

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, April 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**

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, April 2, 2012 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, and Ferguson and Highway Superintendent Sech. Councilman Buzzell was absent.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. J. Waite reported that the Office of the State Comptroller had performed an audit of the Champion Fire Department. Supervisor Buckley delivered a letter to the fire department outlining documentation that has not been submitted as required. L. Waite submitted an incident summary and training reports. Supervisor Buckley advised Mr. Waite that the incident summary is not sufficient. The Board requires an incident report for each individual incident responded to by the department including the following specific information: time out/time in; members responding; and equipment utilized. L. Waite asked about the fireman's exemption. Supervisor Buckley referred him to the Assessor for more information. J. Waite questioned whether the Board would still require an audit by Furgison & Co.. The Board agreed, by consensus, that the State audit would satisfy the language of the contract.

Moses Mast, Boni Road, questioned if the T/Champion would allow the T/Denmark to repair the Boni Spur Road, a qualified abandoned road. Supervisor Buckley, with the assent of the Board, informed Mr. Mast that no work may be done on the road due to its classification. Supervisor Buckley advised Mr. Mast that he has sufficient road frontage to construct a driveway onto the Boni Road for the purposes of applying for a zoning permit to build a home. Highway Superintendent Sech added that the County estimates the cost of road construction at \$300-400,000/mile therefore the cost of reopening the Boni Spur Road would be cost prohibitive to the Town.

**Monthly Reports**

- Councilmen - Mr. Watkins reported that a meeting has been scheduled for June 6<sup>th</sup> regarding Black River watershed management. Mr. Ferguson reported that he had attended an informative session at the Local Government Conference in regards to the 2% tax cap.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on a number of activities accomplished during the previous month by the department. Mr. Sech suggested dates in May for the annual road tour. He will coordinate with the County.
- Planning Board - Mr. LaBarge reported that the Board had concluded two site plan reviews and a minor subdivision.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot reported that the JIMI software has been downloaded.
- Parks - Mr. Eddy discussed the status of the Hubbard House.

**Public Hearings**

- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #3 for 2012 - A Local Law Amending the T/Champion Zoning Water Use Laws for Water Connections, Disconnections and Penalties was called to order at 7:15pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:17pm.
- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #4 for 2012 - A Local Law creating a 180 day Moratorium on Construction of Electrical Transmission Facilities was called to order at 7:30pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:32pm.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the minutes of March 5 and March 9, 2012 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #83-100.....	\$15,982.45
Highway #43-58.....	\$23,780.22
RACOG #10-12.....	\$626.04
Con WD#1 O&M #16-23.....	\$5,496.37
WD#4 O&M #9.....	\$241.92
WD#5 O&M #8-9.....	\$579.66
WD#5 Capital #3.....	\$39.64
SD#2 O&M #9-10.....	\$21.37

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve Local Law #3 for 2012 - A Local Law Amending the T/Champion Zoning Water Use Laws for Water Connections, Disconnections and Penalties as written. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve Local Law #4 for 2012 - A Local Law creating a 180 day Moratorium on Construction of Electrical Transmission Facilities as written. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board considered Local Law #5 for 2012- A Local Law creating a 180 day Moratorium on Natural Gas and/or Petroleum Extraction Activities. Board members discussed potential environmental concerns and property value impacts attributed to hydro-fracturing activities. Mr. Watkins expressed his support for the moratorium to give the Town Board and the Planning Board time to study the issues and to develop regulations if deemed necessary. Mr. Ferguson stated that regulating the activity would be in line with the Town's Comprehensive Plan in regards to land use control. Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Stewart to schedule a public hearing on Local Law #5 for 2012 for May 7, 2012 at 7:15pm. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a particular employee. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:08pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to return to open session. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:52pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:52pm.

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