

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, May 3, 2021 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 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 Report

- Councilmen – M. Gump suggested posting the town budget online. T. Stewart reported that all the overhead doors at Champion Station have been retrofitted with hoists. L. Waite asked for a clarification of the construction costs for VanBrocklin Road. Highway Superintendent Strife responded that the amount approved in April only covered profiling the road, not the cost of paving.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Strife reported the following: completed roadside trash pickup, filled four (4) dumpsters and transported one hundred (100) to the County recycling facility; plows and sanders have all been removed; anticipate delivery of the new pickup truck in a couple of weeks, and; ninety-eight percent (98%) of road signs have been replaced as per state law to enhance reflectivity. J. Strife recommended that the Board approve the expenditure of road construction funds on VanBrocklin Road, Switzer Road and Middle Road. In response to a question, J. Strife reported that asphalt is approximately \$66.00/ton. Supervisor Ferguson questioned the disposition of the pickup that is being replaced. J. Strife recommended using it for the summer and selling it at auction in the autumn. He also recommended a 3-year replacement plan to increase the resale value and reduce the cost of replacement.

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 May 3, 2021 FOR WHICH THE BOARD WAS GIVEN ADEQUATE NOTICE AS REQUIRED BY LAW AND AT WHICH A QUORUM WAS PRESENT AND VOTING.

Resolution offered by M. Gump; Seconded by L. Waite:

BE IT RESOLVED, that the monies levied and collected for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

GENERAL REPAIRS: The sum of \$5,000 may be expended for general repairs upon 45 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or the renewals thereof.

IMPROVEMENTS: The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of town highways:

(a) On VanBrocklin Road commencing at Intersection with County Route 45 and proceeding to the Town Line, for a distance of 4/10th mile there shall be expended not over the sum of \$35,550.00

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(b) On Switzer Road commencing at Intersection with County Route 163 and proceeding to NYS Route 12, for a distance of 1 1/8th mile there shall be expended not over the sum of \$124,220.00

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(c) On Middle Road commencing at Intersection with Switzer Road and proceeding to the Town Line, for a distance of 8/10th mile there shall be

expended not over the sum of \$85,348.00

Type: Hot Top 12.5mm Width of travel surface: 20” Thickness: 1.5” compacted

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Assessor – W. Vargulick reported that he met with twenty-five (25) property owners to discuss assessments.
- Planning Board / ZEO – P. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board has completed its review of site plans for Caskinette Ford and a primary care facility. A public hearing is scheduled on a proposed Dollar General in Great Bend. Nine zoning permits were issued in April.
- The circuit rider’s report was distributed.

Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes of April 5, 2021 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

General #117-137.....	\$21,311.57
Highway #52-63.....	\$73,086.87
Con WD#1 O&M #6-7.....	\$8,969.70
WD#2,4&5 O&M #28-32.....	\$4,152.32
SD#2 O&M #17-19.....	\$1,253.84

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. The monthly revenue/expenditure report was distributed to the Board. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by H. Watkins to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson presented a letter from the V/West Carthage requesting Town Board approval to sublease a bay at Champion Station to the Carthage Area Rescue Squad to located one fully staffed ambulance seven (7) days per week from 7:00am to 7:00pm for a preliminary term of one (1) year. Supervisor Ferguson remarked that the addition would provide improved emergency services to the Town. Motion by T. Stewart to authorize the V/West Carthage to sublease a bay at Champion Station, seconded by M. Gump. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reported that the fire alarm system at Champion Station does not communicate with County Emergency Management and therefore the building and equipment is not protected. A quote was received from NCC Systems for hardware and installation in the amount of \$1,846.66. Motion by L. Waite, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to accept the quote as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Jefferson County Board of Elections has advised the Town that a defibrillator is required at each polling station. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by L. Waite to purchase a defibrillator for Champion Station as a polling station as required. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson advised the Town Board that the Route 3 Sewer Board has accepted a bid from Henderson Brothers Contracting to construct four (4) stick-built pump enclosures in Great Bend at a cost not to exceed \$310,929.00.

Supervisor Ferguson distributed invoices for the past three months for electrical supply in the Great Bend Lighting District. The street lights were replaced with LED units and the cost of electricity as been reduced by seventy percent (70%).

The informational webinars for the community solar project scheduled for May have been cancelled and will be rescheduled pending mailings to residents.

Supervisor Ferguson reviewed the current pandemic restrictions for parks including cleaning and disinfecting and logs; hygiene stations, screening, and sign in

sheets. Supervisor Ferguson recommended keeping the park closed at this time pending changes to the directives. The Board concurred.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by B. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk