

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, December 2, 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.

Supervisor Stewart opened the meeting for public comment. John Turpin stated that the town assessor had visited his property without prior notice. Assessor Vargulick explained that he commonly visits new construction sites if builders are present to collect accurate measurements and inventory. There were men working on the site when he stopped but he agreed to set up an appointment if he needs more information.

Rebecca Vary, V/Carthage Trustee, discussed a proposal from the Village to make upgrades to the Carthage Park including making the playground handicapped accessible and adding a splash pad. The Village will be forming a committee and she invited the Town to appoint a member to participate in the discussions. Supervisor Stewart deferred the matter until the John D. Peck takes over as Supervisor.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Supervisor Stewart stated that the punch list items at Champion Station have been completed.
- Councilmen – W. McMahon thanked the Highway Superintendent for installing the Christmas decorations in Great Bend.
- Highway Superintendent – M. Sech reported that the department had assisted the T/Denmark with some paving and commented that there were only minor repairs necessary during the extended weekend storm.
- Zoning Officer – M. Pomerville submitted his written report.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich reiterated the dates for scheduled meetings/events.

Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to approve the minutes of November 4, 2024 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

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| General #293-317..... | \$19,170.83 |
| Highway #174-186..... | \$14,805.39 |
| RACOG #30-36..... | \$833.64 |
| Con WD#1 O&M #32-35..... | \$13,517.16 |
| WD#2,4&5 O&M #92-99..... | \$5,051.78 |
| SD#1 O&M #9-10..... | \$1,587.37 |
| SD#2 O&M #41-44..... | \$14,603.13 |

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Motion by B. Sech, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve the recommended budget transfers/amendments as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Resolution offered by Councilman Uhlinger; seconded by Councilman McMahon: WHEREAS, the Town of Champion entered into a Water Service Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country February 10, 2014 which was first amended on October 10, 2024 to increase the term expiration date to December 31, 2055 and;

WHEREAS, development within the Town necessitates an increase in the allotted water.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion Town Board authorizes the Supervisor to execute Amendment No. 2 amending Article I, Section 101 of the February 10, 2014 agreement to increase the maximum daily flow of this contract to 80,000 gallons per days.

Supervisor Stewart.....aye
Councilman McMahon.....aye
Councilman Russell.....aye
Councilman Sechaye
Councilman Uhlinger.....aye

Resolution adopted.

- Board members reviewed the single bid that was received in response to the advertised bid form and specifications for diesel and propane. Motion by B. Russell, seconded by J. Uhlinger to accept the variable rate price. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by W. McMahon to schedule the year end meeting to pay bills and any other necessary business for December 30, 2024 at 10:00am.
- Supervisor Stewart asked for a moment of silence to recognize the passing of former Councilman Henry S. Watkins. Mr. Watkins served on the Town Board for 44 years. The Town Board room was dedicated to him in recognition of his long service.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Russell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:32pm.

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