

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, November 7 2005 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 on Monday, November 7, 2005. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 6:01pm.

Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 7:00pm.

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

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - Mr. Peck questioned the status of the cable franchise renewal agreement. Supervisor Buckley reported that he was not prepared to submit the agreement for action at this time. Mr. Stewart stated that he had received a complaint regarding the condition of North Lake Road. The highway department has been notified and will recondition the surface to the extent possible. The road is scheduled for paving in spring, 2006.
- Highway Superintendent - The Superintendent's written report was read.
- Zoning Enforcement - Mr. Hall submitted a written report for August 1 through November 1.
- Historian - Mrs. Thornton reported that she has conducted 8 -1 hour sessions for area fourth grades to discuss the Carthage Fire.

Public Hearings

- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the 2006 preliminary budget was called to order at 7:15pm. No one spoke for or against the proposed budget. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:18pm.
- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #6 for 2005 increasing the sliding scale income eligibility range for property tax exemption for persons 65 years of age or over, amending Local Law #6 for 1997 was called to order at 7:30pm. No one spoke for or against the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:32pm.
- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #7 for 2005 - a partial tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers was called to order at 7:35pm. Lawrence Hall, Jr. read a letter on behalf of the West Carthage Volunteer Fire Dept. in support of the proposed law. No one spoke against the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:40pm.
- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on an order to extend water district #4 to include, in its entirety, parcel number 85.08-1-21 was called to order at 7:40pm. Attorney Farley read the order for public hearing for reference. Scott Britton, Cole Road, and John Young, Mosher Road, spoke for the proposed action. No one spoke against the proposed extension. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:52pm.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for October 3, 2005 with a typographical correction. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #296-321.....	\$13,881.02
Highway #219-240.....	\$38,763.07
RACOG #37-38.....	\$25,079.04
Con WD #1 O&M #63-68.....	\$8,638.70
SD#1 O&M #2.....	\$3,004.46

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to

approve the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Buckley reviewed correspondence received during the prior month including a liquor license renewal and a notification to a property owner regarding a required culvert pipe.

New Business

- Supervisor Buckley presented a letter from the NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation (OPRHS) requesting the Board's concurrence with the proposed acquisition of property within the Town to extend the existing Black River Trail. Members discussed the use of the existing trail which is limited to pedestrian traffic. The property being considered for acquisition is unofficially used to connect to existing snowmobiles trails. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to forward a letter to OPRHS supporting the property acquisition contingent on the designation of that portion of the Black River trail located in the Town of Champion as "multi-use". Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, 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 2006 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-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adopted Local Law #6 for 2005 - Increasing the sliding scale income eligibility range for property tax exemption for persons 65 years of age or over, amending Local Law #6 for 1997. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adopt Local Law #7 for 2005 - A partial tax exemption for volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members discussed and responded to the SEQR inquiries in relation to the extension of Water District #4 located on NYS Route 26 and Cole Road. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to make a declaration of negative environmental impact. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the extension of Water District #4 to include, in its entirety, parcel number 85.08-1-21. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to table the discussion regarding the extension of Water District #2 due to the lack of a response from the applicant. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members read and discussed a recommendation from the Planning Board to amend the area regulations in regards to lot size in the AR district, where sewer and/or water are available, to reflect a lot size similar to that specified for the R-1 and R-2 districts where infrastructure is available. Mr. Peck questioned the need for a change and whether agricultural operations would still be allowed on a half acre parcel. Supervisor Buckley commented that AR districts are open and available for controlled development and that sufficient utilization of infrastructure is vital to establishing affordable rates. Mr. Watkins stated that he opposes high density usage and prefers to rezone as necessary. Mr. Stewart stated that flexibility in relation to lot size will promote needed residential development within the Town. Motion by Mr. Stewart to amend the area regulations in regards to lot size in the AR district, where sewer and/or water are available, as presented. The motion received no second.
- Supervisor Buckley read a letter from Nicholas and Stephanie Sherwood requesting that parcel number 76.00-1-1, owned by them, be included in its entirety in Consolidated Water District #1 and Sewer District #1. The Sherwood's acknowledged their responsibility for annual service charges. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to hold a public hearing on December 5, 2005 at 7:15pm to hear public comment on the proposal. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed an application from Black River Enterprises, LLC to rezone that portion of parcel number 76.00-2-38.41 zoned AR to R-1 for the purpose of constructing a single family home development. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Watkins to schedule a public hearing on the application for December 5, 2005 at 7:30pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to go into executive session to further discuss negotiations. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:33pm.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:22pm.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor to prepare and deliver a formal proposal to the Carthage Central School District proposing the transfer of ownership and operation/maintenance of a sanitary sewer system, presently operated by the school district, to the Town. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:35pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk