

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, June 2, 2025 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Peck and Councilmen McMahon, Russell, Sech, and Uhlinger.

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

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – M. Altieri submitted a written report. Bids for the installation of the water valve will be opened on June 17th at 2:00pm.
- Councilmen – W. McMahon reported on meetings with the CIDC. J. Uhlinger volunteered to attend Carthage Chamber meetings remotely, if possible, when the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor were unavailable.
- Highway Superintendent – M. Sech submitted a written report.
- Assessor – W. Vargulick reported that the equalization rate has dropped to 93.5% based on the sales of property that continue to outpace assessments. The Board agreed to meet with the assessor on Monday, July 7th at 6:00pm to garner a clearer understanding of the equalization rate.
- Zoning Officer – M. Pomerville submitted a written report.
- Circuit Rider – P. Shepherd updated the Board on upcoming events scheduled for RACOG.

Motion by B. Sech, seconded by J. Uhlinger to approve the minutes of May 5, 2025 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #137-166.....	\$23,999.22
Highway #80-96.....	\$31,362.00
RACOG #13-22.....	\$1,760.57
Con WD#1 O&M #17-18.....	\$10,419.86
WD#2,4&5 O&M #50-58.....	\$8,492.26
SD#1 O&M.....	\$5,532.37
SD#2 O&M #19-24.....	\$1,962.74

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly 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 budget transfers and budget amendments as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by B. Russell, seconded by W. McMahon to authorize the Supervisor to approve two certificate of deposit rollovers with additional deposits and to open a new certificate of deposit to be funded with a transfer from the Snow & Ice Reserve Account with Community Bank at a rate to be determined for terms of 13-months. W. McMahon questioned whether rates would be solicited from other banks. D. Martel stated that based on the deposits held by Community Bank that she expects a more favorable rate. J. Peck questioned the length of the term. D. Martel advised that the funds may be withdrawn at any time with a penalty. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Discussion

- J. Peck reported that Tim Irey and Christina Johnson have volunteered to represent the Planning Board on the Zoning Law review committee.

- J. Uhlinger reported that the T/Lyme is reviewing a battery storage law. P. Shepherd advised that the V/Black River had utilized a model battery storage law that allowed the village to select levels that addressed its particular needs and priorities.
- J. Peck reported that the MPO busses have been ordered and that the organization anticipates an early 2026 start up.
- B. Sech inquired if a date had been scheduled to repair the hydrant in front of Champion Station 2.
- B. Sech reported that due to the condition of the Champion Grange, including the lack of hot water and appliances, that the Old Home Day chicken barbeque will be held at the fire hall.
- Members discussed the remediation of the parking lot at Champion Station 2. B. Sech recommended delaying resurfacing/rebuilds until the County has completed the repairs to County Route 47 but to address drainage issues at the rear and sides of the building.
- Motion by J. Uhlinger, seconded by B. Russell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

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Town Clerk