

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, October 4 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 regular monthly session on Monday, October 4, 2010 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 opened the meeting for public comment. Steve Gamble, representing the Missing Link Snowmobile Club, asked for the Board’s endorsement of a grant application through the Office of Parks, Recreation and Historical Preservation in the amount of \$148,000 for a Tucker 2000 Sno-Cat trail groomer.

Resolution offered by Councilman Buzzell, seconded by Councilman Peck;

WHEREAS, the Missing Link Snowmobile Club is applying to the New York State Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program for a trail project located within the territorial jurisdiction of this Town of Champion: and
WHEREAS, as a requirement under the rules of these programs, said not-for-profit corporation must obtain the “approval/endorsement of the governing body of the municipality in which the project will be located”;
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by this august body, that the Town Board of Town of Champion hereby does approve and endorse the application of Missing Link Snowmobile Club for a grant under the Recreational Trails Program for a trail project known as Tucker 2000 Sno-Cat trail groomer and located within this community.

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

Resolution adopted.

Robert Blank, 35730 Sayre Road, presented a petition supporting the reduction of the speed limit on the Sayre Road from 55mph to 40mph between the intersection with NYS Route 126 and the North Country Fellowship Church. Mr. Blank noted the increased use of the road due to an increase in residential density and the construction of schools. Mr. Blank stated that the request meets the transportation goals adopted in the Town’s Comprehensive Plan.

Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Peck;

WHEREAS, the Town of Champion has received a petition from residents in the area of Sayre Road to establish a lower maximum speed limit at which vehicles may proceed on the Sayre Road, a town highway, and;
WHEREAS, the Town of Champion Town Board agrees that a reduction in the speed limit is in the best interest of those persons that travel the Sayre 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, establish a lower maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed, not to exceed 40mph, on Sayre Road.

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

Resolution adopted.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the extension of WD#5 was called to order at 7:17pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the proposed action. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing closed at 7:19pm.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen – J. Peck reported that he had met with Joe Plummer, Jefferson County Director of Emergency Management, regarding a FOIL request to obtain information relative to the training and response of the Champion Volunteer Fire Department. Mr. Plummer advised that the Board meet with the respective fire chiefs and himself if the Board decides that it is in the best interest of the Town to make changes to the coverage areas. Mr. Plummer stated that Champion Fire Department fails to take advantage of available training and does not reciprocate municipal aid. According to Mr. Plummer, the Champion Fire Department has suggested

that it will declare that it will not fire interior fires. Supervisor Buckley stated that the Town Board owes it to the taxpayer to provide the best fire protection that it can afford. Pending Mr. Peck's receipt of his FOIL request, a meeting will be scheduled with Mr. Plummer to make a decision about the fire protection contract between the Town and the Champion Volunteer Fire Department.

Mr. Stewart thanked Highway Superintendent Sech and the highway department for accomplishing an emergency project on the Watson Road necessitated by a rain event and the subsequent collapse of a section of the roadway.

Supervisor Buckley reported that Dr. William Wiley has consented to continue to serve as Town Health Officer.

- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported on activities related to the repairs to the Watson Road. A five foot (5'0") culvert pipe has been installed and the road is expected to fully reopen this week. Sand has been drawn for the Village of West Carthage. All trucks have passed inspection. The motor was replaced on the air compressor.
- Town Attorney – Attorney Farley consulted the Board in regards to the proposed Town Dog Law. The law will be completed and distributed to Board members for their review and action.
- Parks – Mrs. Thornton reported that 200 daffodil bulbs will be planted around the pavilion.
- Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that Peter Rogers had the Noadiah Hubbard desk delivered to the Town Municipal Building for storage pending completion of work in the Hiram Hubbard House.
- Circuit Rider – Ms. Amyot discussed the planning initiative.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of September 7 and September 22, 2010 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #219-254.....	\$16,675.08
Highway #192-215.....	\$20,295.39
RACOG #33-39.....	\$1,151.02
Con WD#1 O&M #61-65.....	\$5,025.70
WD#5 O&M #17.....	\$256.34
SD#1 O&M #5-6.....	\$35,763.00
SD#2 O&M #26-27.....	\$3,710.29

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 report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

• **New Business**

Resolution offered by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell;

WHEREAS, a map, plan and report relating to the extension of the Town of Champion Water District No. 5 prepared by BERNIER, CARR & ASSOCIATES, duly licensed engineers of the State of New York has been prepared, in a manner and in such detail as has been determined by this Town Board, has been duly filed with the Town Clerk, in accordance with the requirements of Article 12-A of the Town Law; and WHEREAS, an Order was duly adopted by this Town Board on September 7, 2010 reciting the filing of said map, plan and report, the improvements proposed, the boundaries of the proposed extended district, the proposed method of financing, the fact that the map, plan and report describing the same were on file in the Town Clerk's Office for public inspection and stating all other matters required by law to be stated and specifying October 4, 2010 as the date at 7:00 p.m. on said day as the time and the Town of Champion Offices, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage, New York, 13619, as the place where this Town Board would meet and consider said map, plan and report and to hear all persons interested in the subject thereof, concerning the same, and to take such action thereon as is required or authorized by law; and

WHEREAS, such Order was duly published and posted as required by law; and

WHEREAS, the estimated annual cost of the typical property owner within the district is \$575.00; and

WHEREAS, there shall be no separate hookup fees to the typical property owner which connects to the water system during the construction of the project; and

WHEREAS, said hook up fee shall be \$450 to a typical property owner which connects after the completion and acceptance of the project; and

WHEREAS, said hearing on said matter was duly held by said Town Board on September 13, 2010 at 7:50 p.m. on said day in the Town of Champion, Town Offices, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage, New York, 13619, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board did form Water District No. 5 pursuant to law and as more particularly set forth in that certain Order Forming Water District dated December 3, 2007 and filed in the Office of the Jefferson County Clerk under File No. 2008-00008 on February 22, 2008 and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a portion of said property was inadvertently excluded from the original formation of the Water District and should be included therein, and

WHEREAS, the engineers for the Town of Champion prepared a map and description showing the land to be included in the Water District No. 5, and

WHEREAS, the boundaries of the extended Water District No. 5 shall be as set forth in Schedule "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof,

NOW IT IS RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

- (a) That the notice of hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise

sufficient;

- (b) That all property and property owners within the proposed extended district are benefited thereby;
- (c) That all property and property owners benefited are included within the limits of the proposed extended district;
- (d) That it is in the public interest to extend said district; and be it further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

That the extension of Water District No. 5 as set forth in the map, plan and report be approved; that the improvements therein mentioned be constructed by the Town; and such district shall be known and designated as "Town of Champion", Water District No. 5 as extended and shall be bounded and described as set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and made a part hereof; and be it further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

The improvements proposed for said Water facilities shall consist of the construction of water lines, pumps, tanks and land acquisition and/or easements, all as more fully described in the map, plan and report hereinbefore described at a maximum estimated cost of not more than \$1,699,000.00, which cost shall be paid in the form by the Town of Champion in the amount of \$1,700,000 which bond shall be repaid by a combination of grant and loan in the approximate amounts of \$1,400,000 for grant, and \$325,000 for loan to be obtained by the Town of Champion in full faith and credit that the Town of Champion shall be pledged for the repayment of the bond; and be it further

RESOLVED AND DETERMINED:

That the Town Clerk be and hereby is authorized and directed to file a certified copy of this Order in the Jefferson County Clerk's Office and in the Office of the New York State Comptroller pursuant to the provisions of Section 195 of the Town Law and shall publish this Order pursuant to Article 12-A of the Town Law subject to a permissive referendum.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Supervisor Buckley, on the recommendation of the Highway Superintendent, discussed a used tire collection program. The tires would be collected at the Town Barn and transported to the Jefferson County Waste Management facility on NYS Route 12 for disposal. Members discussed user fees and a limit on the number of tires accepted for disposal from individuals. Members suggested that the program should be run two days for two consecutive weeks. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to collect used tires from Town residents, up to ten per day, at no cost to the residents. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley presented the 2011 preliminary town budget to the Board. The public hearing on the budget will be held November 1, 2010 at 7:15pm.
- The Board scheduled a public hearing on Local Law #4 for 2010 - A Local Law Concerning the Licensing of Dogs for November 1, 2010 at 7:30pm.
- Supervisor Buckley discussed the re-adoption of the Uniform Tax Exemption and Guidelines as proposed by the Jefferson County Industrial Development Agency (IDA). Supervisor Buckley explained that developers/businesses that obtain a PILOT or Sale Lease-Back are exempted from the payment of sales and use tax and/or mortgage recording tax. While the IDA benefits through their fee structure, local municipalities, in addition to the County and State, lose significant revenue. Supervisor Buckley requested authorization to forward a letter to the JCIDA, jointly with the V/West Carthage, requesting that the policy be amended to give the local municipality a larger role in decisions regarding PILOT's and Sale Lease-Back Transactions. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to jointly sign the letter with the V/West Carthage as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley reported that he is requested a quote for workers' compensation coverage through NYS Municipal Workers' Compensation Alliance.
- Supervisor Buckley questioned the Board in regards to the annual audit, suggesting that a biennial review would be appropriate due to the lack of significant findings. The Board took no action.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:50pm.

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