

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, January 7 2013 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, January 7, 2013 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.

Scott Burto, V/West Carthage Mayor, discussed an inter-municipal agreement between the Town and Village to authorize the Village police force to patrol the school and grounds of the Carthage High School, Carthage Middle School, West Carthage Elementary and the Carthage District Transportation Facility. The school board and superintendent support the initiative. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to authorize the Supervisor to execute an inter-municipal agreement between the Town and Village to authorize the Village police force to patrol the school and grounds of the Carthage High School, Carthage Middle School, West Carthage Elementary and the Carthage District Transportation Facility. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Louis Waite, CVFD Chief, submitted quarterly reports, incident reports, the monthly report, and training reports. He informed the Board that the department would be using new software to update their tracking and reporting.

Terry Emerson recommended that the Board consider consolidating the highway department with a neighboring municipality.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Kris Dimmick, BC&A, distributed the budget for the EFC Engineering Planning Grant awarded to the Town for the Sewer District #2 Improvement project.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported on the activities of the previous month including: plowing, salt deliveries, cleaning out hydrants, and fuel calculations.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that he has completed six (6) agricultural exemption notices of conversion for omitted taxes.
- Planning/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that he issued three (3) permits and one violation during the previous month.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton has been asked to prepare additional programs for use in the elementary classes.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of December 3 and December 31, 2012 as presented. Roll call: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-nay, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Ferguson-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.

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

General #1-19.....	\$86,923.24
Highway #1-10.....	\$65,340.22
RACOG #1.....	\$272.00
Con WD#1 O&M #1-2.....	\$962.00
Con WD#4 O&M #1-4.....	\$23,599.29
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$754.00
SD#2 O&M #1.....	\$202.00

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- The Board acknowledged receipt of the amendments to the zoning law recommended by the Planning Board in regards to Petroleum Extraction. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to schedule a public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2013 – Amendments to the Town Zoning Law for February 4, 2013 at 7:15pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Board members reviewed and responded to Part 2 of the SEQR regarding the Sewer District #2 Improvement project. Resolution offered by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell that the Town of Champion hereby determines that the proposed project will not have a significant adverse effect on the environment. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the town engineer to prepare a map, plan and report for the Sewer District #2 Improvement project. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Organizational Resolutions

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

Deputy clerk – Helen Novak
 Registrar - Christina Vargulick
 Deputy registrar – Helen Novak
 Court Clerk – Helen Novak
 Deputy Court Clerk – Christina Vargulick
 Historian – Lynn Thornton
 Town Attorney - Timothy Farley
 Zoning Enforcement Officer – Peter LaBarge
 Deputy Supervisor – Henry Watkins

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Planning Board – Stephen Eddy, term 1/2013-12/2017
 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. Ferguson 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. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to designate First Niagara, Key Bank, Community Bank, 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. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Ferguson authorizing officials to attend all necessary schools. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Ferguson 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. Ferguson to designate the Carthage Republican Tribune as the official newspaper of the Town. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to authorize the Supervisor and Deputy Supervisor to sign checks. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Ferguson 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. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to authorize the use of cellphones, paid for by the town, for town business only. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing a contract. 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 8:42pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

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