

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, August 6 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, August 6, 2012 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Ferguson, 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 addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - Mr. Watkins offered condolences to the family of Douglas Murray. Mr. Murray was a long time resident and farmer in the Town and served the community in many positions of public service. Mr. Buzzell commented on letters received from Nelson Associates regarding the hydrants at the Meadowbrook Assisted Living Facility. Supervisor Buckley responded that the issue has been resolved.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on activities during the month of July including, but not limited to: the paving of Bach, Whitaker and Sayre Roads; roadside mowing; equipment repair; and personnel.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick reported that he is monitoring the status of construction projects for assessment purposes.
- Justice - Mr. Quinn reported on July activities.
- Planning Board - Mr. LaBarge reported on a number of minor subdivisions that the Planning Board is working on. In addition, the Planning Board continues to develop language to amend the Town Zoning Law in regards to hydrofracturing activities. Mr. LaBarge recommended that the Town Board extend the moratorium on hydrofracturing by an additional 180 days to allow sufficient time for development and review of the proposed amendments.
- Zoning Enforcement - Mr. LaBarge discussed permits and letters of violation that have been issued.
- Historian/Parks - Mrs. Thornton thanked the Highway Department for their help installing a swing set in the park. Drainage work at the Hiram Hubbard House is proceeding on schedule.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot reported that the Champion Fire Department's application for grant funding has been submitted.

Public Hearing

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #6 for 2012 - A Local Law Amending the Town Zoning Law was called to order at 7:15pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the proposed local law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:16pm.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of July 2, 2012 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #185-222.....	\$50,763.53
Highway #127-148.....	\$96,392.43
RACOG #17-18.....	\$576.04
Con WD#1 O&M #48-57.....	\$12,162.59
WD#4 O&M #13.....	\$7,389.83
WD#5 O&M #16-18.....	\$12,915.03
SD#2 O&M #19-22.....	\$3,015.92
WD#5 Capital #12-16.....	\$403,924.59

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- The Board reviewed the language of proposed Local Law #6 for 2012 - A Local Law Amending the Town Zoning Law. Mr. Buzzell questioned if a specific setback from commercial buildings should be added. Planning

Board Chairman LaBarge responded that any proposals for electric and/or gas transmission lines would be subject to site plan review that would address specific aspects of proposed projects. Mr. Watkins recommended a modification of the sentence structure in proposed Section 535: H(A). Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adopt Local Law #6 for 2012 – A Local Law Amending the Town Zoning Law with the recommended change in Section 535. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Supervisor Buckley explained that, due to a change in the way that the County will now collect chargebacks, an override of the tax cap will be necessary although it will not impact the tax rate. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to schedule a public hearing on Local Law #7 for 2012 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c for Tuesday, September 4, 2012 at 7:15pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Supervisor distributed an expense/revenue calculation for the combined operation of Water Districts 2/4/5 and recommended an increase in the rate for WD#2. The WD#2 water plant is being upgraded with funds from the Consolidated Water Supply project. The project will allow the district to shut down well no. 1 which requires treatment for sulphur and to supplement the water required to satisfy the needs for the district with water from the Farney Pit Road wells. The minimum cost to residents in WD#2 would be \$500/year. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to increase the minimum rate in WD#2 to \$500 annually. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board agreed, by consensus, to reschedule the September board meeting for Tuesday, September 4, 2012 due to the Labor Day holiday.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing pending litigation. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:21pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:16pm.
- Board members toured Court Renovation project area and discussed the rehabilitation of the exterior of the steel portion of the building.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:43pm.

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