

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, August 4 2008 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 monthly session on Monday, August 4, 2008. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins (7:04), Buzzell, and Peck (7:13), and Highway Superintendent Sech. Attorney Farley was excused.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and solicited public comment. Frank Koster voiced concern about the condition of the church owned by the Champion Grange and located in the Hamlet. The Zoning Officer reported that the Jefferson County Building Code office has been notified.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer - Mr. Dimmick reported on the status of Water District #5 - Phase A/B. The Town has received a Letter of Conditions from Rural Development for Phase A and submitted the required supporting documentation. The rate of interest for the loan is 2.75%. The Letter of Conditions for Phase B is pending. Project designs have been submitted to the regulatory agencies for final review. The project may go to bid on August 15th.
- Councilmen - Mr. Buzzell discussed a resident's concern with the restoration of his driveway. Highway Superintendent Sech stated that he is aware of the complaint.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reviewed and discussed his monthly report. Three quarters of a mile of Jackson II Road was resurfaced at a cost of \$71,000. Driveways have been fanned in with hot mix and shoulder work is pending. The contract work on the Lewis Loop extension base is near completion. Further work shall continue pending the deposit of additional funds from the developer. Mr. Sech reported that the cost of applying a slurry seal to Switzer and North Lake Roads has increased \$14,000 over the May estimate. The Board agreed, by consensus, that the seal should be applied to protect the investment in the roads. Mr. Sech also reported that machinery is being repaired as time permits; the screen has been moved to Rutland; the park excavation is complete; the porta-potty base was improved to facilitate handicap access; two trees were removed; and five stumps were ground. The Town will assist the Village with paving this week. Mr. Sech recommended that the Board declare the 1969 Galion Roller as surplus equipment and sell it for salvage due to its condition. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to declare the 1969 Galion Roller as surplus equipment and authorize the Highway Superintendent to sell it for the salvage price. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick responded to questions from the Board.
- Zoning Officer - Mr. Koster reported on activity for the months of May through July. Thirty-six permits were issued.
- Historian/Parks - Mrs. Thornton thanked the Highway Department for the work they have done at the park. She reported that the archeological report has been completed and submitted to OPRHP. Ken Good has agreed to construct the fieldstone fireplace in the pavilion. The Town has solicited bids to construct the pavilion. Bids are due August 20, 2008. Ms. Thornton reported that the 4 River Valleys Historical Society (4RVHS) has authorized the Town to purchase a culvert pipe and ends to facilitate the construction of an access drive between County Route 47 and the Hiram Hubbard House. The cost of the pipe and ends shall be paid by 4RVHS.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot reported that the contract with peter j. smith, inc. has been signed. A representative committee needs to be formed to assist the consultant with the comprehensive plan project.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the minutes of July 7, 2008 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

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| General #195-220..... | \$128,673.90 |
| Highway #157-178..... | \$71,410.78 |
| RACOG #24 | \$79.02 |
| Con WD#1 O&M #52-58..... | \$12,261.63 |

WD#4 O&M #12.....\$28.97
SD#2 O&M #21.....\$108.34

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Buckley reviewed and discussed the Supervisor's monthly report. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- The Board discussed the cost of administering and fulfilling the NYS Municipal Snow & Ice Agreement and whether it was advisable to approve the 2008/2009 Extension. Mr. Sech estimated the costs for labor, fuel, salt and sand at \$130,044 for the past season. The estimate does not include ice blade replacement, equipment depreciation or overtime. Members acknowledged that there will be lay-offs if the Town does not extend the state contract. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to execute the 2008/2009 Snow and Ice Extension. Roll call vote: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Peck-nay, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley introduced Kara Clark. Ms. Clark is a reporter with the Carthage Republican Tribune.
- The Board considered an application to the 2008 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) to replace a storage cabinet and file cabinet in the justice office. Resolution offered by Councilman Buzzell, seconded by Councilman Stewart;
That, the Town Supervisor is authorized to execute and submit an application for assistance through the 2008 Justice Court Assistance Program to support the Town Court. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Supervisor Buckley recommended that the STAR administration funds be disbursed as follows: Town Clerk-25%; Assessor-25%; Equipment purchase-50%. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to disburse the funds as recommended by the Supervisor. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed the loan/grant resolutions from USDA-RUS for the construction of WD#5a and WD#5b. The loan/grant for each project is \$175,000/\$291,977 and \$125,000/\$305,000 respectively. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize the Supervisor to execute the loan/grant agreements for WD#5a and WD#5b as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to advertise for bids for the construction of WD#5a and WD#5b pending USDA-RUS approval. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to reschedule the regular September board meeting for Tuesday, September 2, 2008 due to the Labor Day holiday. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board discussed an increase in the cost of water delivered by the Village of West Carthage, the affect it will have on the water rates for WD#4 and WD#5a/b, and the need to pursue the development of the Town owned well field.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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