

Organization Town of Champion**Board Town Board****Date and Time Monday, October 6 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, October 6, 2008 at the Town Municipal Offices, 10 N. Broad St., West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins(7:08), S. Buzzell(7:05), J. Peck(7:07), Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:05pm, after a quorum was present.

The meeting was opened for public comment. Timothy Thornton, Jackson II Road, questioned when the improvements to Jackson II Road would be completed noting the low shoulders on the road. He also questioned the condition of the intersection of Jackson II Road and NYS Route 3. Supervisor Buckley responded that work will continue on Jackson II Road, as the budget allows, until the road is complete. The Supervisor noted that NYS Route 3 intersection is maintained and marked by the NYS Department of Transportation.

Jonathan and Sherry Furgison, Furgison & Co., CPA, PC, presented the 2007 audit report. Mr. Furgison reviewed and explained the audit notes, a summary of long term debt and repayment, the fund balances, supplemental schedules, and the required letters of compliance. The following comments and observations were noted: segregation of duties, highway equipment financing, sewer capital collection, sewer district departmental income, maintenance of asset records, and GASB 34 compliance. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to accept the 2007 audit as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Monthly Report

- Engineer - Kris Dimmick, Bernier, Carr & Associates, reported that the Town received five bids for the construction of WD#5a/b. Marcellus Construction Co., Inc. was the low bidder: Phase A: \$388,808.25
Phase B: \$273,253.00
Total: \$622,061.25

Based upon past experience with Marcellus Construction, the engineer took no exception with the Town entering into a contract with the low bidder. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to award the bid for the construction of WD#5a/b to Marcellus Construction Co., Inc. contingent upon the concurrence of Rural Development. Roll call vote: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Peck-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.

Mr. Dimmick discussed the development of the Cole Road well field. The elevation of the water storage in WD#2 is suitable as a wellhead to serve the customers in WD#2, WD#4, and WD#5 and as an emergency source for West Carthage. The well field will be purchased by WD#5. A pending project will purchase the materials and construct the inter-connection to the well field.

- Councilmen - Mr. Peck discussed his suggestion to relate information regarding the maintenance of roads this winter. Supervisor Buckley and Highway Superintendent Sech responded that roads will be plowed and maintained by the Highway department. Mr. Peck distributed information relative to participation in the NYS Retirement System. Supervisor Buckley deferred action pending the resolution of cases being considered in the courts.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reviewed his monthly report. Contracted work on the extension of Lewis Loop has been completed. Sand for winter road maintenance has been stockpiled. The department will begin harnessing the trucks with plow and sanding materials.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick reported on the applicable exemption for solar/wind power generation.
- Planning Board - P. LaBarge reported on the initial meeting of the RACOG Comprehensive Plan ad hoc committee and on a number of major subdivisions that the board has/is reviewing.
- Parks - N. Eddy reported that work is proceeding on the new pavilion. L. Thornton reported that she has submitted an application to fund three summer concerts in the park.
- Historian - L. Thornton requested Board approval for herself and S. Wiley to attend the APHNY fall conference in Lake Placid. Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize the Historian and Deputy Historian to attend the APHNY conference. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Mrs. Thornton reported that she is making presentations regarding the Carthage Fire.
- Circuit Rider - K. Amyot reported on the status of the RACOG Comprehensive Plan initiative and the date of the next meeting; October 30, 2008 at 7pm at the V/West Carthage Municipal Building.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for September 2, 2008 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 #254-289.....	\$53,108.46
Highway #196-228.....	\$112,929.88
RACOG #29-37.....	\$5,714.20
Con WD#1 O&M #64-69.....	\$3,408.56
WD#4 O&M #14.....	\$4,464.20
SD#1O&M #3.....	\$35,760.00
SD#2 O&M #26-29.....	\$1,709.62

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Supervisor Buckley presented the 2009 tentative budget. The tax rate remains at \$2.50/\$1,000 taxable value. Expenses for highway equipment and road construction were reduced. The budget allocation for salt, sand, and fuel increased due to significantly higher costs for those materials. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to schedule a public hearing on the preliminary budget for November 3, 2008 at 7:15pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to re-appoint Terry Buckley as the Town's representative on the EDCC/CIDC for a term of three years. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:07pm.

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