

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, April 2 2001 at 7:00 PM

Place Town of Champion Offices Board Room (rear of building) 10 N Broad St, West Carthage NY

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Minutes

The Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, April 2, 2001 at 6:00PM at the Champion Municipal Building. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilman Watkins, Buzzell, Miller, and Stewart, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:00PM. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 6:57PM.

Supervisor Buckley opened the meeting for comment from the public. Mr. Fred Metzger, Jackson II Road, reported that the condition of the Jackson II Road continues to deteriorate and asked about planned repairs and maintenance during the coming construction season.

Monthly Reports

- DANC-John Condino reported that all districts have operated without incident for the month.
- Engineer-Kris Dimmick introduced Gene Derouin, BC&A public liason. Mr. Dimmick reported that WD#3 construction is complete and that restoration will resume as soon as weather permits. Mr. Dimmick reported that BC&A have completed a review of the bids for the construction of WD#4 and recommend the award of the base bid of \$527,770 to Bat-Con, Inc. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to award the bid for the construction of WD#4 to Bat-Con, Inc. in the amount of \$527,700 pending approval of the environmental review by Rural Utility Services. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Councilmen- Mr. Buzzell questioned the status of the proposal for Time Warner to construct a building at the back corner of the Town's property on North Broad Street. Attorney Farley advised the Board that the action is appropriate based on the best interest of the Town.
- Assessor-Mr. White reported that they have concluded informal hearings for revalued properties.
- Zoning Officer-Report read and accepted.
- Planning Board-Mr. LaBarge reported that the Board has two applications for the construction of cell towers pending.
- Historian-Mrs. Wiley reported on her attendance at a recent conference.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for March 5, 2001 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed the bills as presented. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to amend voucher #65 in the Highway Fund as follows:

#65 Beam Mack.....\$3,359.82 to \$1094.07

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve payment of the following bills as amended:

General #90-119.....	\$12,812.28
Highway #60-83.....	\$144,176.79
SD#1 Capital #16-22.....	\$149,859.76
WD#3 Capital #7-8.....	\$7,830.60
WD#4 Capital #4-6.....	\$12,024.74
WD#1 O&M #6-8.....	\$388.28
WD#2 O&M #13-19.....	\$2,163.45
WD#3 O&M #4-7.....	\$405.31

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded Mr. Buzzell to approve the Supervisor's report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Buckley reviewed correspondence including a letter from the NYS Department of Transportation informing the Town that the speed limits on Cole Road will be re-evaluated in reference to the Board's request for a reduction in the limit.

New Business

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to recognize Teamster's Local #687 as the official bargaining unit for the highway employees. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to endorse the submission of a joint Community Block Development Grant by the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage in an amount not to exceed \$600,000. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve an intermunicipal agreement with the Village of West Carthage for the purchase of water to supply Town of Champion Water District #4 at a cost of \$.10 over the cost of water to West Carthage and \$.67/KG for operations and maintenance. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve an amended intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Rutland for the construction and operation of water services in the Town of Rutland. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve an amended intermunicipal agreement with the Town of Rutland for the construction and operation of sewer services in the Town of Rutland. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Miller to approve a bond resolution authorizing the issuance of serial bonds in the Town in the principal amount of \$1,000,000 to finance improvements to a water district known as the Town of Champion Water District #4. Roll call vote: Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Miller-aye, Mr. Stewart-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Resolution adopted.

The Board discussed the establishment of the office of deputy highway superintendent. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to schedule a special session on Monday, April 9, 2001 at 4:15PM to continue the discussion. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to appoint Supervisor Buckley as the official authorized to negotiate with the unionized highway department. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Board discussed the taxable status of the proposed Time Warner construction, the current lease, and assignment of any construction to the Town at the conclusion of the negotiated lease. Motion by Mr. Miller, seconded by Mr. Stewart to proceed with the negotiations for lease and construction with Time Warner. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Miller to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:22PM.

Christina Vargulick, Town Clerk