

The Town of Champion Town Board met in special session on Friday, December 28, 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 10:00am, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Reports

Jon Furgison, Furgison and Co. CPA, presented the 2017 single audit as performed for the Town. The audit noted that depreciation expenses were not calculated. The Town received an unqualified opinion which is the highest rating possible. The findings included notes on segregation of duties and packing slips and compliance with civil service verification and sales tax paid in error.

Sherry Furgison reported on the 2017 Justice court audit noting the segregation of duties and a lack of documentation of check endorsements.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to accept the audit reports as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

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

General #320-340.....	\$16,818.32
Highway #218-239.....	\$27,681.69
RACOG #29-33.....	\$12,002.73
Con WD#1 O&M #29-31.....	\$15,471.99
WD#2,4&5 O&M #88-97.....	\$17,217.55
SD#2 O&M #54-56.....	\$1,191.49

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve the budget transfers and amendments as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- RESOLUTION offered by Councilman Stewart; seconded by Councilman Watkins;
RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion hereby establishes the fixed water rate for Consolidated Water District #1 at \$94.75/EDU/quarter. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- The Board reviewed bids, received in response to an advertisement, for heating oil. Bids were received from Christman Fuel Services and Simpson Fuels with bids of \$.149 and \$.16 over the 11/30/18 Maitland posted price, respectively. Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to award the 2019 bid for heating oil to Christman Fuel Services. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members reviewed the Town procurement policy. Motion by L. Waite seconded by T. Stewart to adopt the policy without amendment. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members reviewed the Town investment policy. Supervisor Ferguson recommended changes to Section VII including the following:

Depository	Maximum Amount
Community Bank, NA	\$2,000,000
Pathfinder	\$1,000,000
J. P. Morgan Chase	\$1,000,000

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adopt the Town investment policy as amended. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Supervisor Ferguson compared the water produced in WD#2,4&5 to the water metered and noted a substantial improvement.

- Supervisor Ferguson advised the Board that the first home in Patriot Estates has been connected to both the public water and sewer services and is occupied. The water project is still under construction to complete the loop back to Cole Road.
- Councilman Waite questioned the tax rate for fire protection in Champion FP No. 1 which was contracted for the calendar year January 1, 2019 through December 31, 2019, a sum equal to \$.85 per Thousand Dollars of Assessment of the assessments within the Town of Champion Fire Protection District Number One or \$60,500, whichever amount is greater. Supervisor Ferguson directed D. Martel, financial director, to confirm that the fire protection tax rate is accurate.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by L. Waite to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:45am.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk