMahon, Russell, and Uhlinger. Councilman Sech and Highway Superintendent Sech were absent.

Supervisor Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was opened for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen – W. McMahon reported for Councilman Sech that plans for the Old Home Days concert are proceeding. The concert will be held in the community room at the Champion Fire Hall.
B. Russell reported that the Carthage Chamber of Commerce is seeking an executive director; the farmers market is open on Fridays; Carthage Central School is planning a “back to school bash” August 29th; the V/West Carthage block party is scheduled for August 23rd; and that banners may not be purchased by individuals. Donations may be made to organizations for persons who want to support the veterans banner project.
J. Uhlinger reported that the State Legislature is finishing up its session.
T. Stewart questioned whether the construction to protect the air handlers on Champion Station 2 are sufficient.
- Assessor – W. Vargulick reported that less than twenty-five assessment grievances were submitted.
- Zoning Officer – M. Pomerville submitted his written report.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich updated the Board on RACOG initiatives.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve the minutes of May 6, 2024 as written. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to pay the following bills as presented:

General #138-161.....	\$16,065.09
Highway #75-95.....	\$33,839.23
RACOG #12-16.....	\$700.00
Con WD#1 O&M #17-19.....	\$1,284.28
WD#2,4&5 O&M #46-50.....	\$4,003.67
SD#1 O&M #2.....	\$5,281.00
SD#2 O&M #20-21.....	\$14,039.58

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s reports for the months of April and May were read and discussed. Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by W. McMahon to approve the April report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to approve the May report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

D. Martel reviewed the fund balance policy and made recommendations which were approved as follows:

- Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by B. Russell to transfer \$250,000 from General Fund A to the Capital Reserve Fund. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to transfer \$25,000 from Highway DA Townwide Fund to the Highway Type reserve account. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by T. Stewart to move \$7,900 from Con WD#1 FG account to the FG Repair & Maintenance Fund. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to establish a Repair & Maintenance Reserve fund for SD#2 and to transfer \$9,790 from SD#2 GS to the reserve fund. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to authorize D. Martel to meet with Community Bank investment professionals and invest the reserves to improve returns. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Resolution offered by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to authorize the purchase of a 2026 Mack Granite GR64FR Allison from Conway Beam Truck Group with Viking plow equipment for a total price not to exceed \$300,296.70. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Board members reviewed the draft of Local Law #1 for 2024 – Battery Energy Storage System Law. Members discussed safety concerns regarding fire suppression. Members will submit their suggested modifications to the law for review by the Town Attorney.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:09pm.

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