

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on August 5, 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 and opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – M. Altieri advised that the lab is calculating the cost to process the Part 5 samples and the filtration provider is preparing a list of contaminants to test for. NYTRIC will be testing the auto transfer switch that was replaced after the water pump outage. W. McMahon questioned if SCADA was operational during the electrical disturbance. Sheehan is completing the punch list at Champion Station 2.
- Councilmen – W. McMahon discussed communications during the pump outage. B. Russell reported on Chamber activities and the CCSD back to school event. B. Sech questioned why financial issues for the Chamber sponsored Old Home Day concert were not resolved prior to the concert. B. Sech also questioned why CARS is billing volunteer firemen for required “rehab” checks during prolonged fire call outs. J. Uhlinger discussed proposed OSHA requirements for volunteer fire companies and volunteers and advised that the proposals would have to be adopted by the State.
- Highway Superintendent – M. Sech reported that the mower has been delivered and put into service. M. Sech listed excess highway items and recommended their sale – mower, broom, welder, and two fuel tanks from the fire barn. Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to declare the listed items as excess and to authorize their sale on Auction International. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Assessor – W. Vargulick reported that McDonald’s Corporation is challenging the assessment of their property on Bridge Street in court. Motion by B. Sech, seconded by B. Russell to engage Att. James Burrows to represent the town. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Zoning Enforcement – M. Pomerville submitted his written report and advised that the flooding issue on Maiden Lane has been resolved.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich submitted his monthly report.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to approve the minutes of July 1, 2024 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Sech, seconded by B. Russell to approve payment of the following bills as presented:

General #187-210.....	\$31,643.53
Highway #112-128.....	\$75,725.42
RACOG #17.....	\$166.65
Con WD#1 O&M #24-25.....	\$12,148.14
WD#2,4&5 O&M #59-64.....	\$35,054.79
SD#1 O&M #4.....	\$368.00
SD#2 O&M #25-28.....	\$1,332.26

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed.

Board members reviewed budget transfers as presented. Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the transfers as recommended. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Stewart referenced the annual report received from the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce and a memo received from Attorney Farley regarding the proposed battery storage law. Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by J. Uhlinger to

respond that all mark-ups and bullet point items be included in the draft law. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Board members reviewed a quote from UniFirst First Aid & Safety to replace the existing AEDs at the highway barn and town office due to a phasing out of the batteries and pads currently used. The quote in the amount of \$3,390.00 includes two Zoll AED plus (\$1,695@) and a wall cabinet for the town office. Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to authorize the purchase. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Stewart introduced three quotes received for the emergency replacement of the heating system at the municipal office:
DP Bartlett \$12,350.00; Hyde-Stone \$13,500.00; Ontario HVAC \$10,525.00.
- Board members reviewed the specifics contained in the quotes and determined that DP Bartlett provided the most detailed and specific information. Motion by B. Russell, seconded by T. Stewart to award to the work to DP Barlett and Sons. Vote: W. McMahon-aye, B. Russell-aye, B. Sech-aye, J. Uhlinger-nay, and T. Stewart-aye. Motion carried.
- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to reschedule the September meeting to September 9, 2024 due to the Labor Day holiday. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Sech to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

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