

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, February 1 2016 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 1, 2016 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Leary and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Ferguson opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Mr. Dimmick reported that the SD#2 Improvement project is substantially complete. All connections to the system have been made. Restoration of the construction site and the decommissioning of septic systems will resume as weather permits. In response to a question from Councilman Stewart, Mr. Dimmick stated that the Joint Sewer Board is working with the NYSDEC on a plan to resume the remediation of their site.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported on the following: plowing and sanding; cold patching; equipment maintenance; and the delivery of the new roadside tractor and mower.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that Copenhagen Wind Farm, LLC has received approval of their special permit application. A permit was issued for one new home by the ZEO.
- Circuit Rider – Ms. Amyot informed the Board that the Tug Hill Commission has appointed Katie Malinowski as the new executive director.
- County Legislator – Mr. Peck reported that Jefferson County Soil and Water intends to exercise their easement to County reforestation project located off Boni Road. Some adjoining property owners have disputed the County’s access rights. Mr. Peck discussed the telecommunication tower proposed for parcel no. 93.00-1-14.232 on County Route 47. The County Attorney has stated that the project is not subject to local review or approval by the Town Planning Board. Town Board members expressed their concerns regarding the insufficient setbacks from neighboring properties and stated that the proposed construction would create an unsafe environment for neighboring properties owners and their families. Councilman Leary disclosed that from time to time he volunteers with the County as a fire investigator for which he receives no compensation beyond the established mileage reimbursement.

Resolution offered by Councilman Buzzell; seconded by Councilman Stewart:

WHEREAS, Jefferson County has taken possession of parcel no. 93.00-1-14.232, located on County Route 47 in the Town of Champion, and;

WHEREAS, Jefferson County is proposing an upgrade to the telecommunication capabilities within the County, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed telecommunication upgrade includes the construction of a 180’ - 200’ cell tower on parcel no. 93.00-1-14.232, and;

WHEREAS, parcel no. 93.00-1-14.232 is only two hundred feet (200’) at its widest point, and;

WHEREAS, the setback from the property lines is insufficient to create a safe fall zone for either the tower or falling ice, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed tower would be constructed in a district zoned residential, and;

WHEREAS, the proposed tower would be constructed in proximity to a number of new homes serviced by public water infrastructure, and;

WHEREAS, an additional residential lot has recently been created on southern boundary of parcel no. 93.00-1-14.232;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Champion strongly opposes the plan to sight a telecommunication tower on parcel no. 93.00-1-14.232 and urges the County to find an alternative sight.

Supervisor Ferguson.....aye
Councilman Stewart.....aye

Councilman Watkins.....aye
Councilman Buzzell.....aye
Councilman Leary.....aye

Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of January 4, 2016 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #12-46.....	\$265,607.24
Highway #5-26.....	\$111,759.96
RACOG #2-3.....	\$251.95
Con WD#1 O&M #2-3.....	\$7,910.55
WD#2,4&5 O&M #3-7.....	\$12,226.00
SD#1 O&M #2.....	\$59,717.00
SD#2 O&M #2-4.....	\$158.62
SD#2 Capital #1-5.....	\$164,003.60

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Mr. Yuhas reported that the sales tax received for this period was down approximately \$6,000 from the same period last year. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to accept the Supervisor's report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Supervisor Ferguson recommended the appointment of Kenneth Mix to fill a vacancy on the Town Planning Board. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to appoint Kenneth Mix to the Town Planning Board to fill the vacancy created by the resignation of Kathryn Smith for a term ending 12/31/2019. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Ferguson presented an agreement proposed between the NYSDOT and the Town to provide a mechanism for the State and the Town to share services, exchange or lend materials or equipment for any undeclared emergency events in amount not to exceed \$10,000.00 for a term of one year. The agreement was supported by the Highway Superintendent. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor to execute the Shared Services agreement between the NYSDOT and the Town. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Ferguson discussed the Town's Comprehensive Plan which was last updated in March, 2009. He informed board members that federal and state funding opportunities require current comprehensive plans to support funding requests. The Tug Hill Commission is available, at no charge, to provide assistance and support to an appointed committee. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize an update of the Town comprehensive plan with support from the Tug Hill Commission. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Mr. Buzzell questioned if the town should consider constructing a larger salt barn. Highway Superintendent Sech stated that the town is in compliance and recommended that the town consider replacing the salt barn if grant funding becomes available.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:06pm.

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