

**Organization Town of Champion****Board Town Board****Date and Time Monday, January 7 2008 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, January 7, 2008 at 7:00pm at the Town Municipal Office, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell (7:05), and Peck (7:02), Attorney Farley, and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order. Judge Karen Freeman swore in Councilman Stewart and Councilman Buzzell who were both re-elected during the last general election.

The Board reviewed the following organizational resolutions. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Watkins to appoint the following individuals to the position noted:

Deputy clerk - Helen Novak  
Deputy clerk - Emily Vargulick  
Registrar - Christina Vargulick  
Deputy registrar - Helen Novak  
Court Clerk - Helen Novak  
Deputy Court Clerk - Christina Vargulick  
Historian - Lynn Thornton  
Deputy Historian - Suzanne Wiley  
Town Attorney - Timothy Farley  
Zoning Enforcement Officer - David Koster  
Deputy Supervisor - Thomas Stewart

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to set salaries as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to establish rates for town water and sewer districts as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to re-adopt the investment and procurement policies and forms without amendment. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, 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. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart 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. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins authorizing 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. Peck, 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. Peck to authorize the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor to sign checks. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to designate Family Practice Associates as the firm to perform all necessary alcohol and substance testing. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

**Public Forum**

Terry Emerson, Great Bend, made remarks regarding valuation and taxation.

Frank Koster, Carthage, read a letter dated December 28, 2007, which he received from the Town of

Champion Board, concerning the Board's decision to appoint Stephen Eddy to the Town Planning Board. Mr. Koster disagreed with the Board appointment. He alleged that pertinent information is not shared with all Planning Board members and that the individual concerns of members regarding actionable applications are not considered. Eric and Amy Burke expressed support for Mr. Koster's complaint. Mrs. Burke questioned the Board's authority to appoint a new member prior to January 1, 2008. Attorney Farley confirmed that the Board acted within its authority to appoint a new member effective January 1, 2008. Mrs. Burke read passages, from a copy of the Town Law, relative to a Town Board's responsibilities and their duty to oversee the boards/committees that they appoint.

**Monthly Reports**

- DANC - Bryon Perry requested authorization to replace the chlorine analyzer in WD#1 with the analyzer currently in service in WD#2 and to purchase a new analyzer for WD#2. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the purchase of the HACH CL17 chlorine analyzer as recommended by the system operator. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Councilmen - Mr. Peck inquired about whether action has been taken to remedy the zoning violation at Country Kitchen restaurant. The site is being utilized as an overflow lot for Caskinette Lofink. Supervisor Buckley responded that the Zoning Officer has contacted both the property owner and Caskinette's and that a Notice of Violation has been issued.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech's written report was reviewed and accepted.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick was present and invited interested citizens to attend state meetings on valuation.
- Planning Board - Mr. LaBarge reported that the Board's first meeting of 2008 will be held on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Historian - Mrs. Thornton invited the public to view the "Blizzard of 77" display in the office foyer.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot reported that the RACOG recreation committee will hold their re-organizational meeting on January 9, 2008. The Chamber of Commerce and YMCA have expressed interest in participating in the committee process.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of December 3 and December 28, 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 #1-21.....	\$30,633.17
Highway #1-16.....	\$62,225.80
Consolidated WD#1 O&M #1-4.....	\$13,733.44
WD#4 O&M #1-3.....	\$396.00
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$352.00
SD#2 O&M #1.....	\$88.00

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

With the consent of the Board, the minutes of the December 28, 2007 Town Board meeting were read aloud for information only.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Watkins to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular personnel issue. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. At the request of the Board, Mr. LaBarge and Mr. Koster attended the executive session. The executive session began at 8:05pm.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:27pm.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:28pm.

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