

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, September 9, 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.

Public Forum

- Sam Eddy, County Route 47, reported that the snowmobile crossing on NYS Route 126 has been moved to improve the line of sight. He asked if the Town has a local law regulating drones. The Town does not. Scott Burto, West Carthage Mayor, was present and shared that the Village had expended \$8,000 investigating the matter of regulating drones and determined that municipalities may only regulate the take-off and landing of drones on municipal property.
- John Peck, County Legislator, reported that the County is working on their budget and planning to purchase busses for regional service.
- Mayor Burto asked if the Board has questions regarding the proposed fire contract with the V/West Carthage.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen – B. Russell reported that Almon Mix is still experiencing significant run-off accumulating in his yard. Highway Superintendent Sech will investigate. Tim Thomas has inquired about installing a light at the end of Bud Lo Drive for the convenience of residents on the road. J. Uhlinger reported that grant funding to repair damage from the recent flooding is pending. T. Stewart discussed electrical and pump issues at the Lewis Loop pump station and will contact DANC regarding repairs.
- Highway Superintendent – M. Sech reported that a representative from Homeland Security took pictures of flood damage and a report has been submitted. Surplus items listed for auction sold for \$1,700 to date. Payment for the broom is pending. In response to a question, M. Sech supports a reserve account for emergency road repairs and discussed a culvert pipe on the Sayre Road. D. Martel recommended delaying the establishment of the reserve account and placing the earmarked funds in the road repair account to accomplish the repairs on Sayre Road.
- Zoning Officer – M. Pomerville submitted his written report.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich stated that the next RACOG meeting is scheduled for September 26, 2024.

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

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

General #211-241.....	\$60,082.49
Highway #129-144.....	\$34,793.12
RACOG #18-24.....	\$1,357.64
Con WD#1 O&M #26.....	\$309.66
WD#2,4&5 O&M #65-75.....	\$26,061.18
SD#1 O&M #5.....	\$25.80
SD#2 O&M #29-34.....	\$17,208.30

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Supervisor Stewart reviewed the proposed 2025-2027 fire contract between the Town and Village of West Carthage. The proposed rate is \$.73/\$1,000 taxable value with a minimum \$71,500 in year one of the contract. The rate will continue to be \$.73 for the term of the contract and the minimums will increase by 2.5% each of the subsequent years. Mayor Burto stated that the department seeks to be prepared for any potential new requirements from OSHA including comprehensive physical exams and tire and/or truck replacement. Motion by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to authorize the Supervisor to execute the fire contract with the Village of West Carthage. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to re-appoint Richard Blunden to the Board of Assessment Review for a term of five years. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to schedule a public hearing on the 2025 tentative budget for October 7, 2024 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by W. McMahon to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:07pm.

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