

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, August 3 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, August 3, 2009 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck, Attorney Farley and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the draft Comprehensive Plan was called to order, in conjunction with the Town Planning Board, at 7:00pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one from the public spoke for or against the proposed plan. The following town officials spoke in favor of the Comprehensive Plan:

- Peter Labarge, Planning Board Chairman
- Thomas Stewart, Councilman
- Terry L. Buckley, Town Supervisor

Councilmen Watkins and Peck noted numerous typographical, grammatical and factual errors. Supervisor Buckley requested that members submit corrections on or before September 12, 2009. Mr. LaBarge requested that the zoning map (page 17) be corrected to accurately reflect the location and designation of the zoning districts.

All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:57pm.

Supervisor Buckley opened the meeting for public comment. Joseph Powell, 35681 Line School Road, discussed a hollow located near a drainage pipe located between his driveways. Mr. Powell submitted pictures of the area for the record. Highway Superintendent Sech explained that the location of the culvert pipes allows proper drainage of the area despite its limited slope. He agreed that it was possible to "T" the three (3) pipes but cautioned that it would be at a considerable expense. Attorney Farley reminded the Board that town funds may not be expended for work on private property unless the action is necessary to maintain the safe conditions of the roadway. Supervisor Buckley agreed to inspect the site with the Town Engineer to ascertain the probable cost of reconfiguring the drainage design.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - Mr. Peck questioned the status of O’Larry’s Pub. (Attorney Farley responded during his report.) Mr. Buzzell questioned the status of the Patriot Estates project relative to the Town’s well project. Supervisor Buckley responded that he does not anticipate any construction on the consolidated district before late fall.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported that work is progressing on road shoulder and ditch maintenance. Thirty-six ton (36T) of asphalt was purchased to repair driveways on Jackson II Road that were affected by the road resurfacing at a cost of \$1,600. The "mud boil" on Hall Road has been repaired and will be resurfaced. Equipment is in good repair.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick reported that he has a meeting scheduled with the County RPTS to prepare for the town wide revaluation.
- Town Attorney - Mr. Farley reported that the Zoning Officer has submitted prepared documentation to his office relative to the alleged zoning violations committed by Larry Lacey, DBA/O’Larry’s Pub. Mr. Farley will present the case in town court.
- Parks/Historian - Mrs. Thornton reported that the concert held on August 2nd was sparsely attended due to the lack of public transportation. The Wilna- Champion Transportation Association reported that they were unable to get a driver. The Hiram Hubbard House has been placed on the State Register of Historic Places and the State has forwarded the nomination to the Keeper of the National Register. Mark Freeman has donated a collection of scrapbooks created by Mildred McCallops. Mrs. Thornton will catalogue the collection for local historical research.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot informed members that the State is soliciting application packages for the Local Government Efficiency Grant cycle. Ms. Amyot will meet with a State representative to discuss the prior application and ways to strengthen the it for re-submittal.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of July 6, 2009 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 #196-216.....	\$12,985.07
Highway #148-170.....	\$92,800.95
RACOG #24-25.....	\$93.90
Con WD#1 O&M #55-60.....	\$7,866.21
WD#5 O&M #5.....	\$361.24
SD#2 O&M #20-21.....	\$620.57
WD#5 Capital #17-18.....	\$30,575.23

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Buckley reported that the unpaid balance owed by Stephen Converse will be levied to his 2010 property tax. Mr. Converse has requested that the Town waive the vacant capital charge on the parcels he owns in Champion Heights in Water District #2. The adopted Town water law assesses a fee of \$10.00/quarter flat rate for undeveloped parcels. The Board agreed by consensus to deny the waiver request. The developer also requested permission to stage the completion of Lewis Loop Extension by installing the binder this autumn and applying the hot top in 2010. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the staged completion of the Lewis Loop Extension by the developer (Steve Converse) at the developer's expense. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Members reviewed the proposed contract with DANC for the operation and maintenance of Sewer District #2. Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Buzzell; RESOLVED, that the Supervisor of the Town of Champion is hereby authorized to execute the agreement between the Town of Champion and the Development Authority of the North Country for the operation and maintenance of sewer facilities known as "Town of Champion Sewer District No. 2". Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to reschedule the September meeting of the Town Board for Tuesday, September 8, 2009 due to the Labor Day holiday. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:22pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk