

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, November 4, 2024 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Stewart, Councilmen Russell, Sech and Uhlinger and Highway Superintendent Sech. Councilman McMahon was excused.

Supervisor Stewart called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2024 - A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c was called to order by Supervisor Stewart. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed.

Sam Eddy advised the Board that he has met with representatives of NYSDOT on behalf of the Missing Links Snowmobile Club to locate a crossing over NYS Route 126.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Supervisor Stewart reported that the contractor would be working on punch list items on Tuesday.
- Councilmen – B. Russell stated that he would design the application for veteran banners to be distributed through the Town Clerk’s office. J. Uhlinger encouraged everyone to vote.
- Highway Superintendent – M. Sech reported that all trucks have been serviced and inspected and that three are outfitted for plowing. Road tallies have been set and work done on Eddy Road. Brian Burgess will return to service as a part-time MEO.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich gave his monthly update.

Motion by B. Sech, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve the minutes of October 7, 2024 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #265-292.....	\$27,993.87
Highway #157-168.....	\$9,448.67
RACOG #27-29.....	\$183.33
Con WD#1 O&M #29-31.....	\$14,189.11
WD#2,4&5 O&M #83-91.....	\$8,429.66
SD#1 O&M #8.....	\$368.00
SD#2 O&M #37-40.....	\$1,440.57

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. D. Martel stated that the third quarter sales tax exceeded the budgeted amount by approximately \$144,000 and was credited to highway townwide for the future establishment of a reserve fund for equipment. Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to approve the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Resolution by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to adopt Local Law #1 for 2024 - A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Resolution offered by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell:
WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the preliminary budget as the annual budget of the Town of Champion for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2025 and that such budget as so adopted be entered in the minutes of the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of the said annual budget as adopted pursuant to Section 202A and B2 of the Town Law and shall present a copy thereof to the Supervisor of the Town to be presented by him to the County Legislature.

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to authorizing bidding for fuel. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Uhlinger to participate in the North Country Veteran and Service Member Suicide Prevention Coalition's gun lock distribution program. J. Uhlinger questioned if there would be a cost to the Town. The Town Clerk responded that there is no charge to the Town or to interested individuals. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Gun locks will be distributed through the Town Clerk's office to all interested persons.
- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Sech to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

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