

Organization Town of Champion**Board Town Board****Date and Time Tuesday, May 9 2006 at 3:00 PM****Place Town of Champion Offices Board Room (rear of building) 10 N Broad St, West Carthage NY****Contact [Chris Vargulick](#) Town Clerk Phone (315) 493-3240 Fax(315) 493-2900****Minutes**

The Town of Champion Town Board met in special session on May 9, 2006, following the annual road inspection, at the Town Municipal Building, 10 N Broad St., West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck, and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 3:08.

New Business

- Supervisor Buckley reported that the T/Rutland has invited the Town to participate in a tire recycling program grant in the amount of \$5,000 that was awarded to Rutland through Senator Wright's office. The grant will not cover the entire amount of the program cost but funds collected from the metal salvage program are expected to offset the majority of any cost. The program shall be limited to a two weekend period - May 26/27 and June 2/3. Residents of the T/Champion and T/Rutland shall be allowed to bring a maximum of ten (10) tires per day to the transfer site. Only regular vehicle (car and light truck) tires will be accepted. There will be no charge to residents. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve participation in the program as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed quotes from two vendors for pest control at parcel no. 76.06-2-66 as follows: Arrow Pest Control of Syracuse, Inc - \$200.00; Abel Pest Control - \$295.00. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to contract with Arrow Pest Control to perform the initial and follow-up service at a cost not to exceed \$200.00. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley introduced a grant program through NYSDOT- the Transportation Enhancement Program (TEP) and discussed eligible activities. The information indicates that the Town may be eligible for a grant to construct a salt barn under the environmental mitigation criteria. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to execute and submit an application to the TEP for the purpose of constructing a salt storage facility. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board resumed a discussion regarding a request for funding from the COC Farmers Market to offset matching funds required for a grant application. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to appropriate \$500 for the Farmers Market. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- William Vargulick, Town Assessor, recommended that the Board enroll the Town in the State's annual reassessment program. Mr. Vargulick discussed the benefits to Town property owners including stabilization of the equalization rate which ensures an equitable apportionment of the sales tax collected by the County. If the Town participates in the program, it shall be eligible to receive \$5/parcel. Supervisor Buckley and Mr. Vargulick also discussed Section 579 of the Real Property Tax Law that allows adjacent towns that have the same level of assessment and the same assessor to enter into an agreement to participate in a Coordinated Assessment Program (CAP). This program offers a way for towns to introduce cost efficiencies, new technology, and valuation expertise. Each assessing unit in the proposed CAP must adopt an identical local agreement approving the CAP agreement which meet the criteria. Each participating town shall be eligible to receive an additional \$7/parcel the first year of the CAP. Mr. Vargulick has been appointed T/Denmark Assessor therefore it is feasible and practical to participate in the CAP. The T/Denmark has requested that the T/Champion establish a CAP with them. Board members discussed the benefits of minor annual assessment adjustments as compared to the effects infrequent but significant townwide revaluations. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Assessor to establish a program of annual reassessment. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to enter into a Coordinated Assessment Program (CAP) with the T/Denmark effective March 1, 2007 and to authorize the Supervisor to execute an agreement as specified by the Real Property Tax Law. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 4:14pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk