

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, July 1, 2024 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Stewart, Councilmen McMahon, Russell, Sech, and Uhlinger and Highway Superintendent Sech.

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 addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – M. Altieri recommended Par 5 water quality and groundwater under the direct influence of surface water (GWUDI) testing for well #2 in WD#2. The testing data will provide the information necessary to design a filtration system. The total cost of the testing is estimated at \$7,000-8,000. Motion by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to authorize the recommended water quality tests. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
Supervisor Stewart discussed the failure of the chimney cap at Champion Station 3 and the need for flashing between the air handler roof and the building. Highway Superintendent Sech noted that a leaking union needs to be repaired.
- Council – W. McMahon discussed information he received at a June 18th meeting and his conversation with the solar battery representative. He stated that due to a number of variables it will be difficult to fully address battery storage in a local law.
B. Russell reported that he received a complaint regarding drainage on Maiden Lane that is flooding a yard. Highway Superintendent Sech and ZEO Mark Pomerville will investigate.
B. Sech reported that there will be a concert, as part of the Old Home Days celebration, at Champion Station 2 from noon to 2:00pm.
J. Uhlinger distributed information regarding battery storage as designed by NYPA. He reported that the State Legislature has passed legislation requiring rentals under 30 days to be registered with the State and that the State has developed their own Superfund.
- Highway Superintendent – M. Sech reported that black topping is complete on Jackson II Road and Pine Drive and that Pennock Road was shimmed. The paving was accomplished under budget. A decision is pending regarding using the balance of the CHIP funds. Delivery on the new mower is expected in late August.
- Zoning Enforcement – M. Pomerville submitted his written report.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich reviewed upcoming meetings and dates.

Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to approve the minutes of June 3, 2024 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by W. McMahon to pay the following bills as presented:

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| General #162-186..... | \$64,601.96 |
| Highway #96-111..... | \$188,362.82 |
| Con WD#1 O&M #20-23..... | \$9,026.61 |
| WD#2,4&5 O&M #51-58..... | \$14,197.84 |
| SD#1 O&M #3..... | \$85.00 |
| SD#2 O&M #23-24..... | \$1,511.64 |

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to sign a letter allowing Donna Martel, Financial Director, to open two certificate of deposit accounts at an APY4.1% at a rate of 4.0184% for a term of 12 months with a total deposit of \$895,000. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by W. McMahon to appoint James Surace and Charles Richards as Planning Board Chair and Vice-Chair respectively. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed two letters of interest to fill the vacancy on the Planning Board. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by W. McMahon to appoint Christina Johnson for the term that expires 12/31/2027. Vote: W. McMahon-aye, B. Russell-aye, B. Sech-aye, J. Uhlinger-nay and T. Stewart-aye. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by W. McMahon to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:42pm.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:02pm.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Sech to adjourn the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

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