

Organization River Area Council of Governments**Board Executive Board****Date and Time Tuesday, May 19 2009 at 7:00 PM****Place Town of Champion Municipal Building, 10 N Broad St., West Carthage NY****Contact [Chris Vargulick](#) Town Clerk Phone (315) 493-3240 Fax(315) 493-2900****Minutes**

**River Area Council of Governments
May 19, 2009****Members present:** T. Buckley, S. Burto, M. Franchini, W. McIlroy, T. Stewart and R. Vary**Member excused:** G. Caldwell and P. Smith**Others:** K. Amyot

Chairman McIlroy called the regular monthly meeting to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was opened for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Motion by M. Franchini, seconded T. Buckley to approve the minutes of April 21, 2009 as presented. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by R. Vary, seconded by T. Buckley to approve the May treasurer's report. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Reports

Ms. Amyot reviewed her monthly report noting the Tug Hill Survey presentation is scheduled for June 2nd at the T/Champion Municipal Building. S. Burto encouraged the presenters to include information specific to the RACOG area in addition to the general overview. W. McIlroy agreed to do the welcome and introductions. Peter j. smith & co. have agreed to provide 24 additional copies of the Comprehensive Plan for a cost of \$300. Tug Hill staff will attend the June 16th meeting to report on the status of the Black River Watershed project.

Ms. Amyot met with the Jefferson County Highway Superintendent's Association regarding opportunities for funding mobile mapping of roads and other asset management. The Association expressed an interest in participating in a funding application. A meeting between chief elected officers and the highway superintendents will be scheduled to advance the initiative.

Old Business

There was no old business.

New Business

Motion by S. Burto, seconded by T. Buckley to authorize the purchase of twenty-four (24) additional copies of the RACOG Comprehensive Plan from peter j. smith company at a cost not exceed \$300.00. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Members discussed issues related to reopening the Twin Village swimming facility. The V/West Carthage has obtained verbal agreements with land owners to construct sidewalk, all the way to the County Route 45 facility, to provide a pedestrian route. S. Burto questioned the cost charged per swimmer by the YMCA for swimmers sponsored by RACOG compared to those outside the RACOG area. Mr. Burto's concern is that RACOG is essentially funding the Summer Splash program.

J. Agresti, chairman of the RACOG Recreation Committee, reviewed recommendations from the committee including: 1) delay reopening the Twin Village swimming facility or opening on a limited basis "to allow the appropriate consideration and action to addressing the issues/concerns"; 2) explore opportunities to expand shared services with the school and YMCA; and 3) explore opportunities to provide for the nutritional needs of participants.

W. McIlroy noted that the Twin Village facility provides an opportunity for a greater number of swimmers than the school program. Mr. McIlroy also discussed significant budget and staffing issues faced by the Carthage Recreation program. T. Buckley supported participation in the Summer Splash program and opening the Twin Village swimming facility for three (3) evenings a week. Mr. Buckley also recommended increasing the RACOG appropriation for each of the village recreation programs to support additional staff in each program. S. Burto stated that an Emergency Management Plan for the beach must be completed and approved by NYSDOH prior to opening.

Motion by S. Burto, seconded by R. Vary to participate in the Summer Splash Program contingent on equitable charges for participants both inside and outside the RACOG area, and further, to support an evening swim program

(3 evenings/week) at the Twin Village Swimming Facility to be funded by RACOG. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by S. Burto to appropriate funds for the village recreation programs in the amount of \$2,000 each/annually. Ayes-6, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Council agreed, by consensus, to add the V/Carthage, V/West Carthage and T/Wilna as additionally insured on the liability policy for the Twin Village Swimming facility.

Motion by T. Buckley, seconded by S. Burto to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm. The next meeting is scheduled for June 16, 2009.

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