

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, February 2 2009 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 session on Monday, February 2, 2009 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell and Peck (8:43pm), Highway Superintendent Sech and Attorney Farley. At the Supervisor’s request, Councilman Peck was excused from the meeting to attend the FDRLO Growth Management study summary.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and invited public comment. Kent Burto, District 7 Legislator, reported that the County received \$500,000 less in sales tax revenues in 2008. The County anticipates that the 2009/10 State budget may have an adverse impact on the County budget.

Cait Schadock, NEPA Program Manager for Fort Drum, presented a copy an environmental assessment for proposed operation of a borrow pit facility. The proposed location of the pit is on 771.80 acres of property located off NYS Route 3 in the Town of Champion. The pit is expected to operate year round until 2015 with between 100-115 trucks operating daily during the height of the construction season. Board members expressed their concern about the impact that the facility may have on residents including: noise, dust, and traffic safety.

Monthly Reports

- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reviewed his written report. Supervisor Buckley recommended that the Town purchase and store the entire allocation from NYS in anticipation of higher costs for salt for the 2009/10 winter season. Members agreed by consensus.
- Parks/Historian - Mrs. Thornton circulated a pictorial report showing the construction of the fieldstone fireplace in 1800 Village Green Park. A spring dedication is planned.
- Circuit Rider - Mrs. Amyot reported on the submittal of grant applications and rescheduled meetings.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of January 5, 2009 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #24-56.....	\$204,392.17
Highway #6-28.....	\$108,968.68
RACOG #1-2.....	\$377.84
Con WD#1 O&M #5-15.....	\$35,198.40
WD#4 O&M #6.....	\$3,350.40
SD#1 O&M #2.....	\$48,840.00
SD#2 O&M #3-5.....	\$159.12
WD#5 Capital #2-3.....	\$193,942.70

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to accept the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded Mr. Stewart to declare the cell phones utilized by the Town Highway Department for business use only in accordance with IRC 280(F)(d)(4). Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell recognizing specific employees who belong to the New York State Retirement System, their retirement numbers and their number of days worked during a bi-weekly pay period. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Mr. Vargulick discussed the state analysis of property values within the Town. The analysis indicates that most values will remain unchanged.
- Supervisor Buckley reviewed the monthly correspondence.
- Councilman Peck joined the meeting at 8:43pm and reported on the FDRLO growth management study summation. The report anticipates growth in the gateway communities, recommends maintenance of a compatible buffer and encourages communication between the Fort and local governments.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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