

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Tuesday, March 9 2010 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 special session on Tuesday, March 9, 2010 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 N Broad St., West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilman Stewart and Peck and Attorney Farley. Councilmen Watkins and Buzzell were excused.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and reported on the recent closure of O'Larry's Dolls, in Great Bend, by the NYS Liquor Authority. Mr. Lacey has suggested that he intends to reopen the establishment as a juice bar and also feature adult oriented entertainment. Members reviewed the current regulations in regards to adult entertainment. T. Farley stated that Local Law #1 for 1988-to Regulate the Establishment and Location of Adult Entertainment Uses recognizes the "significant adverse impacts on the surrounding community and that the unrestrained proliferation of such businesses is inconsistent with existing development and future plans for the Town of Champion" and that "the deleterious effects of [adult entertainment] change the economic, social, and moral character of the existing community and adversely affect existing businesses and community and family life". T. Farley explained that such uses cannot be banned since they are protected under the first amendment of the United States Constitution. The current zoning law does allow the Town to prosecute violations within the definitions and provisions of the law. T. Farley explained that the Town Board may adopt a moratorium to allow the Board to study potential secondary impacts to the community in regards to adult oriented businesses. Mr. Farley distributed a point paper and regulations as adopted by other communities. The Board agreed, by consensus, to review the materials and to forward them to the Town Planning Board for recommendation.

Supervisor Buckley reviewed the membership list provided by the Champion Volunteer Fire Department at the March 1, 2010 Town Board meeting. After being contacted by a number of persons on the list, Supervisor Buckley has determined that the number of members was overstated. The revised list indicates eleven (11) active members and, of those, only seven (7) members are trained. Supervisor Buckley stated, that to his knowledge, none of the active membership is certified for interior firefighting. In a conversation with Supervisor Buckley, Fire Chief Waite admitted that the fire department does not have harness gear. Supervisor Buckley has discussed the contractual obligations of the fire department with Joseph Plummer, Jefferson County Emergency Management Coordinator. The Board acknowledged that departments state wide are having a difficult time recruiting volunteers but the Board also acknowledged the need to provide adequate fire protection to the residents of the Town. Attorney Farley was directed to review regulations for non-profit corporations as they may apply to fire departments and to draft a new contract with the Champion Volunteer Fire Department for their review and signature.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:29pm.

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