

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, December 5 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 Monday, December 5, 2005 at the Town Municipal Office, 10 N Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell (7:11pm), and Peck, Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. Thomas Youngs, 32769 NYS Route 3, Great Bend presented the Board with a petition signed by twenty-three individuals attesting their support for an ordinance governing noise emanating from establishments serving alcohol within the Hamlet of Great Bend. Mr. Youngs alleged that Gary’s Pub, 32812 NYS Route 3, Great Bend and its patrons persistently create a noise nuisance in the Hamlet. Mr. Youngs reported that he has made numerous calls to the business requesting that the doors be closed to lower the noise emanating from the establishment. He filed complaints with the Jefferson County Sheriffs’ Department and submitted copies of the 2005 reports filed by the Sheriffs’ Department to the Board. Mr. Youngs strongly urged the Board to adopt a noise ordinance with progressive penalties to encourage owners of establishments serving alcohol to act in a responsible manner.

Public Hearings

- Proof of notice having been furnished the public hearing in the matter of the extension of Water District No. 1 to include parcel no. 76.00-1-1 in the Town of Champion was called to order at 7:15pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the action. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed.
- Proof of notice having been furnished the public hearing in the matter of the extension of Sewer District No. 1 to include parcel no. 76.00-1-1 in the Town of Champion was called to order by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the action. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:25pm.
- Proof of notice having been furnished the public hearing in the matter to rezone that portion of parcel no. 76.00-2-38.41 zoned AR (agricultural resource) to R-1 (Single & Two family residential) was called to order at 7:30pm by Supervisor Buckley. James Uhlinger spoke for the action. No spoke against the action. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:32pm.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - J. Peck questioned the status of the remediation of drainage at the Leggaro property located on County Route 47. Highway Superintendent Sech reported that no improvements have been made and that he will report the same to the County Highway department. J. Peck inquired if RACOG will reopen discussions with the school district regarding the construction of a community pool. Supervisor Buckley reported that the proposal has been referred to the RACOG Recreation committee for review and recommendation.
- Highway Superintendent - J. Sech submitted and reviewed his written monthly report.
- Planning Board - Mr. LaBarge was in attendance to address Board questions.
- Historian - L. Thornton pointed out the new black and white pictorial display hanging in the Board room. The Board expressed their appreciation to Mrs. Thornton for the improvement to the meeting facility. L. Thornton also shared original texts that she received from a citizen pertaining to the Champion School District.
- Circuit Rider - K. Amyot was in attendance and available for questions.

Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes of November 7, 2005 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #322-358.....	\$14,059.75
Highway #241-262.....	\$14,732.61
RACOG #39-44.....	\$525.00
Consolidated WD#1 O&M #69-71.....	\$1,691.37

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by S. Buzzell, seconded by J. Peck to approve budget transfers as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Buckley reviewed correspondence received during the prior month.

New Business

- Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the extension of Water District #1 to include parcel no. 76.00-1-1. Roll call vote: J. Peck-aye, T. Stewart-aye, H. Watkins-aye, S. Buzzell-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by S. Buzzell to approve the extension of Sewer District #1 to include parcel no. 76.00-1-1. Roll call vote: J. Peck-aye, T. Stewart-aye, H. Watkins-aye, S. Buzzell-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley introduced a proposal that the T/Champion serve as the lead applicant for a Quality Communities grant application on behalf of the counties of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence, and those individual municipalities lying within the Fort Drum impact area. Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Watkins;

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Town of Champion will serve as the lead applicant for a Quality Communities grant application on behalf of the counties of Jefferson, Lewis, and St. Lawrence, and those individual municipalities lying within the Fort Drum impact area;

That Terry L. Buckley, Supervisor of the Town of Champion, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for an amount not to exceed \$80,000 in funding from the New York State Department of State's 2005-2006 Quality Communities Intermunicipal Growth Program for Environmental Protection Funds to support the Fort Drum Area Quality Communities Project;

That upon approval of said request, Supervisor Buckley is authorized to execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance and to execute all financial and/or administrative processes associated with the Fort Drum Area Quality Communities Project.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Board members discussed the proposal to rezone that portion of parcel no. 76.00-2-38.41 zoned AR to an R-1 designation. Members reviewed a map illustrating the change. Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by T. Stewart to rezone that portion of parcel no. 76.00-2-38.41 zoned AR to an R-1. J. Peck-aye, T. Stewart-aye, H. Watkins-aye, S. Buzzell-nay and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.
- Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to set Thursday, December 29, 2005 at 9:00am as the date and time of the year end meeting for the purpose of paying bills and conducting any other necessary business. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Members discussed the concerns raised by Thomas Youngs in connection with the operation of Gary's Pub. Supervisor Buckley reminded members that they had considered and rejected previous noise ordinances. S. Buzzell commented that he would still be opposed to a noise ordinance. Supervisor Buckley recommended a letter be forwarded to Gary Deskins, as property owner, JoAnn Deskins as business owner with copies to the Jefferson County Sheriff's department, NYS Police, and the NYS Liquor Authority outlining the Town's understanding of the situation, its position and available options. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Peck to authorize the Supervisor to write and deliver the letter as described. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing on-going negotiations. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by H. Watkins to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:44pm.
- Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by T. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk