

Organization Town of Champion**Board Town Board****Date and Time Monday, November 5 2007 at 7:00 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 regular monthly session on Monday, November 5, 2007. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell and Peck (6:32), Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 6:00pm. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the acquisition of real property. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Kris Dimmick, town engineer, attended the executive session.

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

Supervisor Buckley opened the public forum portion of the meeting. David Williams, Sayre Road, questioned the condition of the road shoulders on the curve near Cole Road. Highway Supt. Sech will investigate the complaint and take corrective action as needed. Kent Burto, Legislator, updated the Board on the status of the County budget and indicated that the Town may anticipate a decrease in the county tax rate.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer - Kris Dimmick reviewed preliminary planning for a proposed water district on a portion of the Sayre Road and NYS Route 126 and the Farney Pit Road. There is considerable rock in the area which will add to the construction cost. The annual anticipated cost per equivalent dwelling unit (EDU) is \$575 in accordance with the federal target. The Board is considering the development of a well field to produce sufficient water to supply the needs of the district and saleable water to WD#4 and/or other customers. The proposal meets USDA-RD funding guidelines. Supervisor Buckley discussed ECWAG funds, USDA-RD grant/loan packages, and an application to Small Cities for funding construction and reiterated the financial impact that the rock will have on the construction cost. A petition has been filed with the Town Clerk on behalf of the property owners within the proposed district. Seventy percent (70%) of the eligible property owners signed the petition and eighty-three percent (83%) of eligible assessment. Heather Hallenbeck discussed e-coli contamination that is present in a number of wells in the proposed district and urged the Board to set up an informational meeting including a representative from the NYS Department of Health. Supervisor Buckley agreed to coordinate the meeting. Supervisor Buckley queried and received the consensus of the residents of the proposed district, that were in attendance at the meeting, to proceed with district formation. Kris Dimmick recommended that the Board declare their intention to be lead agency. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to declare the Town of Champion Town Board's intention to act as lead agency for the project known as "Water District #5". Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to schedule a public hearing on December 3, 2007 at 7:20pm to hear public comment on the proposed formation of Water District #5 with a service area to include a portion of the Sayre Road, a portion of NYS Route 126 and the western side of the Farney Pit Road. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Councilmen - Mr. Peck questioned the status of the RACOG planning committee recommendations for zoning amendments related to special use permits and site plan review criteria. Members indicated that they were satisfied with the amendments as presented. H. Watkins asked for more signage in the municipal building rear parking lot to maintain access to the driving lane. The Board agreed by consensus to order signage.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech distributed and reviewed his monthly written report.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick responded to a question about the 2008 trend, stating that he will begin the annual evaluation of the market data in December with assistance from NYS ORPS.
- ZEO - Mr. Koster reported issuing eight (8) zoning permits and two (2) stop work orders which have been resolved.
- Parks - Mr. Eddy had no report.
- Historian - Mrs. Thornton reported on the current exhibit of the 1884 Carthage Fire. She hosted a walking tour of the fire area on October 20th and self-guided tour brochures are available in the Town Clerk's office. An exhibit marking the 40th anniversary of the Blizzard of '77 will open in December.

Public Hearing

Proof of notice have been furnished, the public hearing on the 2008 preliminary budget was called to order at 7:15pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the proposed budget. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:18pm.

Consent agenda

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the minutes of October 1st and 15th as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #285-311.....	\$15,190.50
Highway #229-256.....	\$71,518.81
RACOG #37.....	\$79.00
Con WD#1 O&M #61-69.....	\$23,949.50
SD#2 Capital #8.....	\$874.00
SD#2 O&M #19-20.....	\$1,799.16

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

- Members reviewed recommended budget transfers. Mr. Watkins questioned the distribution of highway funds. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the budget transfers as presented (see attached). Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board considered the 2008 preliminary budget. Supervisor Buckley commented on the significant impact the cost of fuel, salt and sand had on the proposed budget. 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 2008 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.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

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