

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, November 3 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 met in Monday, November 3, 2003 at 7PM. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck, Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley. Councilman Stewart was excused.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:05PM and opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen-Mr. Peck reported that the draft of the retail development brochure will be ready for presentation at the November 18th RACOG meeting. The committee discussed an amount to request from Assemblyman Aubertine for member item support. The committee concluded that \$15,000 would cover printing costs and postage and will recommend that amount to RACOG. Mr. Watkins referenced the planning board minutes concerning the approval of the RACOG subdivision controls project.
- Highway-Mr. Sech submitted his monthly report. He commented that the department had used 5T of cold patch to repair potholes and broken shoulders. The crew has drawn 6T of sand and screened 4T from the Town pit. Superintendent Sech and Supervisor Buckley commended the highway crew for their commitment to quality and efficiency.
- Assessor-Mr. White reported that all was well with their office.
- Attorney-Mr. Farley inquired in regards to the re-affirmation by the NYS Route 3 Sewer Board to adopt the intent of the IMA.
- Zoning Officer-Mr. Phelps submitted his monthly report and commented on three notices of violation.
- Parks-Mr. Eddy reported that the committee has planted fourteen (14) new trees and a number of daffodil bulbs.

Hearings

- Supervisor Buckley called the scheduled hearing in relation to dangerous or unsafe buildings at 35465 Line School Road to order at 7:15PM. The property owner, Diana Horning, was present. Ms. Horning submitted pictures illustrating her efforts to secure the property. She assured the board that she would continue efforts to remove the affected buildings in the spring. The hearing was closed at 7:25PM. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Watkins to make a declaration of non-compliance. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. The Board recognized that the property owner has made progress and will allow additional time to make repairs and/or complete the removal of the buildings.
- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the 2004 Town budget was called to order at 7:30PM by Supervisor Buckley. The Supervisor reviewed changes to the tentative budget including the sewer district and RACOG personnel accounts. No one spoke for or against the budget. Robert Peck commented that copies of the budget should be distributed at the budget hearing. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:39PM.
- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the order to consolidate Water District #1 and Consolidated Water District #2 and #3 was called to order at 7:45PM. Supervisor Buckley explained that the purpose of the consolidation was to control the cost of operation and maintenance in all districts by taking advantage of an economy of scale for goods and services. No one spoke for or against the proposal. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:55PM.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the minutes for October 6, 2003 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #268-295.....	\$14,100.39
Highway #211-230.....	\$20,522.76
RACOG #48-52.....	\$3,366.79
SD#1 O&M #57-60.....	\$42,381.79
WD#1 O&M #33-35.....	\$2,247.73
WD#2 O&M #69-73.....	\$1,264.79
WD#3 O&M #30-33.....	\$2,238.75

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the Supervisor's report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Buckley reviewed correspondence including information concerning the VEM food pantry and holiday gift and food basket applications and distribution dates; Sewer Board minutes; Joint Recreation committee minutes; a thank you from the Copenhagen Seniors club; and the DANC monthly report. The Supervisor informed the Board that he had requested that the Town of Rutland return to the Town of Champion any meters that they replace in the sewer district as part of the water service construction.

New Business

- The following resolution was offered by Mr. Buzzell and seconded by Mr. Peck:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, That the Town Board does hereby adopt the preliminary budget as the annual budget of the Town of Champion for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2004 and that such budget as so adopted be entered in the minutes of the Town Board;
AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That the Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of the said annual budget as adopted pursuant to Section 202A and B2 of the Town Law and shall present a copy thereof to the Supervisor of the Town to be presented by him to the County Legislature.

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Resolution offered on a motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck that in the best interest of the citizens of the Town of Champion, that Water District 1 and Consolidated Water District #2 and #3 in the Town of Champion be consolidated pursuant to Section 206(a) of the Town Law of New York State. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Resolution offered on a motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize the assessors to revalue properties throughout the Town during 2006 in preparation for the 2007 tax roll or at any time prior to that pend the availability of personnel from the Jefferson County Real Property Tax Service to assist in the revaluation. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to distribute the 2003 STAR administration aid as recommended by the Supervisor. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to go into executive session, including the Zoning Enforcement Officer, to discuss potential litigation. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:23PM.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to return to open session. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:06PM.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:06PM.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk