

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, June 4 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, June 4, 2012 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Ferguson, Buzzell(7:04), and Watkins(7:05), Highway Superintendent Sech and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. Duane Hoffman requested that the Board extend Consolidated WD#1 on County Route 47 to include parcel nos. 85.15-1-38.31 and 85.15-1-38.33. Mr. Hoffman has subdivided the lots to sell as building lots. Harold Keefer supported the request and informed the Board that he would like to purchase a lot to construct a residence. Kris Dimmick, Town Engineer, commented that the request was feasible. The cost of the additional water infrastructure would be at the expense of the property owner. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Town Engineer to prepare a map, plan and report for the extension of the district. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing regarding the submittal of a joint Community Development Block Grant application in conjunction with the T/Wilna and the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage was called to order by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the proposed application. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:42pm.

Monthly Report

- Engineer – Supervisor Buckley informed Mr. Dimmick that a valve in the former WD#3 in Great Bend failed due to excessive corrosion of the bolts. Mr. Dimmick recommended that the Board authorize O&M personnel to check the condition of a sampling of valves to determine if the problem was an isolated event. Mr. Dimmick discussed the latest round of EFC funding including funds for project development. Mr. Dimmick suggested that the Town apply for the maximum (\$30,000) grant to study issues related to the mainline in Sewer District #2. The Board agreed that the line needs improvements. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to execute an application with the Clean Water SRF program for project development funds. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Legislator – J. Peck discussed proposed county legislative redistricting and a PILOT for the Fort Drum cogeneration facility.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech discussed the department’s activities during the past month including: grading and rolling gravel roads; roadside mowing; construction on Bach Road; equipment maintenance and repair; and crushing black top.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that eleven (11) grievances were filed with the Board of Assessment Review.
- Justice – Mr. Quinn reported on monies collected in May.
- Planning Board – The Board is continuing their work on zoning law amendments.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that Larry and Glenda Eddy have planted the flowers in the park. The second Shadow Chasers event was held. The group has been granted permission to investigate the Hiram Hubbard House without the public attendance. Bids for work in the basement and for water proofing the Hiram Hubbard House are due June 13th.
- Circuit Rider – Ms. Amyot reported that she is assisting the Champion Fire Department with the submittal of a FEMA grant application. The information has also been shared with the Great Bend Fire District.

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the minutes of May 7, 2012 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

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| General #131-153..... | \$32,770.86 |
| Highway #81-103..... | \$31,410.59 |
| RACOG #14-15..... | \$576.04 |
| Consolidated WD#1 O&M #33-37..... | \$18,706.38 |
| WD#5 O&M #13..... | \$273.34 |
| WD#5 Capital #5..... | \$12,001.74 |
| SD#1 O&M #3..... | \$6,224.50 |
| SD#2 O&M #15..... | \$120.83 |

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Chris Vargulick, Town Clerk, reported that the bulk trash cleanup was very successful. Over 31T of trash, 2.22T electronic waste, and 8.32T of scrap metal were collected.

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

New Business

- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson:

WHEREAS, Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) funding is available through the NYS Office of Community Renewal to support local community development activities which are undertaken by eligible municipalities; and

WHEREAS, the village of Carthage is administering a local housing rehabilitation program with CDBG funding that has been received in the past; and

WHEREAS, the village of Carthage intends to apply for additional CDBG funding to continue those activities in the villages of Carthage and West Carthage and the towns of Wilna and Champion; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Champion has determined that a joint proposal with the Town of Wilna and the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage will be the best way to secure additional CDBG funding and administer a local housing rehabilitation program in this community; and

WHEREAS, this proposal has been considered at a public hearing conducted by the Town Board on June 4, 2012.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign a Cooperation Agreement with the Town of Wilna and the Villages of Carthage and West Carthage to support a joint application for Community Development Block Grant funding that will be submitted for consideration in the 2012 competition through the NYS Office of Community Renewal.

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

Resolution adopted.

- The Board discussed the budget for the court renovation project. Bids were significantly higher than projected. A number of items were identified for removal or change from the original specifications. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to sign a contract with Capital Construction Corporation not to exceed \$80,000. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing employees. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:44pm.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:25pm.
- Highway Superintendent Sech discussed quotes from Suit-Kote and American Paving for materials and labor to pave a portion of Whitaker Road, Bach Road and a portion of Sayre Road. The Highway Superintendent and Supervisor have scheduled an inspection of a specific road treatment in a neighboring town to see if it is a feasible application for town roads.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:42pm.

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