

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, December 6 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 on Monday, December 6, 2004 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 N Broad St., West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell(7:03), and Peck(7:10), Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. Ralph Ferguson shared information with the Board regarding a situation that occurred at the transfer site between himself and the site manager. Supervisor Buckley assured Mr. Ferguson that he would investigate his complaint and respond in a timely manner.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - Mr. Peck reported that a joint retail development meeting has been tentatively scheduled for January 2005. He recommended that each community send a member from their legislative and their planning boards. Mr. Stewart reported that significant work is being accomplished in the Pine Ridge Estates development and also that the demolition of the motel, on property owned by Chieftain Properties, has been completed.
- Highway Superintendent - Due to interior work in the Town Barn, a written report was not available. Mr. Sech commented on equipment maintenance, activities and a snow and ice conference attended by the highway employees.
- Zoning Officer - A report was read and accepted.
- Planning Board - Mr. LaBarge was present and prepared to discuss the proposed amendments to the zoning law.
- Historian - Mrs. Wiley reported on the plans for the County bicentennial. Mrs. Wiley requested that the Board consider the appointment of Lynn Thornton, as deputy historian, at the 2005 organizational meeting. Mrs. Thornton will begin work immediately on a West Carthage journal.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot presented the board with a copy of the pedestrian trail map and discussed links and limitations of design. She encouraged the board to review the map and consider action on the design at a future meeting.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the minutes for November 1 and November 15, 2004 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #315-357.....	\$32,123.58
Highway #256-282.....	\$54,286.88
RACOG #33-35.....	\$12,083.68
Consolidated WD #1 O&M #78-85.....	\$3,448.13
WD#4 O&M #12.....	\$171.00
SD#1 Ext Capital #1.....	\$1,526.05
WD#1 Ext Capital #6.....	\$1,526.05

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- The Board reviewed the applications for water/sewer district extension loans from RUD. Resolution offered by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve a loan in the amount of \$110,000 for Water District #1 Extension. Roll call vote: Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Peck-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Resolution adopted. Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve a loan in the amount of \$141,000 for Sewer District #1 Extension. Roll call vote: Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Peck-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Resolution adopted.
- Board members reviewed the draft zoning law amendments and recommended changes to the use regulations. The changes included the addition of Large-Scale commercial and additional uses with site plan review. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to schedule a public hearing on the proposed

- amended zoning law January 3, 2005 at 7:10pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley set the year end meeting for Thursday, December 30, 2004 at 9:00am.
 - Supervisor Buckley informed the Board that a WD/SD construction meeting will be held December 28, 2004 at 11:00am.
 - The Board reviewed and discussed information from the Tug Hill Commission regarding a joint Zoning Board of Appeals as proposed by the RACOG executive board. Supervisor Buckley explained that each of the RACOG communities would appoint one (1) board member and that a fifth board member would be appointed to serve at large for a term to be determined. Salaries and associated expenses of the board would be paid through RACOG. Supervisor Buckley cited the advantages of a joint board including improved training, objectivity, and cost savings. He noted that the joint board has been successful in other local communities. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the RACOG executive board to develop and submit language for consideration and approval. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
 - Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk