

Organization Town of Champion**Board Town Board****Date and Time Monday, July 6 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, July 6, 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 Sherry Furgison, Furgison & Co. CPA, to present the 2008 audit report. Ms. Furgison reported that the Town received a qualified opinion. Ms. Furgison reviewed the findings noting corrections that have already been made and the Town's acknowledgement of acceptable risk as noted in the response to findings. Councilman Watkins asked for more information regarding the Annual Financial Report. Ms. Furgison responded that the report is generated each year by the Town and submitted to the State Comptroller.

Supervisor Buckley opened the meeting for public comment. Jeff Abbott, 25400 Stewart Drive, voiced his concerns regarding changes to the local neighborhood as a result of the opening of an establishment doing business as "O'Larry's Dolls". Mr. Abbott discussed the effects on the security, morality and commerce in the community. Mr. Abbott summarized his concerns as follows:

Security: Persons loitering in the parking lot; non-professional security ("bouncers") stationed outside the door; scantily clad female employees in clear view of the highway.

Morality: Sexual aspects of the signage; undesirable influence on the youth of the community; business is non-conducive to family/residential areas.

Commerce: loss of tax revenues from prior restaurant use; no tax revenue from current use; detrimental effect on re-sale of neighboring properties; detrimental effect on property values.

Mr. Abbott submitted a petition with the signatures of all nineteen (19) property owners in the Pine Ridge development requesting that the Board take the following action:

1. The removal of ALL the O'Larry's bar signs (located on Route 3 in Great Bend NY) that depict shadows of naked women. This is to include all window signs as well as the main establishment sign.
2. That the bar not be allowed to operate as a lingerie bar/partial strip club in our residential neighborhood.
3. That scantily dressed staff cannot be outside the building without proper cover.

Supervisor Buckley responded to Mr. Abbott, informing him that the Town is working through the courts to correct the alleged violations of the Town zoning law.

Sheryl Abbott asked if steps could be taken to curb the indecent exposure. Supervisor Buckley stated that he would contact the Jefferson County Sheriff's Department regarding that complaint.

Keith Kilgore, 25477 Huntley Lane, discussed the legislation of morality to reflect a community's standards. He stated that the name of the establishment is demeaning to women and expresses disrespect for our community. Mr. Kilgore, a retired Army chaplain, encouraged swift action and strict enforcement of town law to discourage similar businesses. At Supervisor Buckley's request, Mr. Kilgore agreed to forward a personal letter to Maj. Gen. Michael L. Oates, Fort Drum commander, and to Col. Kenneth H. Riddle, the garrison commander stating his concerns as they apply to local military personnel.

Councilman Buzzell asked if the establishment could be made "off-limits" to military personnel. Mr. Kilgore stated that if the establishment is deemed a danger due to issues, including but not limited to, injury or harm to military personnel that the location could be declared "off-limits".

Kent Burto, County Legislator, reported that work on the Jefferson County 2009/10 Snow and Ice Agreement is continuing.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - Mr. Peck stated his opinion that the aforementioned establishment, operating on property owned by Larry J. Lacey Jr., is operating in violation of Town zoning. Mr. Watkins congratulated Mrs. Thornton on the successful event to dedicate the new park pavilion.
- Highway Superintendent - J. Sech reported that road shoulders have been cut on a number of town highways and that most road sides have been mowed. He also stated that one (1) mile of Jackson Road has been re-profiled. No bids were received for the Glider Kit truck. The department will continue minimal maintenance and operate the truck for as long as possible. The department will begin drawing sand, replace the culvert pipe on the Boni Road and repair the "mud boil" on the Hall Road.
- Assessor - W. Vargulick reported that he is developing preliminary numbers for the town wide revaluation.
- Zoning Officer - D. Koster reported that he has issued thirty-seven (37) permits year to date. Mr. Peck questioned if the septic issue on Hall Road has been corrected. Mr. Koster reported that it has been.
- Planning Board - P. LaBarge reported that the Board has reviewed a number of minor subdivision applications.
- Parks/Historian - L. Thornton thanked everyone who attended the dedication for their presence. Forty-six (46) individuals signed the guest book but Mrs. Thornton estimated about sixty (60) persons attended the event. Wayne LaPlatney has resigned from the Park Committee due to relocation. Rita LaBarge has agreed to fill the vacant position.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #2 for 2009 – a local law establishing Town of Champion WD#5 water law was called to order at 7:55pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:56pm.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of June 1 and June 5, 2009 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 #160-193.....	\$44,449.40
Highway #122-147.....	\$58,994.14
RACOG #22-23.....	\$379.02
Con WD#1 O&M #43-54.....	\$19,374.79
WD#4 O&M #10-12.....	\$6,347.79
WD#5 Capital #14-16.....	\$137,149.31
WD#5 O&M #4.....	\$248.34
SD#2 O&M #17-19.....	\$720.54

Mr. Watkins asked for information about a number of vouchers. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adopt Local Law #2 for 2009 – a local law establishing Town of Champion Water District #5 water law as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed and discussed the loan resolution offered by USDA-RUS in the amount of \$252,000 as part of the finance package for the construction of the consolidated water supply project. Resolution by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell authorizing and providing for the incurrence of indebtedness for the purpose of providing a portion of the cost of constructing the consolidated water supply for water districts #2, #4 and #5 in the amount of \$252,000. Roll call vote: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Peck-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Resolution adopted.
- Members reviewed an application notice from Buffalo Inn in connection with the submission to the State Liquor Authority of the applicant's on premises alcoholic beverage license application. The Board agreed, by consensus, that it had no objections to the issuance of an on-premise alcoholic beverage license for the Buffalo Inn, 34519 South Lake Road, Carthage.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to set a public hearing for Monday, August 3, 2009 at 7pm to hear public comment regarding the draft Town comprehensive plan in conjunction with the Town Planning Board. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to accept the auditor's report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:45pm.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:20pm.
- The Board discussed a proposal offered by the Town of Clayton for shared highway services. The Board concluded that the proposed agreement would not significantly benefit the Town at this time.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:30pm.

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