

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, March 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 monthly session on Monday, March 2, 2009 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck, Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and introduced Michael Chevier, representing Carthage School District. Mr. Chevier explained the school district's concerns regarding the speed limit on the Cole Road and congestion at the intersection with NYS Route 26. The District requests that the Town Board support a resolution requesting that the NYS Department of Transportation conduct a study to establish a lower maximum speed on Cole Road and to consider the installation of a traffic control device at the intersection of Cole Road and NYS Route 26.

Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Peck:
WHEREAS, the Town of Champion has received a request from the Carthage Central School District to establish a lower maximum speed limit at which vehicles may proceed on the Cole Road, a town highway, and;
WHEREAS, the Town of Champion Town Board agrees a reduction in the speed limit is in the best interest of those persons that travel the Cole Road.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion Town Board hereby requests the NYS Department of Transportation, pursuant to Section 1622 of the Vehicle and Traffic Law, to establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed, not to exceed 30mph, on Cole Road. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

Monthly Reports

- Justice - The justice court's annual report was audited by the Board. D. Quinn reported on the recommendations in regards to security as provided by the Office of Court Administration. Supervisor Buckley requested that the Justices' prioritize the recommendations for review during budget preparation.
- Engineer - K. Dimmick reported on the construction progress in WD#5. The mainline has been tested and lateral installation is proceeding. Rural Development has approved funding for the development of the wells and transmission line through a change order to the WD#5 project. The on-site contractor is amenable to negotiating a cost for the additional work including 6000' of 10" water main. The development costs would be shared by the benefiting districts (WD#2, WD#4, and WD#5). Well #1 in WD#2 would be decommissioned resulting in a reduction in the level of required treatment.
- Councilmen - Mr. Peck commented that the assessment consolidation study commissioned by the Jefferson County Board of Legislators has been released. Mr. Peck questioned the assumption, in the report, that centralization would provide improved service to residents. Mr. Peck and Mr. Buzzell questioned a subdivision that was approved by the Planning Board for Champion Enterprises noting that their action created a non-conforming lot.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on activities during the month of February. Eleven hundred fifty tons (1150T) of salt have been purchased to date. Mr. Sech requested that the Board authorize posting the roads. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize the Highway Superintendent to post town roads as he deems necessary. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Parks - L. Thornton reported that the parks committee met and approved the final expenditures for the grant funding. A July 4th dedication of the pavilion is planned.
- Historian - L. Thornton made an presentation to residents of the High Rise and has scheduled presentations to the Scouts.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of February 2, 2009 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #60-84.....	\$68,485.01
Highway #29-52.....	\$50,116.85
RACOG #3-4.....	\$279.00
Con WD#1 O&M #16-20.....	\$2,359.93
SD#2 O&M #6-8.....	\$8,852.92
WD#5 Capital #4-5.....	\$159,915.69

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck:
WHEREAS, the Town of Champion (Town) entered into a contract for the construction of a sewer transportation system known as Sewer District No. 2 (Town Facilities) and;
WHEREAS, the construction of the Town Facility has been completed in accordance with the contract specifications.
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board formally accepts the Town Facilities known as Sewer District No. 2 - Cole Road.
Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to support the recommendation to extend the Black River Trail Scenic Byway; to rename the entire length of NYS 812 as the Maple Traditions Scenic Byway; and to encourage the Governor and Legislature to pass legislation to achieve the above recommendations. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Board members discussed the adoption of Inter-municipal Agreements between WD#2, WD#4 and WD#5 for the purpose of authorizing a funding application for water system improvements for the benefit of residents within those districts.
Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell:
WHEREAS that Water District #2, Water District #4, and Water District #5 in said Town have been studied by the Town Board for the purposes of determining whether joint funding applications, joint development, and joint provision of water shall be necessary, and effective and in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Champion, and
WHEREAS that the Town Board of the Town of Champion has determined that the Water Districts named above shall jointly pursue funding for the erection of improvements including a well house in Water District #4, and
WHEREAS that the erection of said well house and the development of wells within Champion Water District #4 shall benefit all of the water districts named above, and
WHEREAS that it is most efficient for Water District #2, Water District #4, and Water District #5 to act together to provide water from wells in Water District #2 and Water District #4, to store water at Water District #2, to provide water capacity and pressure, to transmit water through Water District #5 for the benefit of Water District 2, Water District #4 and Water District #5, and
WHEREAS that it is in the best interests of the citizens of the Town of Champion that such joint funding and join operation be undertaken,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Champion Water Districts #2, #4, and #5 shall jointly pursue funding for the development of wells and the erection of a well house in Water District #4, and it is further
RESOLVED that each Water District shall provide water supply, water transmissions, and water storage as appropriate, to the other water districts, pursuant to the Inter-municipal Agreement to be executed by Water District #2, Water District #4, and Water District #5, and it is further
RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Champion is authorized and empowered to execute any documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, including, but not limited to, an Inter-municipal Agreement. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Board members agreed by consensus to continue the annual "Clean-Up Days". The clean-up will be conducted the weekends of May 1st -2nd and May 8th -9th. Highway Superintendent Sech will adjust the highway schedule to allow a loader operator to be present for both weekends to assist with the collection.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:48pm.

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