

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, October 5 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, October 5, 2009 at the Town of Champion Municipal Office Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, and Peck, Highway Superintendent Sech and Attorney Farley. Councilman Buzzell was absent from the meeting.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. Doug and Kelly O'Connor, 21735 Cole Road, have requested that the Great Bend Fire District remove their property from the boundaries of the District. They assert that they receive no protection service from the District. Jefferson County Emergency Management has stated that in the event of a fire emergency they would dispatch the West Carthage Fire Department to the O'Connor home. Attorney Farley stated that based on Section 172-a of the Town Law that the alteration of boundaries of a fire district is only possible by the consensual agreement of one or more fire districts but may not "exclude territory previously situate therein". Since there is only one fire district in the Town, there can be not amendment to the boundaries and in any case, the boundaries may not be diminished.

Supervisor Buckley directed Attorney Farley to examine the description for incorporation of the Fire District to determine with certainty that the subject parcel was included in the boundary description. The Town will advise the O'Connor's in regards to their findings.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer - Mr. Dimmick reported that the design for the extension of WD#4 has been completed and forwarded to NYSDOH for action. Mr. Dimmick presented a rendering prepared by the hydrologist studying potential well sites to service WD#2, 4, and 5. Pending discussions with experienced well drillers, Mr. Dimmick stated that the report will be completed along with a recommendation.
- Councilmen - Mr. Peck spoke regarding his concerns with the decision, by NYSDEC, to ban burning in open barrels. The new rules take effect on October 14, 2009. Mr. Watkins asked about the status of the revisions to the Comprehensive Plan. The clerk reported that the revisions have been made to the text and mapping as directed by the Board. The plan will be reprinted, submitted to Jefferson County Planning for review and brought back to the Town Board for action.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on the department's activities for the prior month. Supervisor Buckley asked if the Highway Superintendent anticipated a request from the County for the Town to take ownership of the road known as "County Route 197". Mr. Sech stated that he expects the County to request the change. Mr. Stewart voiced concern regarding the condition of the guiderails on County Route 47. In response to a question from Mr. Sech, K. Amyot reported that the next meeting of the JIMI project is scheduled for October 20th from 10am-12pm.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick recommended that the Board take action to raise the maximum eligible income for the Senior Aged property tax exemption. Currently, the maximum income is \$18,500. Mr. Vargulick suggested raising it to \$21,700. Thirty-three residents are presently receiving the exemption.
- Parks/Historian - Mrs. Thornton reported that the Hiram Hubbard House has been listed the National Register of Historic Places. A pre-contract meeting was held with Gayle Underhill Plumb, OPRHP, to discuss administration of the project grant. Mrs. Thornton reported that she has scheduled a number of presentations to elementary students and senior citizens to discuss aspects of local history. Due to the poor attendance at the summer concerts and the high cost to contract with performer, Mrs. Thornton suggested contacting local amateur talent to invite them to perform.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the minutes of September 8, 2009 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #247-268.....	\$21,333.81
Highway #192-211.....	\$34,897.74
RACOG #34-36.....	\$11,725.71
Con WD#1 O&M #66-80.....	\$12,403.17
WD#4 O&M #13-16.....	\$4,850.39
WD#5 O&M #7-10.....	\$1,767.76
SD#1 O&M #4-5.....	\$35,763.00
SD#2 O&M #26-28.....	\$159.08
WD#5 Capital #22-24.....	\$13,854.99

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Supervisor Buckley distributed copies of the 2010 preliminary budget for the Board's review and comment. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to schedule a public hearing on the budget for November 2, 2009 at 7:15pm. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart; seconded by Mr. Peck;
RESOLVED, that Terry L. Buckley, as Town Supervisor of the Town of Champion, is hereby authorized and directed to file an application for funds from the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historic Preservation in accordance with the provisions of Title 9 of the Environmental Protection Act of 1993, in an amount not to exceed \$135,000, and upon approval of such request to enter into and execute a project agreement with the State for such financial assistance to the Town of Champion for the Hiram Hubbard House Restoration Project and, if appropriate, a conservation easement/preservation covenant to the deed of the assisted property.

Supervisor Buckley.....aye
Councilman Stewart.....aye
Councilman Watkins.....aye
Councilman Buzzell..... absent
Councilman Peck.....aye

Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:40pm.

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