

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, February 3, 2025 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Peck, Councilmen McMahon, Russell(7:05), and Sech. Councilman Uhlinger was absent.

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

Supervisor Peck opened the meeting for public comment. Tim Ruetten, Director of Jefferson County Community Services, presented a plaque to Supervisor Peck in acknowledgement of his membership on the Board representing the Board of Legislators.

Claude Phelps presented information regarding his data collection service for highway assets. Supervisor Peck and Highway Superintendent Sech will meet with Mr. Phelps to discuss the service. S. Eddy stated that during his employment with the Town highway department that he collected and reported on all the highway signage within the town.

Karen Freeman, recently appointed District 7 County Legislator, introduced herself the Board.

### **Monthly Reports**

- Engineer – M. Altieri reported on the completion of the valve design and recommended a meeting at the Champion Heights water plant with operations personnel to determine operational and maintenance priorities. W. McMahon suggested testing a small-scale mix of water from WD#2,4&5 and the V/West Carthage. M. Altieri will arrange the test with the operators.
- Councilmen – B. Sech requested the highway department’s help with clearing snow from the back door of the fire barn. W. McMahon questioned the status of the proposed battery storage law. Supervisor Peck advised that the matter would be considered during the review of the zoning law.
- Highway Superintendent – M. Sech reported that the springs on one of the highway garage overhead doors has been replaced. The department continues to clear and maintain town roads.
- Assessor – W. Vargulick reported that if the Board prefers to maintain the equalization rate at 100% that residential properties will have to be trended up eight percent (8%). Otherwise, the equalization rate will fall to 90.9% and be set at 95% with the allowed adjustment. The Board will consider and respond in 7-10 days.
- Zoning Officer – M. Pomerville provided the Board with his monthly report and a 2024 permit status report.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich advised that THC staff anticipate being available to assist with a review of the Town zoning law by May 2025. The next RACOG meeting is scheduled for May 22, 2025.

Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by B. Russell to approve the minutes of January 6, 2025 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #18-46.....	\$448,080.70
Highway #7-19.....	\$18,284.02
RACOG #1-4.....	\$2,311.81
Con WD#1 O&M #4-5.....	\$10,482.87
WD#2,4&5 O&M #10-19.....	\$12,818.68
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$236.00
SD#2 O&M #2-3.....	\$658.41

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Peck informed the Board that he intends to assemble a committee consisting of members of the Town and Planning Boards, the zoning officer and members from the public to review the Town zoning law.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to appoint W. McMahon as the alternate voting member for RACOG. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Sech, seconded by B. Russell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

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