

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, July 7 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, July 7, 2014 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Ferguson, Stewart, Watkins(8:03), and Buzzell, Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. Lynn Thornton discussed concerns regarding the recent 4th of July parade. Mrs. Thornton shared that a number of persons were very disappointed that the parade did not retrace its route as it traditionally does. Parents of children participating in the parade were unaware that the parade had ended so abruptly and the children were left unaccompanied on the south side of NYS Route 26. Fire Chief Waite agreed to work out a route with Mrs. Thornton that adheres to tradition.

Monthly Reports

- Fire Department – Mr. Waite reported that a meeting was held with the Great Bend Fire Department (GBFD) and that a proposal has been accepted to alter the boundary lines between GBFD and the Champion Fire Department service areas.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported the following activities for the previous month: drawing sand; repaving Whitaker and Card Roads; and road side mowing. Pending receipt of the invoices for the completed road paving, the Highway Superintendent will consider paving Middle Road within the constraints of the unencumbered road construction budget.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is reviewing a number of minor subdivision applications and completing a final review of recommended changes to the zoning law. To date, the zoning officer has approved permits for four (4) new homes.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that the park is in excellent condition. The Hiram Hubbard House hosted 100 visitors on the 4th of July.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of June 2, 2014 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. (Attached in minutes book)

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

General #153-181.....	\$25,972.10
Highway #101-122.....	\$57,665.92
RACOG #16-17.....	\$92.40
Con WD#1 O&M #13-18.....	\$1,203.84
WD#2,4&5 O&M #34-42.....	\$16,896.02
SD#2 O&M #15-16.....	\$150.82
SD#2 Capital #9-11.....	\$54,394.74

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s report was read and reviewed. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve budget transfers as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Board members reviewed the draft copy of the Report of Examination of the Information Technology audit performed by the State Comptroller’s office for the period January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the recommendations detailed in the report. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to readopt the Citizens’ Notification policy without amendment. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adopt the Information Technology Disaster Recovery Plan as written. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the audit response and the corrective action plan as written and to authorize the Supervisor to sign the response to the State Comptroller. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Board members considered a proposal from Cohen Law Group to perform cable franchise renewal services including an audit of franchise fees and contract renewal negotiations. The cost of the audit would be \$5,900. Mr. Buzzell favored discussing, with the V/West Carthage, the results of their most recent audit. Mr. Watkins supported that position. Mr. Ferguson suggested that an audit would be an important precursor to entering into contract negotiations. Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to execute an agreement for audit services with Cohen Law Group at a cost not to exceed \$5,900. Roll call vote: Mr. Buzzell-nay, Mr. Watkins-nay, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Ferguson-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing negotiations for tax abatements for OWN Energy. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:11pm.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:05pm.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:06pm.

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