

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, March 4 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, March 4, 2013. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Buzzell, Ferguson, 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. L. Waite, CVFD, questioned a water bill and was advised that the charges are valid. Supervisor Buckley stated that the information submitted to the Town in regards to the purchase of hose is insufficient. Quotes for equipment purchases must be on vendor letterhead and accompanied by the department's request for quote. The Board and L. Waite discussed an inventory and valuation of the department's building and equipment.

**Monthly Reports**

- Engineer - Supervisor Buckley reported that an application to USDA-RD for the SD#2 Improvement project has been submitted. The NYS DOH is reviewing the Town's proposal to install a corrosion inhibitor within the WD#2,4&5 service area.
- Councilmen - Mr. Buzzell voiced his confusion regarding well site designations and water district reporting.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on the following: numerous small snow events; pot holes; equipment maintenance; and high fuel costs.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick reported that the State has eliminated the assessments for fiber optic cable constructed in the public right-of-way.
- Justice - Judge Quinn reported on February activity. He also notified the Board that the Town has been awarded a \$15,000 JCAP grant for remodeling the exterior of the building.
- Planning Board/ZEO - Mr. LaBarge reported that the Board dealt with one minor subdivision. He issued two zoning permits in February.
- Historian - Mrs. Thornton reported that she made a presentation to the Scouts regarding immigration.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot reported that she continues to follow up on the Hubbard House and fireman grant projects.

Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of February 4, 2013 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #51-73.....	\$16,251.33
Highway #33-47.....	\$32,624.93
RACOG #3-4.....	\$174.90
Con WD#1 O&M #6-8.....	\$1,665.82
WD#2,4&5 O&M #11-18.....	\$5,244.19
SD#2 O&M #4-9.....	\$11,366.11
WD#5 Capital #2-8.....	\$701,914.46

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

**New Business**

- Board members discussed a request from the Town of Caroline, NY to join them in urging the State to maintain a de facto moratorium on high-volume hydraulic fracturing pending a comprehensive impact study.

Resolution offered by Councilman Buzzell; seconded by Councilman Stewart:

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion hereby supports the de facto moratorium on high-volume hydraulic fracturing until the following assessments have been completed:

- A comprehensive health impact assessment of the entire shale gas extraction process, including but not limited to direct and indirect health effects and cumulative health impacts;
- A revised and properly thorough analysis that considers all potentially negative socioeconomic impacts, including but not limited to increased demands on local governments, first responders and law enforcement, and the effects of drilling on property values and home mortgages, existing businesses and economies, and

- local community character; and
  - A revised and properly thorough study of cumulative impacts, including but not limited to the impacts on the rural landscape, water resources, air quality, and greenhouse gas emissions, and the lack of safe alternatives for wastewater disposal.
- Supervisor Buckley.....aye  
 Councilman Stewart.....aye  
 Councilman Watkins.....aye  
 Councilman Buzzell.....aye  
 Councilman Ferguson.....aye

Resolution adopted.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Highway Superintendent to post Town roads at his discretion. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to schedule the spring bulk clean-up for May 3 & May 4 and May 10 & May 11 during regular transfer site hours. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed an application for renewal of a liquor license from Tom and Geri's Inc., Great Bend. The Board agreed, by consensus, that they had no opposition to the license renewal.
- Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart; seconded by Councilman Ferguson:

RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion hereby appoints Christina Vargulick, Project Administrator, for the Consolidated Water Supply project at \$25/hour.

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

Resolution adopted.

- Resolution offered by Councilman Buzzell; seconded by Councilman Stewart:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion authorizes and appropriates a minimum of 20% local match as required by the Engineering Planning Grant Program for the Sewer District #2 Improvements project. Under the Engineering Planning Grant Program, this local match must be at least 20% of the total project cost. The maximum local share appropriated subject to any changes agreed to by the Town Supervisor shall not exceed \$7,500 based upon a total estimated maximum project cost of \$37,500. The Town Supervisor may increase this local match through the use of in kind services without further approval from the Town of Champion.

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

Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:59pm.

Christina Vargulick  
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 Town Clerk