

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, February 3 2014 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, February 3, 2014 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Ferguson and Attorney Farley. Highway Superintendent Sech was excused.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the public forum. L. Waite, CVFD chief, submitted monthly reports and the 2014 calendar of events. Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the 2014 calendar of events as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

P. Crump, WCFD chief, discussed equipment that would facilitate the safe use of the Jaws of Life including, a ram support and pulling chains at a cost of \$1,612.00. Supervisor Buckley voiced his support for the purchase and advised Mr. Crump that the Town would release funds later in the year for prioritized purchases. Mr. Watkins and Mr. Buzzell stated that they supported the immediate purchase. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to purchase the ram support and pulling chains, after September 1<sup>st</sup>, pending the availability of funds. Ayes-4, Nays-0, Abstained-1 (S. Buzzell). Motion carried.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the extension of the boundaries of Sewer District #2 was called to order by Supervisor Buckley at 7:32pm. No one spoke for or against the proposed extension. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:34pm.

**Monthly Reports**

- Town Attorney - Mr. Farley informed the Board that EFC has requested some changes to the map, plan and report as it was written. The funding agency considers the changes to be "refinements" and not legal changes to the document. The report sets the annual cost at \$755. Since the report was prepared, the State Comptroller has lowered the maximum cost for sewer to \$721. Therefore, the extension of the Sewer District will require approval from the Comptroller. EFC has indicated that they will require an IMA between the Town and the V/West Carthage. Supervisor Buckley will arrange a meeting with Mayor Burto.
- Councilmen - Supervisor Buckley reported that he attended a meeting to discuss the proposed Copenhagen Wind Farm. The project representative is requesting a PILOT. Supervisor Buckley reported that he informed the group that the Board would consider a 10 year PILOT but that the T/Champion would have to receive 100% of the tax due the Town. Supervisor Buckley stated that while he does not support a PILOT for transmission lines, he does not want the Town to act as an obstruction to the benefits that the project may bring to the other entities involved. Councilman Ferguson reported that he attended a housing rehabilitation meeting. He urged eligible homeowners to submit grant applications for consideration.
- Planning Board/Zoning Officer - Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is reviewing a site plan review application from City of Refuge Church for a new sanctuary, classrooms and community rooms.
- Parks/Historian - Mrs. Thornton reported that the Hubbard House door, sidelights, and transom have been repaired and reconditioned. They will be installed when weather permits. The OPRHP funding was discussed.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the minutes of January 13, 2014 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #16-45.....	\$265,290.25
Highway #10-23.....	\$29,025.34
RACOG #2-4.....	\$324.90
WD#1 & 3 O&M #3-4.....	\$24,485.09
WD#2,4 & 5 O&M #4-9.....	\$12,673.31
SD#1 O&M #2.....	\$57,637.50
SD#2 O&M #2-3.....	\$150.71
SD#2 Capital #1.....	\$196.80

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

## **New Business**

- Board members acknowledged the following: that a map, plan and report was prepared for the extension of Sewer District #2; that a notice was posted and published informing the public of the date and time of the public hearing and the proposed cost; that the proposed extension is in the public interest and benefits all property owners within the proposed boundaries, and; that the decision is contingent upon approval by the State Comptroller. Board members reviewed the map of the proposed district extension. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the extension of the boundaries of T/Champion Sewer District No. 2 as defined in the map, plan and report. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The 2013 reports of the Supervisor, Town Clerk and Justices were audited and signed by the Board.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the retirement resolution as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley reported that NYTRIC has completed the wiring project - identifying, isolating and removing non-active wiring. The Board discussed a proposal from NYTRIC to provide and install a fire alarm system in the Town Municipal building at a cost not exceed \$6,862.87. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the bid from NYTRIC to provide and install a fire alarm system in the Town Municipal building at a cost not exceed \$6,862.87. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm.

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