

The Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, November 4, 2019 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson and Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Waite and Buzzell (7:01).

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

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the 2020 town budget was called to order at 7:01pm by Supervisor Ferguson. No one from the public spoke in favor or opposition to the preliminary budget. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

Supervisor Ferguson opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public addressed the board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – M. Altieri, BC&A, reported that the fuel tank project is complete at the town barn and the heating system has been reconnected. Regulatory items are being completed and the petroleum bulk storage permit will be updated. A manhole and valve will be installed to deal with sewer odor issues in SD#2.
- Councilmen – Mr. Waite questioned the status of the LED lighting project. Supervisor Ferguson reported that NYPA anticipates beginning the design phase in January 2020. Mr. Stewart reminded those present to vote on November 5th.
- Highway Superintendent – In the absence of Superintendent Strife, Supervisor Ferguson reported that the department has completed tree trimming and removal on all town roads.
- Circuit Rider – M. Dietrich reported on proposed RACOG initiatives. Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor to sign the RACOG IMA to admit the Villages of Copenhagen and Castorland as members. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for October 7, 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 #259-282.....	\$40,395.44
Highway #197-218.....	\$35,805.46
RACOG #25.....	\$34.28
Con WD#1 O&M #22-23.....	\$7,476.18
WD#2,4&5 O&M #76-84.....	\$3,553.64
SD#1 O&M #15.....	\$50,267.18
SD#2 O&M #49-52.....	\$2,333.08

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Board members received the monthly revenue/appropriation analysis report to audit and comment.

Supervisor Ferguson distributed a letter from Jefferson County Waste Management stating that beginning in January the town will be charged \$50/load of recyclables. The annual estimated cost to be shared with the T/Rutland is \$6,000. The Supervisor will investigate alternatives for disposal of recycled materials.

Supervisor Ferguson distributed a multi-modal project request and nomination form that has been submitted at the invitation of Assemblyman Blankenbush for possible funding of improvements to a portion of Cole Road.

New Business

- Supervisor Ferguson summarized the proposed 2020 town budget. D. Martel advised members that the direct charge from County mapping has decreased by \$1,003. The general town wide fund will collect \$434,380 in tax and use \$1,003 less in fund balance rollover. The tax rate remains unchanged at \$3.50/\$1,000 taxable value.
Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart;
WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the preliminary budget as the annual budget of the Town of Champion for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2020 and that such budget as so adopted be entered in the minutes of the Town Board; and
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of the said annual budget as adopted pursuant to Section 202A and B2 of the Town Law and shall present a copy thereof to the Supervisor of the Town to be presented by him to the County Legislature.
Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Simpson Fuels and Christman Fuel Service each submitted sealed bids to supply diesel, heating oil and propane to the town. Based on a prepared compilation, Christman Fuel was the low bidder for diesel and heating oil. Simpson Fuels was the low bidder for propane. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to award the bid for diesel fuel and heating oil to Christman Fuel Service and to award the bid for propane to Simpson Fuels. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. All bids are effective on January 1, 2020.
- The Planning Board met on October 22, 2019 to review the application for rezoning submitted by Eldon Glick for parcels he owns on NYS Route 3. After consideration, the Planning Board recommended amending the Zoning Law area regulations in the Rural Corridor zone-minimum side yard to include allowing the R-1 standard on state highways where public water and sewer exist. Mr. Glick has withdrawn his rezoning application pending adoption of the amendment. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to schedule a public hearing on an amendment to the Town Zoning Law area regulation for minimum side yards in the Rural Corridor zone. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Town Clerk presented the proposed water and sewer relevies. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to authorize the relevies as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Supervisor Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:47pm.

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