

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, March 3, 2025. Present were Supervisor Peck, Councilmen McMahon, Russell, and Sech and Highway Superintendent Sech. Councilman Uhlinger was absent.

Supervisor Peck called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The public forum was opened. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Supervisor Peck advised the Board that he has signed a submittal for NYSDOH in regards to the Town/Village valve.
- Councilmen – B. Sech reported that the V/West Carthage fire department has received two grants with an approximate total of \$500,000.
- Highway Superintendent – M. Sech reported that he will attend a pre-install meeting for the new truck this week. He recommended that the Board consider replacing the Ford pickup truck. D. Martel advised that there are funds in the small equipment account to purchase a new truck. Board members agreed, by consensus, to authorize the Superintendent to determine specifications and receive quotes to replace the pickup truck.
- Zoning Enforcement – M. Pomerville reported no permits were issued in February. Action on pending violations has been suspended until weather improves.
- Historian – L. Thornton introduced Charlotte Liebig who has agreed to serve as deputy historian.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich advised that the next RACOG meeting will be May 22 at 6:00pm at the T/Wilna Municipal Building.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to approve the minutes of February 3, 2025 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #47-81.....	\$52,059.00
Highway #20-39.....	\$29,396.17
RACOG #5-11.....	\$1,267.53
Con WD#1 O&M #6-10.....	\$2,062.78
WD#2,4&5 O&M #20-31.....	\$11,657.75
SD#1 O&M #2-4.....	\$66,026.49
SD#2 O&M #4-11.....	\$70,139.03

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Board members reviewed the Supervisor’s reports for January and February 2025. Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by B. Sech to approve the reports as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to authorize the Highway Superintendent to post roads as needed. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Resolution offered by Councilman Russell, seconded by Councilman McMahon;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion Town Board hereby establishes the following as a standard workday for the employees for the purpose of determining days worked reportable to the New York State and Local Employees’ Retirement System:

Title	Names	SSN	Retirement #	Hours	Term
Supervisor	John D. Peck	XXX	12984012	6	01/01/25-12/31/25

Councilman	William McMahon	XXX	11936722	6	01/01/24-12/31/27
Hwy Supt	Matthew Sech	XXX	12790038	8	01/01/25-12/31/25
Assessor	William Vargulick	XXX	10589901	6	10/01/20-09/30/25
Justice	Lydia Young	XXX	10899417	6	01/01/24-12/31/27
Justice	Angela Capone	XXX	13116105	6	01/01/22-12/31/25

Supervisor Peck aye
Councilman McMahon aye
Councilman Russell aye
Councilman Sech aye
Councilman Uhlinger absent

Resolution adopted.

- Motion by B. Sech, seconded by B. Russell to schedule the spring clean up days for May 9/10 and fall clean up days for September 26/27. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- WHEREAS, the NY State Unified Court System’s ACTION PLAN FOR THE JUSTICE COURTS included initiatives to improve accountability and controls over Justice Court finances and records, and;

WHEREAS, Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act requires that justices annually provide their court records and dockets to their respective Town Board and that such records then be examined or audited and that fact be entered into the minutes of the board’s proceedings, and;

WHEREAS, the Town of Champion Town Board did audit and examine said records and dockets provided by Town Justices for the fiscal year January through December 2024.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the Town of Champion Town Board does approve said records and dockets of the justices as submitted.

Supervisor Peck.....aye
Councilman McMahon.....aye
Councilman Russell.....aye
Councilman Sech.....aye
Councilman Uhlinger.....absent

Resolution adopted.

- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to authorize the release of funds from the Equipment Reserve Fund to purchase a new Mack Truck and equipment and to authorize the balance of any funds remaining in the specific reserve be transferred to the Highway type reserve account. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to enter into an agreement with Claude Phelps for the purpose of preparing a digital inventory of road signs within the town at a rate of \$40/hour/person. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members reviewed the fund balance policy and recommended transfers. The Board discussed establishing a “snow and ice repair reserve” intended for dealing with emergencies caused by severe weather conditions.

Motion by B. Sech, seconded by W. McMahon to transfer the following fund balances into the respective capital reserve accounts:

“A” fund – transfer \$150,000.00

“DA” fund – transfer \$100,000.00

“FG” fund – transfer \$7,900.00

“FF” fund – transfer \$24,313.00

“GS” fund – transfer \$9,790.00

“DB” fund – establish reserve and transfer \$50,000 with a max of \$500,000.

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by W. McMahon, seconded by B. Russell to transfer checking accounts #8447 (Water FG reserve) and #8454 (Water FF reserve) to reserve savings accounts respectively. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by B. Russell, seconded by B. Sech to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

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