

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, December 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 Monday, December 5, 2011 at the Town of Champion Municipal Building, 10 N. Broad St., West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck (7:08), Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

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 – Supervisor Buckley reported that the Oneida Nation anticipated action on the Town’s USDA application for the Consolidated Water Supply Project this week.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported on the status of equipment maintenance including retrofitting the fuel tanks as mandated by the NYSDEC.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that the majority of the Senior STAR applications have been received. Agricultural exemption renewal applications have been mailed out.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton thanked the Highway department for the Christmas star that was constructed and hung on the park pavilion. She reported that the 4 River Valleys Historical Society is offering a 3-D Christmas decoration depicting the Hiram Hubbard House to benefit the restoration fund. Mrs. Thornton has submitted an article and photographs to the National Grange magazine. The article details the recent ghost hunter events held at the Hiram Hubbard House and the Champion Grange. The Shadow Chasers will return in the spring to conduct a further investigation of paranormal activities at the Hiram Hubbard House and the Champion Grange.
- Circuit Rider – Mr. Buckley asked Ms. Amyot to check into a bill received by the Town for the annual software license in connection with the JIMI project. Ms. Amyot agreed to report the Town’s position to the Tug Hill Commission.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of November 7, 2011 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to pay the following bills as presented with the exception of Highway voucher #203, payable to the Lewis County Department of Economic Development.

General #293-316.....	\$16,596.29
Highway #202-226.....	\$22,708.56
RACOG #39-44.....	\$652.16
Con WD#1 O&M #77-83.....	\$32,554.93
WD#5 O&M #22-23.....	\$646.47
SD#1 O&M #10.....	\$2,524.50
SD#2 O&M #30.....	\$120.83

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. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to re-appoint James Seamans to the Board of Assessment Review for a term ending September 30, 2016.
- Board members reviewed the language to amend the applicable penalties for the subdivision and zoning laws. The penalty would reduce the possible jail sentence to fifteen (15) days. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to schedule a public hearing for Local Law #1 for 2012 – A Local Law Amending the Town of Champion Subdivision Law to Provide for Reduced Penalties for Violations and for Local Law #2 for 2012 - A Local Law Amending the Town of Champion Zoning Law to Provide for Reduced Penalties for Violations on January 2, 2012 at 7:45pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members agreed, by consensus, to schedule the year end meeting for Friday, December 30, 2011 at 10:00am.
- Supervisor Buckley read a letter from Lynn Bretsch, on behalf of the residents of Bach Road. The residents, by petition, requested reconstruction of the road. Photographs of portions of the road were also included. Supervisor Buckley stated to Mr. Bretsch that the Board had inspected the road during the annual road tour and tentatively scheduled the road for reconstruction in 2012.
- Board members reviewed information submitted by the Zoning Enforcement Officer regarding the condition of property owned by Earl Petty and located on 35660 Hall Road. The residence and accessory buildings are unsecured with missing windows and open doors. The Officer has issued a notice of violation citing the

property as an illegal junk yard but has been unable to serve the notice by mail. The Board concluded that the violation shall be served by a process server.

- Councilman Peck submitted his letter of resignation effective December 31, 2011. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to advertise the vacancy and to solicit letters of interest in the appointment. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to go into executive session to discuss a particular employee. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:18pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:44pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to direct the Town Attorney to send a letter to Raymond Teiseira advising him that he is banned from the transfer site due to unsafe and disorderly conduct. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to pay the balance owed to Scott Britton for the well site property. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:57pm.

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