

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Tuesday, September 4, 2018 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Buzzell and Waite, Highway Superintendent Strife, and Attorney Farley. Mr. Watkins was absent.

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 Local Law #2 for 2018 – a Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c was called to order at 7:02pm by Supervisor Ferguson. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:03pm.

Supervisor Ferguson opened the meeting for public comment. Diana Harris, Bach Road, questioned the number of qualified interior fire fighters in the V/West Carthage and V/Copenhagen fire departments. Supervisor Ferguson advised Mrs. Harris that the town contracts with the villages. The information is available from the villages.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen – Mr. Waite questioned if the areas disturbed during the replacement of gate valve bolts would be leveled and re-seeded and received a response in the affirmative. Mr. Stewart complimented the highway department on their work on the bolt replacement project.
- Highway – Mr. Strife reported on road and shoulder paving, sand storage, and equipment maintenance. Supervisor Ferguson directed the Highway Superintendent to schedule the municipal building parking lot paving.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge discussed work on minor subdivisions and a site plan review application from the Carthage Area Hospital. He also reported on nine zoning permits.
- Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported on her work with a North Country Radio project to memorialize work and laborers in the area in years past. On September 27, from 5-7pm, the Carthage Free Library will host an event to hear stories from workers about their jobs over the years.
- Circuit Rider – Mr. Dietrich submitted his monthly report and noted that a NY Alerts training is scheduled for September 18 at the T/Wilna.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of August 6, 2018 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

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| General #215-238..... | \$19,502.34 |
| Highway #130-150..... | \$36,814.18 |
| RACOG #20-22..... | \$2,567.31 |
| Con WD #1 O&M #17-18..... | \$308.75 |
| WD#2,4&5 O&M #54-62..... | \$4,645.02 |
| SD#1 O&M #4..... | \$44.00 |
| SD#2 O&M #36-41..... | \$9,268.93 |

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Mrs. Martel corrected the investment report changing "Highway Fund DB" to Highway Fund DA". She also noted that the Highway DB account has pending CHIPS reimbursements. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to accept the report as corrected. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reported that mandatory sexual harassment training will be postponed due to a recent change in the law.

New Business

- Resolution offered by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adopt Local Law #2 for 2018 - a Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Waite to schedule a special meeting for September 14, 2018 at 10:00AM to discuss the 2019 tentative budget and any other necessary business brought before the Board. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board received copies of the negotiated development agreement and long term development plan between Team OBS LLC and the Town of Champion with an attached private road maintenance agreement. The Board discussed the developer's responsibility for water main/services installation, road construction and road designation including looping the road to ingress/egress on to Cole Road. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the development agreement and attached private road maintenance agreement as presented and authorize the Supervisor to execute the development agreement. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Waite to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45PM.

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