

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, February 5 2007 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, February 5, 2007 at 7:00pm at the Town Municipal Office, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins(7:08), Buzzell, and Peck(7:02) and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order and opened the meeting for public comment. Jerry LaRock, representing the Color My World childcare facility project, apprised the Board of a proposed CDBG application for construction funding. Mr. LaRock requested that the Town of Champion act as lead agent for the application. Two public forums are required, including one daytime and one evening, to allow for maximum participation. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell for the Town of Champion to act as lead agent for a CBDG application, through Small Cities, for the Color My World project. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Members agreed by consensus to schedule public hearings on Tuesday, February 20, 2007 at 10:00am and Wednesday, February 21, 2007 at 6:00pm.

Supervisor Buckley acknowledged the presence Capt. Scott Campbell, Troop Commander, and troop members from Fort Drum. The soldiers were present to observe local government for the purpose of preparing for deployment when they will assist officials in their country of assignment.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - Mr. Watkins discussed recent newspaper articles regarding courts, fiscal reporting, and the current Town audit procedure. Supervisor Buckley informed members that the 5th Judicial District Court Administration has issued recommendations on various court issues, including security.
- Highway - Mr. Sech submitted and reviewed his written monthly report and responded to questions regarding proposed summer work on the Switzer Road.
- Planning Board - Mr. LaBarge introduced Wil Thesier, representing Anthony Hubbard. Mr. Hubbard has proposed a reconfiguration of the Champion Heights subdivision. Mr. Thesier reviewed the maps and pointed out previously approved building lots and proposed lots. Mr. Thesier requested that the Town accept the roadway constructed to provide access to the water plant as a public highway to facilitate construction on all lots. The Board supported accepting the highway, contingent on a written agreement between the Town and Mr. Hubbard requiring Mr. Hubbard to complete the construction of Lewis Loop. The Board discussed future division of the proposed five (5) acre lots. The Board recapped their position as follows: 1)the Town will not build additional turnarounds; 2) the Town will dedicate the water plant access road and; 3) no zoning permits will be issued without the construction of Lewis Loop to town standards or an approved road maintenance agreement. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to accept Lewis Loop Extension as a dedicated town highway contingent on a duly executed development agreement between the Town and Anthony Hubbard to complete the construction of Lewis Loop. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Parks - Mr. Eddy reported on the February 1, 2007 committee meeting. The committee discussed restroom facilities for Village Green Park. The committee supports a waterless unit to limit the cost of construction and maintenance. The proposed unit is handicapped accessible and approved by NYS OPRHP. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to advertise for sealed bids for a waterless restroom facility. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Mr. Eddy also reported that the committee has not received any information regarding an application for a concert series. Due to the need to commit to a date, the committee has approved a concert on Saturday, June 23, 2007. The band "Frozen Cactus" shall perform.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot reminded members of upcoming meetings and dates.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for January 5, 2007 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #27-62.....	\$201,369.68
Highway #19-40.....	\$32,411.02
RACOG #1-2.....	\$157.78
Con WD#1 O&M #8-13.....	\$3,049.92
WD#4 O&M #6.....	\$143.00
SD#2 O&M #5.....	\$104.17

Mr. Peck expressed his disagreement with the amount budgeted and collected by the Great Bend Fire District.

Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Supervisor Buckley-aye, and Mr. Peck-nay. 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

- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins:

WHEREAS, four hours of annual training are required for members of planning boards and zoning boards of appeals pursuant to (Town Law Sections 267 and 271), and;

WHEREAS, such training must be approved by the Town Board;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the following training activities are pre-approved for planning board and zoning board members upon filing certification annually with the Town Clerk of proof or evidence of such training:

- Planning and zoning training sessions offered by the NYS Department of State, Department of Agriculture and Markets, Office of the State Comptroller, Department of Health, Department of Environmental Conservation, and the Tug Hill Commission;
- Planning and zoning training sessions offered by the Association of Towns, the Conference of Mayors, the Association of Counties, the NY Planning Federation, and the American Planning Association;
- On-line planning and zoning training programs offered by the New York Municipal Insurance Reciprocal, Pace University and Land Use Law Center, and the Lincoln Institute of Land Use Policy;
- Planning and zoning sessions and courses offered by universities and colleges such as Albany Law School, Governmental Law Center;
- Sessions on planning and zoning presented at the annual Tug Hill Commission Local Government Conference;
- Sessions on planning and zoning offered by the Jefferson County Planning Board, Soil and Water Conservation Districts, and Cornell Cooperative Extension and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that other training activities may be approved on a case-by-case basis by the Town board upon the request of planning board and zoning board of appeals members. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Supervisor Buckley reviewed correspondence and clarified an item in the NYS Route 3 Sewer Board minutes.
- The 2006 Supervisor's financial report was audited and signed by members of the Board.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to recognize Town employees who belong to the NYS Retirement system, their retirement numbers, and the number of days worked during a bi-weekly pay period. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. (List attached)
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing active litigation. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:37pm.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to resume open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:10pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:11pm.

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