

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, October 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, October 7, 2013. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell (7:03) and Ferguson, Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the public forum. Jon Furgison, Furgison and Co., presented the 2012 Town audit. He reported the implementation of clarity standards and GASB statement no. 34 which does not include the value of fixed assets with depreciation. Mr. Furgison reviewed the findings.

Public Hearings

- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #4 for 2013 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c 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.
- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #5 for 2013 – A Local Law Amending Section 410 – the Regulations Schedule of the Zoning Law of the Town of Champion was called to order at 7:30pm by Supervisor Buckley. James Uhlinger and Scott Britton spoke for adoption of the proposed law. No one spoke in opposition. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:34pm.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen – Mr. Ferguson reported that he had attended a meeting of the Housing Rehabilitation committee. He reported that there are twelve pending applications.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported on the previous month’s activities including: road construction; equipment maintenance; assistance to the Villages; sand hauling; and pending salt orders.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is very busy reviewing a number of subdivision applications. He approved four (4) permits in September.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that the residential revaluation is essentially complete.
- Circuit Rider – Ms. Amyot reminded the Board of the upcoming Tug Hill Commissioners meeting.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of September 3, 2013 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #239-267.....	\$27,527.17
Highway #171-197.....	\$59,844.21
RACOG #21-22.....	\$12,636.85
Con WD#1 O&M #24-26.....	\$1,065.01
Con WD#4 O&M #54-61.....	\$6,829.10
SD#1 O&M #5.....	\$35,760.00
SD#2 O&M #26-27.....	\$42.91
WD#5 Capital #25.....	\$528.78
SD#2 Capital #8.....	\$4,704.29

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adopt Local Law #4 for 2013 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adopt Local Law #5 for 2013 – A Local Law Amending Section 410 – the Regulations Schedule of the Zoning Law of the Town of Champion. Mr. Watkins asked for

several clarifications on the language of the law. Mr. Buzzell stated that he prefers a more rural plan for the Town to promote spaciousness and quiet. Roll call vote: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-nay, Mr. Ferguson-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the 2012 audit as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. The Board discussed the engagement letter for 2013-2017 GASB qualified audits. Supervisor Buckley asked the Board to consider whether they support the GASB qualification as required for RUD funding for future action.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to declare “no objection” to the renewal of the liquor license for Buffalo Inn. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins resolved, that the Supervisor of the Town of Champion is authorized to sign the agreement with the Development Authority of the North Country for the operation and maintenance of the sewer facility known as “Sewer District No. 2”. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to appoint James Sheets to fill the term ending 9/30/2016 of James Seaman (deceased) on the Board of Assessment Review. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board discussed a 75/25 grant for the construction of a salt barn. The Board agreed by consensus to pursue the grant opportunity.
- The 2014 preliminary budget was presented to the Board. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to schedule a public hearing on the budget for November 4, 2013 at 7:15pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:37pm.

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