

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, March 5, 2018 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell and Waite and Highway Superintendent Strife.

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

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the Town Comprehensive Plan was called to order at 7:01pm. Chris Lorence read a prepared statement with comments directed toward previously discussed issues regarding Pleasant Lake and access to the lake from County Route 47 and requesting more support. Robert Snyder and John Elmer both spoke in favor of leaving individual property owners to make decisions regarding access to the private lake. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:08pm.

Supervisor Ferguson opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – K. Dimmick reported, that following a post bid review for the Highway Garage capital project that LaValley Brothers Construction is recommended as the lowest responsible bidder at \$198,500. The project received five bids. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to award the bid for the Highway Capital project to LaValley Brothers Construction for an amount not to exceed \$198,500. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
Mr. Dimmick also reported that he is working with NYS EFC to prepare for long term financing which is anticipated to close at the end of April.
- Councilmen – Mr. Stewart discussed boat wash stations that are set up on public access lakes throughout the state.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Strife reported on activities for the previous month including road maintenance and equipment repair. Mr. Strife provided information on a state bid for a 2018 - Ford F550 1½ T truck with a 9.5' Fisher plow at a cost of \$67,499.70 including a five year extended warranty. The proposed truck would replace a 1985 single axle and the 2006 Chevy pickup. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to purchase a 2018 - Ford F550 1½ T truck with a 9.5' Fisher plow at a cost of \$67,499.70 including a five year extended warranty on state bid-. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported no progress on the assessment challenges.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board has taken action on a number of minor subdivisions.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton submitted a copy of the 2017 Local Government Historian report. She has assisted the intern working on the RACOG resources map to locate parks, historic sites and cemeteries in the Town of Champion.
- Circuit Rider – Mr. Dietrich submitted his monthly report.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve the minutes for February 5, 2018 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0, Abstain-S. Buzzell. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to pay the following bills as presented:

General #48-78.....	\$178,653.22
Highway #21-36.....	\$26,387.46
Con WD#1 O&M #4.....	\$287.60
WD#2,4&5 O&M #10-15.....	\$4,071.97

SD#2 O&M #7-13.....	\$24,746.95
SD#2 Capital #1-2.....	\$12,100.88

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reminded Board members to submit their registrations for the Local Government Conference if they plan on attending.

New Business

- Supervisor Ferguson summarized the development and preparation of the town's comprehensive plan including identifying issues and setting goals to protect and improve the town; health and safety; land use; and maps/overlays. Supervisor Ferguson thanked residents for their comments and the committee for its work on the plan. Supervisor Ferguson stated that adoption of the plan will position the Town for future grant applications and demonstrates adherence to SMART Community development. Mr. Waite questioned the number of survey responses and the percentage of the total responses as cited in the plan compared to those reported in the survey summary. Matt Johnson, THC, will review survey summary and correct the figures if necessary. (Total responses: Plan-308 responses/Survey-317; Percentage of response: Plan-30%/Survey-31%).
- Board members reviewed and responded to the SEQR in regards to the Comprehensive Plan. The Board concurred that there were no significant environmental impacts. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to issue a declaration of negative environmental impact for the proposed comprehensive plan. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins
 WHEREAS, the Champion Town Board charged the Champion Comprehensive Plan Committee with the development of a comprehensive plan; and the Champion Comprehensive Plan Committee developed such plan and recommended such plan to the Town Board,
 WHEREAS, the Champion Town Board submitted the Plan to the Jefferson County Planning Board for review under General Municipal Law Section 239-m; the Jefferson County Planning Board approved the Plan with modifications; the Champion Town Board incorporated the modifications suggested by the Jefferson County Planning Board into the Plan,
 WHEREAS, the Champion Town Board held public hearings on the Plan November 6, 2017 and March 5, 2018,
 WHEREAS, the Champion Town Board established itself as lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act, and declared that the Plan will not have a significant negative effect on the environment,
 THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, pursuant to Town Law Section 272-a, the Champion Town Board hereby adopts the Town of Champion Comprehensive Plan, with a clarification and correction, as necessary, of the survey information.

Roll call vote: Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Waite-aye, and Supervisor Ferguson-aye. Resolution adopted.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to authorize the Highway Superintendent to post roads as he deems necessary. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Ferguson reported that the RACOG Executive Board has approved admitting the Town of Lowville as a voting member of RACOG. The component

boards each have to vote to add the Town of Lowville to the RACOG inter-municipal agreement. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve the Town of Lowville for membership in RACOG and inclusion as a signatory to the inter-municipal agreement. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:15pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk