

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, July 1, 2019 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 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Ferguson opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Supervisor Ferguson summarized engineering activities in the absence of M. Altieri. The Town has advertised for bids for the highway fuel project to remove the underground heating oil tank and to replace it with an above ground tank and to remove and dispose of the gasoline tank. Bids will be opened on July 18 at 2:00pm. The project is anticipated to be underway by mid-August. A feasibility study is being prepared for the proposed Sewer District #3 (Champion Heights). The results from a door-to-door survey will be included in the study. The water mains in Patriot Estates have been approved by the NYS Department of Health and have been energized. The Town anticipates the submittal of applications from Carthage Area Hospital for water and sewer service extensions to the new Rural Health Center.
- Councilmen – L. Waite asked for an update on the LED lighting district project. T. Stewart reported on his attendance, with H. Watkins and S. Buzzell, at the Black River Watershed Conference in Brantingham.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported that construction on Boni Road and North Lake Road is complete. The Town has received an additional \$18,015 in NYS Winter Recovery funds. J. Strife recommended using the funds to resurface Railroad Street. Roadside mowing is continuing.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich summarized his written report.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of June 3, 2019 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #155-184.....	\$62,241.55
Highway #108-129.....	\$148,179.11
RACOG #11-14.....	\$575.00
Con WD#2 O&M #13-14.....	\$470.82
WD#2,4&5 O&M #49-54.....	\$3,320.24
SD#1 O&M #7-8.....	\$43,795.09
SD#2 O&M #28-32.....	\$6,028.28

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Board members received the revenue/appropriations analysis report to audit and comment.

D. Martel reviewed the recommended budget amendments (see attached). Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve the budget amendments as recommended. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reviewed a number of activities including:

- LED project – NYPA hosted a design kick off meeting on June 25th. In the next weeks, participating communities will select preferred lighting and placement with assistance from the lighting consultant. Tug Hill Commission is preparing a grant application for smart lighting controls for submittal. Installation of the replacement lighting is anticipated in spring 2020. S. Buzzell reiterated his objections to the proposed project.
- County Snow and Ice – Supervisor Ferguson reported that the County is offering a two-percent (2%) increase in the proposed five year snow and ice contract. The cost to plow the county roads located in the Town is \$150,000 annually. The Town receives \$97,000 from the county. The County advised that they would deliver the contract for board consideration.
- Supervisor Ferguson reported that all employees, with the exception of L. Waite, have completed the annual State mandated sexual harassment training.
- The highway department has completed CPR and first aid training. B. Ferguson, W. Vargulick and C. Vargulick also completed CPR training. The AEDs purchased for the highway garage and municipal office are in service.

New Business

- The Town's official newspaper, the Carthage Republican Tribune, has ceased publication. Motion by L. Waite, seconded by S. Buzzell to name the Watertown Daily Times as the official newspaper for legal publications. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Team OBS, developers for Patriot Estates, have requested a modification to the approved development agreement. The original agreement required that the road binder be completed prior to the issuance of any additional zoning permits. The developer requests that the binder be phased to allow for the installation of electrical service. In each of the three proposed phases, the contractor will install the road binder within ninety (90) days of the completed utility work to allow for road settlement. The Town agrees to issue two zoning permits, pending completed applications, prior to the binder. Motion by S. Buzzell, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the modification to the development agreement as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 284 OF THE HIGHWAY LAW, THE TOWN OF CHAMPION TOWN BOARD ADOPTED THE FOLLOWING RESOLUTION AT A MEETING HELD ON JULY 1, 2019 FOR WHICH THE BOARD WAS GIVEN ADEQUATE NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AND VOTING.
Resolution offered by Councilman Buzzell; seconded by Councilman Stewart:
BE IT RESOLVED, that the monies levied and collected for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:
IMPROVEMENTS: The following sum shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of town highways:
(a) On Railroad Street, commencing at the intersection with Woolworth Street and proceeding to the intersection with NYS Route 26 for a distance of two-tenths(2/10) mile there shall be expended not over the sum of \$18,015.14

Type 12.5mm; Width of travel surface: 22 ft.; Thickness: 1.5" compacted
Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:40pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk