

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, March 4, 2019 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, and Waite, and Highway Superintendent Strife. Councilman Buzzell was absent.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was opened for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Strife requested that the Board authorize posting roads. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to authorize the Highway Superintendent to post any town road he deems necessary. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
Mr. Strife reported that the regular schedule for the night crew ended March 1, 2019. He requested authority to use the night crew on an as needed basis for the remainder of the season. Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Highway Superintendent to call in the night crew as needed. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Justice – Supervisor Ferguson reported that Justice Quinn held his final court on February 28, 2019. Justice Young will take her seat on the bench on March 7, 2019.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is reviewing a site plan application and continues to review the proposed hospital project.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that the Town’s equalization rate has been certified at 100% for the 2019 tax roll.
- Circuit Rider – Mr. Dietrich reported that the next RACOG meeting is scheduled for March 12, 2019 at the T/Wilna offices. There will be a webinar from InfoGroup and an LED status update.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve the minutes for February 4 and February 20, 2019 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #50-80.....	\$200,097.15
Highway #31-46.....	\$35,654.61
RACOG #5-8.....	\$575.00
Con WD#1 O&M #4-5.....	\$302.92
WD#2,4&5 O&M #15-21.....	\$10,778.59
SD#2 O&M #7-12.....	\$14,850.28

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to accept the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reviewed correspondence including information from National Grid detailing the cost of buying out street lights to determine potential savings if the Town chooses to install LED lighting. Supervisor Ferguson also distributed copies of the recently approved Employee Handbook to Board members.

New Business

Supervisor Ferguson reported that the T/Wilna has invited the T/Champion to partner with them for a grant to deal with “zombie” properties. There would be no cost to the Town. Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor

to execute documents related to the Town of Champion's participation in the grant application. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Supervisor Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:27pm.

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