

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, October 3 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, October 3, 2011 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell and Peck 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. Louis Waite, representing the CVFD, distributed the quarterly summary of calls.

**Monthly Reports**

- Engineer – Gregor Smith, BC&A, announced the bid results for the Consolidated Water Supply project. The apparent low bidders are as follows: General Construction – Barber Corporation; Pipeline – North Country Contractors; Electrical – Dow Electric. The bid results have been sent to USDA-RD for review and approval.
- Parks/Historian – The Shadow Chasers event is sold out for October 15, 2011. Mrs. Thornton announced that Holly White Armstrong has donated the painted mantle stone from the White family home to the 4 River Valleys Historical Society.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported the following: the shoulders on VanBrocklin Road have been installed; tires were replaced on the Case; the screen has been winterized; all vehicles have passed inspection; a new compressor has been ordered; winter hours will resume on October 11<sup>th</sup>.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #3 for 2011 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c was called to order at 7:15pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the local law. Supervisor Buckley explained the process for calculating the tax levy. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:23pm.

Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes of September 6 and September 15, 2011 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #237-271.....	\$20,235.36
Highway #158-178.....	\$92,000.61
RACOG #32-36.....	\$15,433.50
Con WD#1 O&M #62-70.....	\$5,390.74
WD#4 O&M #11-12.....	\$7,946.72
WD#5 O&M #19-20.....	\$2,271.13
SD#1 O&M #9.....	\$35,760.00
SD#2 O&M #24-26.....	\$3,765.09
WD#5 Capital #6-7.....	\$86,722.24

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

**New Business**

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adopt Local Law #3 for 2011 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to schedule a public hearing on the 2012 preliminary budget for Monday, November 7, 2011 at 7:15pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to re-appoint Terry L. Buckley as the Town appointee to the Carthage Industrial Development Corporation. Mr. Watkins commented on the benefit to the Town of having a member serving from the Town of Champion. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The following resolution was offered for adoption by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Peck.

Resolution Authorizing the Chief Executive Officer to sign an agreement on behalf of the Town to permit the highway department head to share services with the highway department head in other municipalities who possess similar authorization for the borrowing or lending of materials and supplies and the exchanging, leasing, renting or maintaining of machinery and equipment, including the operators thereof, for the purpose of aiding the highway department head in the performance of his/her duties.

Whereas all municipalities, including the Town of Champion, have the power and authority to agreement for the purpose of renting, leasing, exchanging, borrowing or maintaining of machinery and equipment, with or

without operators, with other municipalities, and;

Whereas, all municipalities, including the Town of Champion have the power and authority to borrow or lend materials and supplies to other municipalities, and;

Whereas, all municipalities, including the Town of Champion, have the power and authority to borrow or lend materials and supplies to other municipalities, and;

Whereas, it is hereby determined that the Town of Champion and other municipalities have machinery and equipment which is not used during certain periods, and;

Whereas, it is determined that the Town of Champion and other municipalities often have materials and supplies on hand which are not immediately needed, and;

Whereas, it is hereby determined that by renting, borrowing, exchanging, leasing or maintaining highway machinery and equipment and the borrowing or lending of materials and supplies, the Town of Champion and other municipalities may avoid the necessity of purchasing certain needed highway machinery and equipment and the purchasing of or storing a large inventory of certain extra materials and supplies, thereby saving the taxpayers money, and;

Whereas it is incumbent upon each municipality to design a simple method whereby materials and supplies, equipment and machinery, including the operators thereof, may be obtained or maintained with a minimum of paperwork and inconvenience and with a swift approval process, and;

Whereas, it is the intent of this Town of Champion to give the head of the highway department the authority to enter into renting, exchanging, borrowing, lending or maintaining arrangements with the persons serving in similar capacities in other municipalities without the necessity of obtaining approval of the Town governing board prior to the making of each individual arrangements, and;

Whereas, a standard Agreement has been prepared which is expected to be adopted and placed into effect in other municipalities, and will grant the person holding the position comparable to that of the head of the highway department, authority to make similar arrangements, and;

Whereas, it is hereby determined that it will be in the best interests of the Town of Champion to be a party to such shared services arrangements;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the chief executive officer of is hereby authorized to sign on behalf of the Town, the Shared Highway Services Agreement.

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

Resolution adopted

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to award the contracts for the construction of the Consolidated Water Supply project to the following as the low responsible bidders:
  - Contract 1: General Construction - Barber Corporation....\$264,400
  - Contract 2: Pipeline - North Country Contractors.....\$445,554
  - Contract 3: Electrical - Dow Electric.....\$78,000

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Buzzell
 

**Whereas**, the Town Board has determined the necessity to override the tax levy limit in order to finance funding increases to the Champion Fire Protection District; and

**Whereas**, this resolution is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a resolution approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board;

**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Champion, County of Jefferson is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2012 on behalf of the Champion Fire Protection District that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law, §3-c.

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

Resolution adopted.

- Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Buzzell;  
**Whereas**, the Town Board has determined the necessity to override the tax levy limit in order to finance operations and maintenance expenses for Town of Champion Sewer District #1; and  
**Whereas**, this resolution is adopted pursuant to subdivision 5 of the General Municipal Law §3-c, which expressly authorizes the Town Board to override the tax levy limit by the adoption of a resolution approved by vote of sixty percent (60%) of the Town Board;  
**Now Therefore Be It Resolved**, that the Town Board of the Town of Champion, County of Jefferson is hereby authorized to adopt a budget for the fiscal year 2012 on behalf of the Town of Champion Sewer District #1 that requires a real property tax levy in excess of the amount otherwise proscribed in General Municipal Law, §3-c.  
Supervisor Buckley.....aye  
Councilman Stewart.....aye  
Councilman Watkins.....aye  
Councilman Buzzell.....aye  
Councilman Peck.....aye

Resolution adopted.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to go into executive session to discuss proposed litigation. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:55pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:23pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:23pm.

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