

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Tuesday, September 8 2015 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, September 8, 2015 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Deputy Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins and Buzzell, Attorney Farley, and Highway Superintendent Sech. Supervisor Buckley was excused from the meeting.

Deputy Supervisor Ferguson opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

**Monthly Reports**

- Engineer – Kris Dimmick, BC&A, updated the Board members regarding progress on the Sewer District #2 Improvement project. Installation of the mainline along Cole Road is proceeding and residents and the school have been informed regarding any rock blasting. No communities in Jefferson County received any federal funding from the Northern Borders grant process. Mr. Dimmick recommended award of the construction bid for Project Alternate #1 at this time at a cost of approximately \$313,000 and advised the Board that the addition of the alternate will require a modification in the date of substantial completion of the project. He added that there are sufficient monies in the contingency to fund the alternate due to very favorable bids. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to award Alternate #1 to Lawman Heating & Cooling as the lowest responsible bidder. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.  
Mr. Dimmick announced that a ground breaking ceremony for the sewer project has been scheduled for September 15, 2015 at 11:00am.
- Councilmen – Mr. Ferguson reported that the Twin Village application for the Community Development Block Grant was not approved for funding.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported on the following activities: road shoulders completed; mowing the roadsides and DANC water line; cold patching; equipment repair; truck inspections; work done for the County; schedule to draw sand for the Village and the Town; assisting the V/Carthage; and assisting Champion Cemetery with the installation of culvert pipes and driveway.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that no decision has been issued for the SCAR hearing.
- Attorney – Mr. Farley reported that McDonald’s has filed an assessment challenge for this year.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the application from Verizon to construct a cell tower has been approved with a conditional variance. He issued a number of permits for garages in August.
- Circuit Rider – K. Amyot reported that the Tug Hill Commission has scheduled budget training sessions.

**Public Hearing**

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2015 – A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c was called to order at 7:15pm by Deputy Supervisor Ferguson. No one spoke in favor or opposition to the proposed local law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:16pm.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the minutes of August 3 and August 10, 2015 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #198-235.....	\$70,940.69
Highway #157-185.....	\$141,982.61
RACOG #18-20.....	\$596.30
Con WD#1 O&M #24-26.....	\$1,025.08
WD#2,4&5 O&M #52-56.....	\$3,886.45
SD#2 O&M #28-34.....	\$4,951.71
SD#2 Capital #12-14.....	\$13,586.58

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

**New Business**

- Deputy Supervisor Ferguson read a letter of resignation from Terry L. Buckley effective September 1, 2015. Councilmen Watkins and Stewart and Deputy Supervisor Ferguson expressed their regret over the resignation and expressed their appreciation to Supervisor Buckley for his dedication to the Town over his many years of service. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to accept the resignation of Supervisor Terry L. Buckley with deep regret. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adopt Local Law #1 for 2015 - A Local Law to Override the Tax Levy Limit Established in General Municipal Law 3-c. Deputy Supervisor Ferguson advised that while the tax cap is discussed as "2%", the actual calculated level of increase is set at 0.73%. Scheduled increases in the negotiated health insurance will exceed 0.73%. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed a liquor license application received from Sue Kloster for an establishment located at 34519 South Lake Road. The Board agreed, by consensus, that they had no opposition to the application.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:36pm.

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