

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, October 7, 2024. Present were Supervisor Stewart, Councilmen McMahon, Russell, Sech and Uhlinger and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00pm.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the 2025 tentative town budget was called to order. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposed budget. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

Supervisor Stewart opened the meeting for public comment. No one addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – M. Altieri distributed the summary of the lead service line inventory noting there were no lead services but there are two galvanized services. Those specific users will be contacted and advised that they should replumb and eliminate those connections to avoid any lead contamination. The report will be forwarded to NYSDOH as required.

M. Altieri advised that installing a filtration system at the Lewis Loop water plant is not feasible due to the cost compared to installing a valve between the Town and V/West Carthage water systems.

Supervisor Stewart reported that a booster pump in the water plant is malfunctioning. He has contacted DANC regarding the pumps operation. Members discussed other possible deficiencies at the water plant regarding ventilation. Supervisor Stewart will schedule a walk-thru with Rob Stevenson.

Supervisor Stewart noted that nothing has been done at the fire hall to correct punch list items including protecting the air handler and weather proofing the chimney. M. Altieri will contact Sheehan Construction.

- Councilmen – W. McMahon reported that he continues to analyze water rates and that he attended a CIDC meeting where small business grants were discussed.
- Highway Superintendent – M. Sech reported that clean up days went smoothly. The department has completed ditching, replaced a culvert pipe on Eddy Road and assisted the Village with hauling sand and black top.
- Zoning Officer – M. Pomerville submitted his written report.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich submitted his report.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to approve the minutes of September 9, 2024 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by W. McMahon to pay the following bills as presented:

General #242-264.....	\$17,235.10
Highway #145-156.....	\$20,638.44
RACOG #25-26.....	\$213.85
Con WD#1 O&M #27-28.....	\$1,090.16
WD#2,4&5 O&M #76-82.....	\$5,743.50
SD#1 O&M #6-7.....	\$35,930.00
SD#2 O&M #35-36.....	\$744.60

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Board members reviewed the recommended budget transfers and budget amendments. Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Sech to approve the transfers/amendments as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. (attached in minute book)

Board members discussed a budget request from Carthage Area Rescue Squad received October 7, 2024. B. Sech commented that the request should have been made prior to the public hearing and that the justification of a "steady rise in fuel costs" was incorrect. Ms. Henry did not attend the meeting. Motion by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to table the discussion to allow the Board to receive additional information and clarification. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to schedule a public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2024-A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for November 4, 2024 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by B. Sech to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Water Service Agreement Amendment No. 1 between the Town and the Development Authority of the North Country. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to authorize the Supervisor to forward a letter of support to the City of Watertown regarding their Northern Border Regional Commission Infrastructure grant application. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Sech to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:44pm.

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