

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, July 5 2004 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 session Monday, July 5, 2004 at 7PM at the Town Municipal Building. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins and Peck, Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley. Councilman Buzzell was absent.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting order and opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

**Monthly Reports**

- Councilmen - Mr. Peck reported that the RACOG Retail Development committee has compiled a list of eighty businesses to receive the brochure/cd package. The next meeting of the committee will be July 27<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Stewart reported that the electric service project in Village Green Park is ready for connection by Niagara Mohawk.
- Highway Superintendent - The Superintendent’s monthly report was read and discussed.
- Assessor - No items to report.
- Town Attorney - No items to report.
- Zoning Officer - No items to report.
- Parks - Mr. Eddy reported that the annual flowers and replacement trees have been planted. The hard work by the committee has been commended by area residents.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for June 7, 2004, as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #177-206.....	\$14,164.79
Highway #125-140.....	\$8,440.45
RACOG #20-22.....	\$2,059.95
Consolidated WD #1,2&3 O&M #45-50.....	\$15,497.38
WD#4 O&M #7.....	\$24.00

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the report, as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Supervisor Buckley presented a copy of the 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Survey of the Community. Data for the survey was compiled and analyzed by persons from JCC.

**New Business**

- Attorney Farley asked if anyone was present to represent the owners of the River Run Motel. No representative was in attendance. The owners had been given notice, in a letter from the town attorney’s office, to be present at the meeting to respond to the Board regarding the condition of the property. Attorney Farley reported that he has observed that the roof of the motel has been removed. The Board agreed, by consensus, to take no additional action at this time since the owner’s action suggest that he is proceeding with demolition of the existing structure. The Board reserved the right to order the property remediated, if necessary.
- Members reviewed the application and attached map, from William Humes, for a license to operate a junkyard. Mr. Humes and Eric Burke were present to respond to questions from the Board. Members discussed the lack of fencing and/or use of inappropriate materials at the rear of the property and the poor condition of the fence facing NYS Route 3. Members also informed Mr. Humes that a sufficient number of inspected fire extinguishers must be available in buildings and around the storage facility. The Board directed the applicant to build and/or repair the fence around the perimeter of the storage area as required in town code and to provide proof of inspected fire extinguishers in a sufficient number. Zoning Officer Phelps will inspect the facility within a reasonable time and make a report to the Board.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Bernier, Carr & Associates for the engineering of the extension of Water District #1. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to authorize the Supervisor to sign an agreement with Bernier,

- Carr & Associates for the engineering of the extension of Sewer District #1. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley voiced his concerns regarding cemeteries within the Town. The Supervisor discussed the financial condition of the cemetery associations and the lack of available lots for purchase by families. Supervisor Buckley reminded the Board that the Town becomes financially responsible for all abandoned cemeteries within the town.
  - Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to go into executive session to discuss the employment of a particular person. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:10PM and included, at the request of the Board, Highway Superintendent Sech.
  - Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to return to open session. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:29PM.
  - Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:31PM.

Christina Vargulick  
Town Clerk

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