

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, August 2 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 Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session Monday, August 2, 2004 at the Town Municipal Building. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck, Highway Superintendent Sech 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 a particular person. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 6:01. Dennis Robinson, Teamsters Local 687 representative, was present for a portion of the session.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 6:58PM.

Supervisor Buckley opened the meeting for public comment. JoAnne Wilder, Jefferson County Clerk, spoke and distributed materials to the Board regarding the county bi-centennial celebration. Ms. Wilder explained that the bi-centennial committee has proposed placing black granite benches in the eight original towns, including the Town of Champion, and requested that the Board consider appropriating funds in the 2005 budget in support of the project. Ms. Wilder suggested a range between \$2000 - \$4000.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - Mr. Peck reported on the activities of the retail development committee. Supervisor Buckley urged the committee to meet with members of the "Save the Buckley" committee to discuss issues of mutual interest. Mr. Stewart reported that the electric service in the 1800 Village Green Park has been completed. He commented on outstanding issues in the park including stump removal and site work improvements.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech submitted and reviewed his monthly report and bi-annual equipment status report.
- Engineer - Mr. Dimmick updated the Board regarding the status of the water/sewer district extension in Great Bend. Bernier, Carr & Associates has been contracted by the developer to engineer the final road design and stormwater drainage plan. The project should be ready to bid by mid-August. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to authorize the Supervisor to execute the bidding documents. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Supervisor Buckley asked for an on-site meeting with the engineer and DANC to review the Lanee Drive water design. The meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 5th at 1:00PM.
- Zoning Enforcement - Mr. Phelps submitted and reviewed his monthly report. He also issued his inspection reports on sites known as the River Run Motel and the Horning property. The motel is being demolished and materials reclaimed as possible. The Board agreed, by consensus, that they are satisfied with the progress. The Horning property has been partially demolished and pushed to the back of the lot. A letter received from Diana Horning indicates that work has been suspended due to equipment problems. A controlled burn has been arranged with the aid of the Champion Fire Department. The Board directed the Clerk to forward a letter to Mrs. Horning recognizing the efforts to date and insisting that the project must be completed without delay. Mr. Phelps commented on a recent article in the newspaper regarding the status of the Pine Tree Motel. Mr. Phelps informed the Board that there is no active site plan review application before the Planning Board at this time. An earlier application submitted by the City of Refuge Christian Church was denied, with the concurrence of the applicant, on May 11, 2004.
- Parks - Mr. Eddy reported that a concert is planned with the date to be announced. The Champion Grange held their July meeting at the park and encourages other groups to do the same.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for July 5, 2004 as presented. Supervisor Buckley-aye, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Peck-aye, and Mr. Buzzell-abstain. Motion carried.

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

General #207-229.....	\$46,262.25
Highway #141-162.....	\$66,499.72
RACOG #23-25.....	\$950.08
Consolidated WD #51-58.....	\$6,320.14
WD #4 #9.....	\$3,025.00

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Supervisor Buckley explained to the Board that the Route 3 Sewer Board has amended the sewer service agreement between the component communities and DANC to include the Town of Rutland. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize the Supervisor to execute the amended agreement between the Route 3 Corridor Sewer Board and the Development Authority of the North Country on behalf of the Town of Champion. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley presented the 2005-06 NYS Snow and Ice agreement. Highway Superintendent Sech asked if it contained an increase for salt and fuel costs. Supervisor Buckley stated that those costs should be documented and submitted to the regional office for action. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley discussed the need to replace the heating system at the Town Garage. The system is approximately forty (40) years old and experiencing continual maintenance problems. Non-binding quotes indicate that the cost of the work will require competitive bidding. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to replace the heating system in the Town Garage and to advertise for bids. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Bids will be accepted until 3:00PM, Friday, September 3, 2004. Bids will be reviewed at the Town Board meeting at 7:00PM Tuesday, September 7, 2004.
- Supervisor Buckley reviewed the monthly correspondence and discussed meeting date changes for the months of September and October. The regular monthly meeting for September will be held Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at 7PM. The regular monthly meeting for October will be held on Tuesday, October 12, 2004 at 7:00PM.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing contract negotiations. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:45PM.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to resume open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:20PM.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to advertise for full time and/or part time highway employees, as determined by the highway superintendent, not to exceed currently budgeted positions. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:26PM.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk