

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, August 4 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, August 4, 2014 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage NY. 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. No one from the public spoke.

Monthly Reports

- Fire Department - L. Waite reported that all trucks have been inspected. Members participated in mutual aid training exercises. Mr. Ferguson questioned the status of the new County wide radio system. Mr. Waite responded that more information should be available after the regional meeting.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported the following activities for the previous month: Lee Road maintenance; Whitaker Road paving; roadside mowing; and equipment maintenance. Mr. Sech announced that tire collection will be the week of September 22 through September 27. Tires may be dropped off at the Town Highway Barn at no charge. Town of Champion residents may drop off up to ten (10) tires maximum during the collection period.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick reported that he has submitted the application for administration aid for the revaluation. He also discussed an opportunity to share services with the T/LeRay in regards to a tablet and air card to facilitate the collection and transmittal of assessment data in the field.
- Justice Court - Judge Quinn reported that activity is down but that collections are level.
- Planning Board/ZEO - Mr. LaBarge reported that the Board is working on a number of minor subdivisions and has received an application from OWN Energy.
- Parks/Historian - Mrs. Thornton reported that the park is in excellent condition. Final funding for the Hubbard House is still pending from OPRHP. There is some concern regarding the continuity of the funding review due to a change in personnel at OPRHP.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot reported that the V/West Carthage has expressed interest in being a member of the RACOG Cooperative ZBA.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of July 7, 2014 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #182-206.....	\$42,775.72
Highway #123-143.....	\$126,725.25
RACOG #18.....	\$74.90
Con WD#1 O&M #19-22.....	\$9,184.11
WD#2, 4 & 5 O&M #43-51.....	\$52,721.59
SD#2 O&M #17-19.....	\$740.56
SD#2 Capital #12-13.....	\$24,446.85

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to reschedule the September meeting for Tuesday, September 2, 2014. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed a resolution regarding the Army 2020 Force Structure Realignment and its proposal to significantly reduce military and civilian numbers. Resolution offered by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to urge limits on any reductions in personnel numbers at Fort Drum. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to hire David Miller as a funding consultant for the Sewer District #2 Improvement project at an hourly rate for \$65/hour and to pay the IRS rate for mileage. 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 negotiation. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:48pm.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:20pm.
- Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Stewart to forward a one year contract to the Champion Volunteer Fire Company to be returned no later than the close of business September 8, 2014. Roll call vote: Mr. Ferguson-aye, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Supervisor Buckley-aye. Mr. Buzzell abstained.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm.

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