

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, December 3, 2018 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, 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. Supervisor Ferguson opened the meeting for public comment. No one addressed the Board.

### **Monthly Reports**

- Councilmen – Mr. Stewart acknowledged the delivery of the new Ford 550 dump truck.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Strife reported on equipment repair and plowing.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board had completed the site plan review for a rural health center and hospital and approved the plan with conditions. One zoning permit was issued for the month.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that she has submitted an application through the Pomeroy Foundation for signage in 1800 Village Green Park. She discussed a display in the municipal office foyer regarding a WWII local aviator named Vern Richards. The display was organized following a request for genealogical information received from a family member. Mrs. Thornton also received a second request for information on another WWII aviator from an individual from France who was helping to plan a commemoration.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich reported that RACOG will meet December 4<sup>th</sup> and have a presentation from four Fort Drum representatives.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of November 5, 2018. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #300-319.....	\$13,778.50
Highway #195-217.....	\$102,113.72
Con WD#1 O&M #26-28.....	\$1,857.62
WD#2,4&5 O&M #83-87.....	\$3,999.19
SD#1 O&M #6.....	\$1,974.12
SD#2 O&M #50-53.....	\$5,787.10

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

D. Martel distributed recommended budget modifications and reviewed them with the Board. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve the modifications to the 2018 budget as presented (recorded as insert). Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reported that there will be a temporary interruption in the water service in WD#2 on December 5<sup>th</sup> between midnight and 2:00am to replace some equipment. Notices have been distributed to all affected households. The Patriot Estates development continues to install the water main and has begun road base construction.

### **New Business**

- Supervisor Ferguson presented the fuel bids received from Simpson Fuels and Christman Fuel Service. An abstract of the bids was distributed to the Board. Based on estimated usage and quoted prices, the overall bid from Simpson Fuels was \$46,973 and from Christman Fuel Service, it was \$47,722. Mr. Waite questioned if gas would still be purchased in bulk. Highway Superintendent

Strife advised that it would be until such time that the gas tank needs to be replaced. Mr. Watkins questioned when heating oil would be bid. Supervisor Ferguson responded that heating oil would be bid in December. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to award the bids for diesel, fuel blend, gas, and propane to Simpson Fuels. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to declare the 2006 Chevrolet pickup and 1985 International truck as excess equipment. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Highway Superintendent to advertise the excess equipment for sale through Auctions International with a minimum required bid of \$1,000 for each piece of equipment. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize the Supervisor to execute the release from road repair obligations between the Town and Copenhagen Wind Farm, LLC as recommended by the Highway Superintendent. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board agreed, by consensus, to schedule a year end meeting on December 28 at 10:00am to pay bills and conduct any other necessary business.
- Supervisor Ferguson informed the Board that he has received a letter of resignation, effective March 1, 2019, from Justice Dennis Quinn. Justice Quinn has served the Town since his appointment to the position in July, 1991. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to accept the resignation of Dennis Quinn with regret and gratitude. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. The Town will accept letters of interest until January 31, 2019.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

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