

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, January 2 2006 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 Champion Town Board met in regular session Monday, January 2, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Town Municipal Office, 10 N Broad St., West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck, Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley. (Judge Quinn swore in the re-elected officers prior to the start of the meeting.)

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

**Monthly Reports**

- Councilmen - Mr. Peck distributed copies of an article regarding land issues in Lancaster County, PA.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech submitted and reviewed his report with the Board.
- Historian - Mrs. Thornton reviewed correspondence including a deed of gift issued for the Champion school district documents. The Board commented positively on the additional black/white photographs that the historian has hung in the board room.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for December 5 and 29, 2005 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #1-15.....	\$27,988.02
Highway #1-6.....	\$48,841.24
Con WD#1 O&M #1-4.....	\$13,503.00
WD#4 O&M #1-3.....	\$196.00
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$221.00

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

**New Business**

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to appoint the following individuals to the position noted:  
Deputy Supervisor- Thomas Stewart  
Deputy Clerk- Janice Houghton  
Registrar- Christina Vargulick  
Deputy registrar- Janice Houghton  
Historian- Lynn Thornton  
Deputy Historian - Suzanne Wiley  
Town Attorney- Timothy A. Farley  
Planning Board- Peter LaBarge (Term 1/1/06-12/31/10)

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to set salaries as presented (see attached). Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to re-adopt the investment and procurement policies and forms without amendment. Ayes-5. Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to set the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM as the meeting date and time of the Town Board; the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM, as necessary, as the Planning Board meeting date and time; and the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM, as necessary, as the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting date and time. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to designate Key Bank, Community Bank, HSBC Bank USA, Pathfinder and J P Morgan Chase as the depositories in which the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and

Justices shall deposit all monies coming into their hands by virtue of their offices. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins authorizing all elected officials to attend all necessary schools. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to set the mileage reimbursement rate in accordance with state reimbursement rates. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to designate the Carthage Republican Tribune as the official newspaper of the Town. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor to sign checks. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to designate Family Practice Associates as the firm to perform all necessary alcohol and substance testing. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to appoint Mr. Peck as the voting delegate for the Association of Towns annual conference. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The 2005 financial records of the Town Clerk and Justice Quinn were audited and signed.

The Board considered a proposal to form Town of Champion Sewer District No. 2 and discussed the boundaries of such district. Presently, the Carthage Central School District owns and operates a sewer line which transports sewage from the high/middle school campus, the district transportation facility, West Carthage Elementary School and specific residential properties along the mainline. The District has entered into an inter-municipal agreement, including several amendments thereof, for the treatment of the collected waste. The Board proposes taking over the financial liabilities and operational responsibilities of that part of the sewer line agreed to between the District and Town and expanding the service area to include those properties located within the proposed boundaries of Sewer District No. 2. The District would be an outside user and be billed accordingly by the Town. The Town has submitted the proposal to the District and is awaiting its response. The Joint Waste Management Board has discussed the proposal and agreed to release the District from its agreements and accept the Town as a customer. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to order a public hearing on the formation of Town of Champion Sewer District No. 2 to be held on February 6, 2006 at 7:30pm. Attorney Farley stated that a full EAF will be prepared by the Town Engineer along with the map, plan and report. Board members studied and discussed a map of the proposed district boundaries. There was no further discussion. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to enter into executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular person. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:43pm.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:07pm.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to appoint Lawrence Hall, Jr. as Zoning Enforcement Officer to serve at the pleasure of the Board or until further action of the Board. The Board discussed the duties of the Zoning Enforcement Officer including, but not limited to: strong enforcement; administrative responsibilities; attendance at all necessary meetings; and timely reporting. Roll call vote: Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Stewart-nay, Mr. Peck-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-nay. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:17pm.

Christina Vargulick  
Town Clerk

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