

**Organization Town of Champion****Board Town Board****Date and Time Monday, January 5 2009 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 5, 2009 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. Terry Emerson, Great Bend recommended that the Board dissolve the Great Bend Fire Department and consolidate the fire protection districts to save residents money. He also suggested that the Town annex the Town of Rutland. Supervisor Buckley explained that the Great Bend fire district may only be dissolved by a majority vote of its electorate. Mr. Peck agreed that the Great Bend Fire District tax rate is high and that neither the Fire Department nor Fire District funds are openly accounted for.

**Organizational Resolutions**

- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell 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-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to appoint Frances Brooks to the Town Planning Board for a term to expire 12/31/2013. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to set salaries as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to re-adopt the investment and procurement policies and forms without amendment. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, 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. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck 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. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell authorizing officials to attend all necessary schools. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck 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. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to authorize the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor to sign checks. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to designate Family Practice Associates as the firm to perform all necessary alcohol and substance testing. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to acknowledge the Town of Champion as lead agency in regards to the Town of Champion Deicing Facility and further, to issue a negative declaration of environmental impact. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to acknowledge the Town of Champion as lead agency in regards to the Consolidation of Consolidated WD#1, WD#4 and WD#5 and further, to issue a negative declaration of environmental impact. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

### **Monthly Reports**

- Councilmen - Mr. Peck questioned why a portion of NYS Route 26 was closed on January 4<sup>th</sup>. Supervisor Buckley explained that severe icing conditions near Great Bend precipitated the road closing.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick responded to questions regarding future trends. He stated that he will have more information following meetings with NYS ORPS staff.
- Parks - N. Eddy reported that work is proceeding on the fieldstone fireplace.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot reported that the next RACOG comprehensive plan committee meeting is scheduled for January 29<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at the T/Wilna Municipal Building. A draft of the plan has been distributed to committee members and the chief elected officers for comment particularly with respect to the proposed goals and plans. Ms. Amyot distributed a copy of the Villages' Waterfront Development Plan for the Board's review. Ms. Amyot reviewed information regarding the application for an SMSI grant to construct a shared deicing facility including information relevant to monetary assistance from NYSDOT for costs associated with the storage of road materials for use on State highways. Mr. Peck questioned the 30 year contract obligation to the State for reimbursement of costs associated with the storage of road materials. Supervisor Buckley acknowledged the contractual obligation and noted that the NYSDOT has expressed interest in also storing a truck at the highway barn. The Board discussed the engineer's recommendation that the Town construct a wood truss structure for material storage. Resolution offered by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart:

**Whereas**, the NYS Department of State has announced the availability of up to \$200,000 of funding per municipality through the 2008-2009 Local Government Efficiencies Grant under the Efficiency Implementation Program to support contractual services between highway departments for more efficient and effective services; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Champion and the Village of West Carthage are in need of covered storage for deicing materials to provide more efficient and effective highway service; and

**Whereas**, the Town of Champion and Village of West Carthage are eligible to apply for \$400,000 through the 2008-2009 Local Government Efficiencies Grant Program to construct a shared \$732,000 "Deicing Distribution Center;" and

**Whereas**, the Town of Champion will serve as lead applicant and provide the 10% local cash match of \$44,444 through the town budget; and

**Whereas**, the Village of West Carthage has a shared interest in the construction of a Deicing Distribution Center at the Town of Champion Highway Garage for more efficient and effective highway equipment and resource management; and

**Whereas**, the Village of West Carthage will serve as co-applicant to the Town of Champion in pursuing funding through the 2008-2009 Local Government Efficiencies Grant to construct the "Town of Champion: Shared Deicing Distribution Center",

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Town of Champion Board authorizes the submission of an application to the NYS Department of State for \$400,000 through the 2008-2009 Local Government Efficiency Grant Program to construct a \$732,000 Shared Deicing Distribution Center and to serve as lead applicant, in cooperation with the Village of West Carthage as co-applicant; and

**Be It Further Resolved**, that the Town of Champion Board authorizes the Town Supervisor, Terry Buckley, to sign all agreements, certifications and other documents required to complete the application and to accept grants and administer the programs, proposed through the NYS DOS 2008-2009 Local Government Efficiencies Grant Program. Roll call vote: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Peck-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes for December 1 and December 30, 2008 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #1-23.....	\$25,507.95
Highway #1-5.....	\$48,961.42
Con WD#1 O&M #1-4.....	\$13,512.80
WD#4 O&M #1-5.....	\$21,897.60
WD#5 O&M #1.....	\$79.00
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$316.00
SD#2 O&M #1-2.....	\$79.00
WD#5 Capital #1.....	\$26,630.00

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing potential litigation. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:14pm.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to resume open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Open session resumed at 8:25pm.

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

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