

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, January 2 2012 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**

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The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, January 2, 2012 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage.

Judge Karen Freeman swore in newly elected and/or appointed Councilmen Thomas Stewart, Stanley Buzzell, and Bruce Ferguson.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:03pm following in the swearing in ceremony. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins (7:03), Buzzell, and Ferguson and Highway Superintendent Sech.

**Organizational Resolutions**

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to appoint the following individuals to the position indicated:

Deputy clerk - Helen Novak  
Registrar - Christina Vargulick  
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Court Clerk - Helen Novak  
Deputy Court Clerk - Christina Vargulick  
Historian - Lynn Thornton  
Deputy Historian - Suzanne Wiley  
Town Attorney - Timothy Farley  
Zoning Enforcement Officer - David Koster  
Deputy Supervisor - Henry Watkins

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to make the following appointment:

Planning Board - James Surace, term 1/2012-12/2016  
Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to set salaries as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to re-adopt the investment and procurement policies and forms. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to set the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM as the meeting date and time of the Town Board; the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM, as necessary, as the Planning Board meeting date and time; and the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM, as necessary, as the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting date and time. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to designate Key Bank, Community Bank, HSBC Bank USA, Pathfinder and J P Morgan Chase as the depositories in which the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Justices shall deposit all monies coming into their hands by virtue of their offices. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson authorizing officials to attend all necessary schools. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to set the mileage reimbursement rate in accordance with state reimbursement rates. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to designate the Carthage Republican Tribune as the official newspaper of the Town. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor to sign checks. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to designate Family Practice Associates as the firm to perform all necessary alcohol and substance testing. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the use of cellphones, paid for by the town, for town business only. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Buckley opened the meeting for public comment. L. Waite presented a summary of incidents for 2011 and reported that four persons have graduated Firefight 1.

**Monthly Reports**

- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on the following: received 140T salt; delivered 12T of salt to West Carthage Housing; equipment maintenance; fuel tanks meet code and; the heating oil tank will be re-plumbed this summer. Mr. Sech recommended declaring the inoperable voting machine as surplus equipment. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to declare the inoperable lever voting machine as surplus equipment. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Supervisor Buckley requested that the Highway Superintendent prepare and present a 5-year equipment replacement plan for budgeting purposes.
- Assessor - Responding to a question from the Supervisor, Mr. Vargulick reported that a meeting has been scheduled with NYS ORPS to determine whether any adjustments are necessary to maintain the CAP's equalization rate at 100%. Mr. Vargulick reported that he is seeing evidence of an increase in the sale price of homes which may affect 2013 assessments.
- Planning Board - Mr. LaBarge reported a decrease in activity during December.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for December 5 and December 30, 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 #1-10.....	\$36,519.95
Highway #1-6.....	\$40,884.04
Con WD#1 O&M #1-4.....	\$1,805.73
WD#4 O&M #1-3.....	\$539.40
WD#5 O&M #1-3.....	\$539.40
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$575.00
SD#2 O&M #1.....	\$145.00

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Board members reviewed the December monthly report and the year-end balances. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2012 - A Local Law Amending the Town of Champion Subdivision Law to Provide for Reduced Penalties for Violations was called to order at 7:57pm by Supervisor Buckley. P. LaBarge spoke in favor of the Local Law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:58pm.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #2 for 2012 - A Local Law Amending the Town of Champion Zoning Law to Provide for Reduced Penalties for Violations was called to order at 7:58pm by Supervisor Buckley. P. LaBarge spoke in favor of the Local Law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:59pm.

**New Business**

- Resolution offered by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adopt Local Law #1 for 2012 - A Local Law Amending the Town of Champion Subdivision Law to Provide for Reduced Penalties for Violations. Roll call vote: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Ferguson-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Resolution adopted.
- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adopt Local Law #2 for 2012 - A Local Law Amending the Town of Champion Zoning Law to Provide for Reduced Penalties for Violations. Roll call vote: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Ferguson-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Resolution adopted.
- The 2011 Supervisor's annual account balance reports were presented for auditing. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the report as presented and to indicate the same by the Board affixing their signatures to each report. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The 2011 Town Clerk's annual cash report was presented for auditing. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the report as presented and to indicate the same by the Board affixing their signatures to the report. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

Christina Vargulick  
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