

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on the Monday, October 1, 2018 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Buzzell, and Waite, and Highway Superintendent Sech. Councilman Watkins was excused.

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

Public Hearing

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #3 for 2018 - A Local Law Related to the Control of Dogs within the Town of Champion was called to order at 7:01pm by Supervisor Ferguson. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the local law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Mike Alteri, BC&A, reported on the completion of the fuel facility project; the application for a SPEDES permit for the oil/water separator; scheduled inspections of the water main construction for Patriot Estates; and discussions with National Grid regarding the unauthorized road cut to extend the natural gas line on Britton Drive.
- Councilmen – Mr. Stewart reported that the West Carthage Fire Department has twelve (12) certified interior firefighters and the Copenhagen Fire Department has eleven (11) certified interior firefighters with an additional two (2) in training. The report was in response to a question asked at the September meeting.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Strife reported that all black topping for the year is complete including the municipal building parking lot; a culvert pipe has been installed on the Boni Road; and trucks are being prepared for snow equipment. Supervisor Ferguson and Councilman Stewart complimented the highway department on the parking lot paving. The paving was accomplished with a JCAP grant.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that he had approved eight (8) zoning permits. The Planning Board continues to review the site plan application for the construction of a new hospital and health center.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported on her recent collaboration with North Country Public Radio.
- Circuit Rider – Mr. Dietrich reported that residents may sign up with NY Alerts through a link on the town website and topics for upcoming RACOG meetings.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes for September 4 and September 14, 2018 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #239-266.....	\$51,796.32
Highway #151-167.....	\$21,480.51
RACOG #23-27.....	\$700.00
Con WD#1 O&M #19-22.....	\$2,209.81
WD#2,4&5 O&M #63-71.....	\$11,224.05
SD#1 O&M #5.....	\$35,760.00
SD#2 O&M #42-45.....	\$1,191.74

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was reviewed. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to accept the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson noted the improvement to the town’s OSC fiscal stress score. The Town is listed as “no designation” with a score of 3.3.

New Business

- Supervisor Ferguson noted a slight increase in the County chargeback for dog control which now includes enforcement in the Village of West Carthage. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve Local Law #3 for 2018 - A Local Law Related to the Control of Dogs within the Town of Champion. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- The 2019 town budget was presented. Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to schedule a public hearing on the 2019 preliminary budget for November 5, 2018 at 7:00pm. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to amend the 2018 salary resolution as follows: P/T Seasonal MEO: \$15.00/hr., payable bi-weekly; P/T Seasonal Laborer: \$15.00/hr., payable bi-weekly. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Ferguson and Justice Quinn discussed submitting an application for a JCAP grant to offset the cost of installing security cameras at the entrances to the building and in the board/court room. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor to sign a JCAP grant application. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Ferguson discussed a request from a resident seeking to lower the maximum speed limit on Farney Pit Road and Britton Drive.
Resolution offered by Councilman Buzzell; seconded by Councilman Waite:
WHEREAS, the Town of Champion has received a request to establish a lower maximum speed limits at which vehicles may proceed on Farney Pit Road and Britton Drive, town highways, and;
WHEREAS, the Town of Champion Town Board agrees a reduction in the speed limit is in the best interest of those persons that travel and reside on Farney Pit Road and Britton Drive.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion Town Board hereby requests the NYS Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on Farney Pit Road and Britton Drive.

Supervisor Ferguson.....aye
Councilman Stewart.....aye
Councilman Watkins.....absent
Councilman Buzzell.....aye
Councilman Waite.....aye
Resolution adopted.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:45pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk