

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, May 2 2011 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, May 2, 2011 at the Town of Champion Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were: Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck(7:10), Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. Justice Quinn suggested that the Board have a fence built along the perimeter of the parking lot to limit thru traffic.

Monthly Reports

- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported on the following monthly activities of the highway department including: cold patch, installation of signage, equipment repair, and building/park maintenance. Mr. Sech informed the Board that the radio broad band width will be eliminated in 2012 and recommended the purchase of new narrow band radio equipment and submitted two quotes from Well’s Communications and United Radio. The quote from Well’s Communications was in the amount of \$9,208.75 but did not include labor or the cost of the licensing. The quote from United Radio was in the amount of \$10,143.79 and included charges for labor and licensing. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to accept the quote for a Motorola MTR 3000 radio base, radio equipment, and related materials and services at a cost not to exceed \$10,143.79 from United Radio as the lowest responsible quote. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Town Attorney – Mr. Farley approved the proposed IMA between the Town and the Village of West Carthage for police coverage at the Twin Village Swimming Facility as to form.
- Planning – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Board has approved site plans for the Long Falls Baptist Church and the Carthage Mennonite Church. The public hearing for the Meadowbrook Terrace Assisted Living Facility has been held and a decision is pending.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that waste containers have been set in the Village Green Park. Mrs. Thornton has received inquiries in regards to the following: the War of 1812 and Augustinian Academy. Mrs. Thornton is working in cooperation with Janet Zando to write and publish a book on the History of Champion, Great Bend and Deferiet.
- Circuit Rider – Mrs. Amyot spoke about support for the Tug Hill Commission which is undergoing a SAGE review.
- Engineer – Gregor Smith, Bernier, Carr & Associates, reported that SHPO is inspecting the site proposed for the Consolidated Water Supply project for evidence of artifacts. The department of Fish and Wildlife is inspecting the project site for potential impact on habitats. Results from the Farney Pit well sampling appear to be within acceptable parameters. The sampling results have been forwarded to NYSDOH and the hydrogeologist for review. A report on the safe yield is pending.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the Local Law #1 for 2011 - Amendments to the Town Zoning Law was called to order at 7:15pm by Supervisor Buckley. P. LaBarge spoke in favor of the proposed amendments. No one spoke in opposition. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:20pm.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of April 4, 2011 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

- General #101-126.....\$29,329.63
- Highway #55-72.....\$32,599.91
- RACOG #14.....\$74.90
- Con WD#1 O&M #25-29.....\$10,611.23
- WD#4 O&M #7.....\$6,477.05
- WD#5 O&M #10-11.....\$1,513.98
- SD#1 O&M #4.....\$1,320.00
- SD#2 O&M #10-11.....\$233.79

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- The Board discussed the proposed amendments to the Town Zoning Law. Mr. Watkins questioned a number of points for clarification and suggested one edit- to include the word “is” in Section 528a of the

amended language. P. LaBarge and P. Street, THC, responded to questions regarding the planning committee's work. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adopt Local Law #1 for 2011 - Amendments to the Town Zoning Law as presented with the suggested edit. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to send a certificate of recognition to Augustinian Academy to acknowledge their 125th anniversary. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- L. Thornton reported that a person had been observed on several occasions using a metal detector in the Village Green Park. There is evidence of excavation in and around the historical building sites. The NYS Police were contacted and given information. The responding officer recommended that the Town adopt regulations for the park to facilitate enforcement. Attorney Farley will prepare a law for Board action to include the following regulations: dawn to dusk operation unless a permit states otherwise; no digging or excavation; no removal of artifacts; no camping; no snowmobiles or all-terrain vehicles in park; no disturbance of vegetation; and no glass containers. The Board agreed, by consensus, to schedule a public hearing on the new law on June 6, 2011 at 7:15pm.
- Board members reviewed a proposed Inter-municipal Agreement between the Town and the Village of West Carthage stating that the Village police force shall have jurisdiction and the ability to patrol the municipal swimming area located outside the jurisdiction of the Village and within the jurisdiction of the Town. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Inter-municipal Agreement between the Town and the Village of West Carthage to allow the Village police force to have jurisdiction and the ability to patrol the municipal swimming area. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley reported on a conversation with Carl McLaughlin, FDRLO Executive Director, regarding a proposal to close NYS Route 26 at the boundary with Fort Drum by 2013. The Board expressed its concern that such an action would isolate the Hamlet of Great Bend and have a detrimental impact on local businesses. The Board cited a number of impacts on persons currently traveling that section of the state highway including: significant increases in travel time; traffic congestion on the roadways to the remaining gates; increased time for mutual aid responses for both fire and ambulance; and the increased cost of travel based on longer routes. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to forward a letter to NYSDOT in strong opposition to closing any part of NYS Route 26 for the reasons stated. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Copies of the letter shall also be forwarded to the FDRLO, NYS Legislators, and Governor Cuomo.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

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