

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Tuesday, July 5 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 Tuesday, July 5, 2011 at the Town Municipal Office, 10 N Broad St., West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins (7:05), Peck, and Buzzell (7:04), and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer - Gregor Smith, BC&A, informed members that responses have been received from the involved agencies in regards to lead agent status for both the Consolidated Water Supply project and the Extension of WD#4. None of the agencies had any issue with the Town acting as lead agent. The Board reviewed and responded to Part 2 of the SEQR for the Consolidated Water Supply project. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to make a declaration of negative impact as a result of the project. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. The Board reviewed and responded to Part 2 of the SEQR for the Water District #4 Extension project. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to make a declaration of negative impact as a result of the project. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. G. Smith reported that a biologist has delineated the areas of potential bat habitat in the Consolidated Water Supply project. These areas may be worked in between October 1st and April 1st. The information shall be shared with NYSDEC. The hydro-geologist's report has been forwarded to NYSDOH for comment. Designs, plans and specifications for the project construction shall be submitted to NYSDOH and USDA-Rural Development next week.
- Councilmen - Mr. Peck reported that the next meeting of the Fire Task Force is scheduled for July 14, 2011 at 7:00pm at the Carthage Area Rescue Squad. Mr. Watkins commented on the response received from NYSDOT in regards to the proposed closure of a portion of NYS Route 26 in Fort Drum. Mr. Stewart reported that he and Mr. Watkins attended the Black River Watershed workshop.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on activities completed and on-going in the highway department including: paving Watson Road, roadside mowing, construction on VanBrocklin Road, equipment maintenance, and radio replacement. The department will be assisting the V/West Carthage with road construction in July. Mr. Sech recommended that the Board declare the low band width radios and base station as excess equipment. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to declare the low band width radio equipment as surplus equipment and furthermore, authorized the Highway Superintendent to sell the equipment for the best offer. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Planning Board - Mr. LaBarge reported that there are no pending applications.

Mr. Peck noted that the vote recorded in the June minutes regarding a new fire department member should be corrected to read "Ayes-4, Nays-0". Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the minutes as corrected. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #160-181.....	\$10,813.72
Highway #99-118.....	\$46,443.86
RACOG #21.....	\$76.04
Con WD#1 O&M #43-45.....	\$3,170.04
WD#4 O&M #13.....	\$264.67
SD#1 O&M #7.....	\$1,386.24
SD#2 O&M #16-17.....	\$2,530.91

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Supervisor Buckley noted that year-to-date revenues are up and expenses are down. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- The Town Clerk reported that no RFP's were received for the maintenance/repair project at the WD#2 water plant. Supervisor Buckley recommended discussing the scope of work with Steve Converse since he is already mobilized in the area. Board members agreed by consensus.
- Supervisor Buckley discussed the request for a PILOT, as received from JCIDA, for Mohawk, Adirondack, & Northern Railroad. Supervisor Buckley asserted that the railroad has not met their obligations as agreed to in

the 2002 PILOT agreement and that since the agreement expired in 2006, that the railroad was liable for taxes. He explained that he believes that the railroad is using the PILOT to avoid the County foreclosure process that would follow any failure to pay taxes. The former PILOT allows the JCIDA to foreclose for non-payment but it has not enforced that option to date. Supervisor Buckley informed members that a meeting between the involved entities is scheduled for later this month.

- Board members considered an option to deduct ROTH contributions as requested by employees through the Deferred Compensation Plan. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to allow participation in ROTH contribution plan. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members reviewed a mileage reporting document distributed by Supervisor Buckley. Supervisor Buckley recommended that elected and appointed officials be required to complete the mileage log and to submit it on a monthly basis for mileage reimbursement. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to require that a completed log be filed on a monthly basis for mileage reimbursement. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion to by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

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