**Organization Town of Champion** 

**Board** Town Board

Date and Time

Tuesday, September 7 2004 at 7:00 PM

Place

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

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## **Minutes**

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular session Tuesday, September 7, 2004 at the Town Municipal Building. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck(7:05pm), Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

## **Monthly Reports**

- Engineer-Kris Dimmick, Bernier, Carr & Associates, reviewed the bid results for the extensions of sewer and water districts #1 and recommended Marcellus Construction, Inc. as the qualified low bidder. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize the Supervisor to execute the notice of award for Marcellus Construction Inc. for \$175,075 contingent upon legal counsel and funding agency concurrence. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. K. Dimmick discussed road grading and stormwater pollution prevention plans that are being developed under a private contract with Mr. Converse. A pre-construction meeting will be held on September 20, 2004.
- Councilmen-Mr. Watkins commented on the improvements at the Carthage Farmers Market. Mr. Buzzell reported that he had traveled the Black River by boat and observed the buoys that were located in an effort by the Black River Forum to mark navigating hazards. Mr. Buzzell commented that boat launch improvements should be considered. Mr. Stewart reported that the grass cover in the park has been re-established. Mr. Peck reported that members of the retail committee will tour local renewal projects on September 9, 2004.
- Highway Superintendent-Mr. Sech reviewed the monthly written report and submitted three written quotes for sanding equipment. Supervisor Buckley inquired about completion of driveway tie-ins with the Sayre Road. Mr. Sech reported that Suite-Kote has scheduled the Town for the work. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a sander from Henderson Manufacturing at a cost not to exceed \$5,774 and a trip wing, arm, and computer sander from Viking. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Zoning Officer-Mr. Phelps reviewed the written monthly report. Mr. Phelps reported on the condition of three properties for the consideration of the Board:
  - 1. Chieftain Properties The motel has been substantially demolished with only the deck and back wall remaining.
  - 2. Horning property The single wide mobile home has been demolished but the piled materials are still visible on the property.
  - 3. Humes junkyard The ZEO was unable to locate anyone at the business so an inspection was not conducted

The Board directed the Town Attorney to send notices to the owners of both the Chieftain and Horning properties informing them that the clean up of the sites must be completed immediately to avoid further legal action. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to authorize the Clerk to grant a junkyard license to William Humes contingent on a recommendation from the Zoning Enforcement Officer. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Parks- A proposed concert will not be scheduled due to budget limitations. Mr. Eddy recommended setting a permanent annual date for future concerts for scheduling purposes and applying for cultural events funding through the Council of the Arts.
- Historian Mrs. Wiley discussed the County bicentennial plans and asked the Board's approval to attend the NYS Public Historians conference. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize Mrs. Wiley to attend the conference. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes for August 2 and 23, 2004 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #230-258	\$27,341.09
Highway #163-187	\$35,118.35
RACOG #26-28	
Consolidated WD#1 #59-67	\$18,506.56

WD#1 Ext Capital #1-4.....\$7,562.43

Ayes-5, 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-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

## **New Business**

- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to execute the 2004-07 contract between the Town of Champion and the highway employees represented by Teamsters Local 687 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- A sealed bid was received from Harper's Plumbing & Heating, in the amount of \$19,502, for the replacement of the boiler heating system at the Town Garage. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to accept the bid from Harper's Plumbing & Heating as the lowest qualified bid and authorize the Supervisor to execute the proposal. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley reviewed correspondence from the NYSDOT and Christ Covenant Lutheran Church and various minutes and reports.
- Supervisor Buckley presented a proposal from Jeff's Landscaping for weekly maintenance of lawns and landscaping for the months of September and October 2004. Mr. Stewart commented that the new landscaping should be professionally maintained. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to contract with Jeff's Landscaping for maintenance services for September and October. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart for the purpose of discussing particular person. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:43pm and included Mr. Sech.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:15pm.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:16pm.

Christina Vargulick Town Clerk