

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Tuesday, September 2 2003 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 Town of Champion Town Board met in regular session on Tuesday, September 2, 2003. The meeting was rescheduled due to the Labor Day holiday. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck, Attorney Farley, and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7PM and opened the meeting for public comment. Michael Harris requested that the Board waive the penalty charges on the water bill for property he purchased 6/19/03. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to waive the penalty for the third quarter billing. Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Peck-aye, Mr. Stewart-nay, and Supervisor Buckley-nay. Motion carried.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen-Mr. Stewart reported on the installation of the electric and telephone services at the gravel pit. The majority of the work and the electrical inspection have been completed with the assistance from the Village of West Carthage DPW. Interior wiring and lighting will proceed as soon as materials are delivered. Mr. Peck reported that RACOG has approved a recommendation from the Retail Development Committee to contract with Chris Lorence Public Relations and Marketing Services to design and produce an 11x17" glossy and e-business brochure for distribution to national chains and local businesses. Assemblyman Aubertine has agreed to pursue funding for the project through NYS tourism initiatives.
- Zoning Officer-A report was read and accepted. Board members and Mr. Phelps discussed the potential ramifications of the Jefferson County Building Code offices' failure to enforce the regulations for sewer system construction.
- Circuit Rider-Ms. Amyot reported on the activities of the Joint Recreation Committee including the assessment of existing trail systems and discussions relative to the proposed recreational bridge. Ms. Amyot also reported that RACOG has adopted a resolution to support the design and construction of a multi-use recreational bridge.
- Highway Superintendent-A written report was reviewed and accepted. Mr. Sech reported that the NYSDOT will hold a machinery auction on 9/18/03. Mr. Sech is interested in bidding on a 1985 patrol truck. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase the patrol truck for a cost not to exceed \$5,000. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for August 4, 2003 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to pay the following bills as presented:

General #211-236.....	\$12,497.35
Highway #171-185.....	\$12,399.09
RACOG #36-42.....	\$11,827.63
SD#1 #45-49.....	\$1,643.74
WD#1 #25-29.....	\$516.34
WD#2 #54-60.....	\$1,241.84
WD#3 #24-27.....	\$372.31
WD#4 #14-15.....	\$48.20

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Ken Smith and Steve Gamble were present to discuss information relative to the multi-use recreational bridge. Mr. Smith discussed the efforts from each community and how they would complement each other. As fiscal agent for RACOG, the Town of Champion has been requested to act as lead agency for the project. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the Town of Champion as lead agency for the bridge project and furthermore, to authorize the Supervisor to execute all documents relative to the bridge including, but not limited to, grant applications, contracts, and bid documents. Roll call vote: Mr. Peck-aye, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed the inspection report from Jefferson County Building Code for an inspection conducted at 35465 Line School Road. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to authorize Attorney Farley to commence proceedings under Local Law #1 for 1993-providing for the repair or removal of unsafe buildings.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- The Board reviewed the RACOG subdivision controls project draft and approved by consensus the focus of the project. The Board directed Mr. Phelps to share their concerns over the approval and administration of open lands under the cluster development provisions.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 9:03pm.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to resume open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:17pm.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk

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