

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular session on Monday, August 3, 2020 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Waite and Gump and Highway Superintendent Strife.

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

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen – M. Gump reported that the fire equipment has been divided as per the approved agreement. Copenhagen Fire Department has not removed the equipment allocated to them. M. Gump stated that repairs need to be made to the roof, walls, and windows of the fire station. He also suggested continuing Zoom meetings for public access. M. Gump recommended the establishment of a town housing authority to deal with “zombie” properties. Supervisor Ferguson advised that the board room does not have wi-fi capabilities. Meetings are currently open to the public at large. Supervisor Ferguson stated that the Town has previously participated in Community Development Block Grants in conjunction with the T/Wilna. No one from the Town of Champion applied. The Town currently participates in the North Country Housing Consortium. T. Stewart advised the Board that Jefferson County Building Code has done a walk-through of the fire station. It was determined that the roof does not leak. Rather, wind driven rain gets under the eaves and leaves puddles on the floor. L. Waite confirmed the information. T. Stewart and L. Waite recommended installing a French drain and caulking the windows. Supervisor Ferguson asked the committee to compile a list of recommended repairs. T. Stewart reported that personnel files were removed from the fire station and placed in the custody of the Town records management officer for archiving.
- Highway – Superintendent Strife reported on the following activities: maintenance of road shoulders and ditches; road sign replacement to comply with state law; screening top soil; machinery repair, and; PESH inspection. Minor issues identified by the inspection have been corrected and the rear overhead door shall have a reverse kick installed.
- Court – Court is being conducted virtually and on-line.
- Parks – 1800 Village Green Park is closed due to concerns about large group gatherings.
- Circuit Rider – LED project development is continuing.

Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by L. Waite to approve the minutes of July 6, 2020 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by M. Gump to approve payment of the following bills as presented:

General #193-221.....	\$18,156.70
Highway #98-112.....	\$17,348.12
RACOG #14.....	\$49.00
Con WD#1 O&M #16-18.....	\$9,954.52
WD#2,4&5 O&M #46-54.....	\$35,211.91
SD#1 O&M #6.....	\$1,143.50
SD#2 O&M #36-40.....	\$7,828.10

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. In response to an inquiry by M. Gump, D. Martel reported that she expects the third quarter sales tax to satisfy the revenue projection. She stated that the shut down due to the pandemic has had less impact than anticipated. Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by T. Stewart to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

D. Martel recommended the following budget calendar: budget workshop – 09/28/2020 and budget public hearing – 10/05/2020

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by M. Gump to schedule a budget workshop on Monday, September 28, 2020 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson advised the Board that the mandatory annual sexual harassment training will be held on Monday, August 17, 2020 at 10:30am in the board room.

New Business

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by L. Waite to schedule the September meeting for Tuesday, September 8, 2020 due to the Labor Day holiday. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by Supervisor Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:29pm.

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