

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, August 6, 2018 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson and Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Waite.

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

Supervisor Ferguson opened the meeting for public comment. Diana Harris, Bach Road, discussed the cost of her homeowners insurance and information that her insurer needs to consider a reduction based on the West Carthage Fire Department's ISO rating. Supervisor Ferguson agreed to look into the issue. Mrs. Harris questioned why the Town does not require regular reports from the West Carthage and Copenhagen Fire Departments. Supervisor Ferguson explained that village fire departments are supervised by their respective village boards. The Town contracts with the villages.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Mike Alteri, BC&A, reported that the punch list items for the highway fuel facility project have been completed and project close out documents are being prepared. The final project cost was \$178,500, which was under budget.
- Councilmen – Mr. Watkins and Supervisor Ferguson offered their condolences to Councilman Stewart on the passing of his sister, Rose Bezanilla.
- Highway – In the absence of Highway Superintendent Strife, Supervisor Ferguson reported that the paving scheduled for Jackson II Road is complete and that the shoulder work on Cutler Road and Middle Road is finished.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that the Town of Denmark adopted a resolution to terminate the Consolidated Assessment Program (CAP) with the Town of Champion. The terminated CAP allows the assessor to conduct a revaluation in the T/Denmark without having to also perform a revaluation in the T/Champion. The termination has no effect on assessments in the T/Champion. The termination is effective December 31, 2018. Mr. Vargulick reported that assessment challenges filed by McDonald's for the years 2014, 2015 and 2016 have been discontinued by the petitioner because they didn't feel that the challenge was supported by their appraisal. The assessment challenges from DC Associates are pending.
- Planning/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is reviewing a site plan from Caskinette Lofink to expand their service and detailing areas in addition to a number of minor subdivisions. Mr. LaBarge issued seven (7) zoning permits in July.
- Circuit Rider – Mr. Dietrich submitted and discussed his monthly report including efforts to coordinate a training date with NY Alerts and the Black River mapping report.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for July 2, 2018 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #187-214.....	\$41,283.37
Highway #108-129.....	\$160,490.61
RACOG #18-19.....	\$211.28
Con WD#1 O&M #16.....	\$221.25
WD#2,4&5 O&M #42-53.....	\$37,917.96
SD#2 O&M #32-35.....	\$1,310.92

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Ferguson reviewed correspondence including an invitation from the V/Sackets Harbor to participate in a community resiliency workshop on August 15, 2018. The Potsdam Local Government Conference has been scheduled for October 19, 2018.

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to reschedule the regular September board meeting for Tuesday, September 4, 2018 due to the Labor Day holiday. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Ferguson introduced Local Law #2 for 2018 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c. Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to schedule a public hearing on Local Law #2 for 2018 for September 4, 2018 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members reviewed the notice of application of an on premise liquor license from Brianna Uhlinger to operate the Whistle Stop Tavern. Board members had no objections or comments in regards to the license application. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to grant a waiver of the 30-day notice. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Ferguson reviewed and summarized changes to the proposed 5-year operation and maintenance agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country for Sewer District #2 including term, compensation and notifications as required by the NYSDEC through NYALERT. Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell;
RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion hereby approves the Operations & Maintenance Service Agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country for Sewer District #2 as presented.
Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Supervisor Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.

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Town Clerk