

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, November 7 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, November 7, 2016 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Watkins, Stewart, Buzzell, and Leary, and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the 2017 preliminary budget was called to order at 7:01pm by Supervisor Ferguson. No one spoke in favor or in opposition. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

Supervisor Ferguson opened the meeting for public comment. Joseph Colangelo voiced his agreement with the current status of the former Champion Fire Company, citing training and documenting lapses. Mr. Colangelo stated that the cost for his property insurance has decreased due to the ISO rating achieved by the V/West Carthage Fire Department. L. Waite refuted the claim that training was not done. Supervisor Ferguson stated that the court gave the Champion Fire Department an opportunity to provide proof of training. The court received no proof and ruled in favor of the Town. Teal Abel questioned the useful life of the fire company’s equipment if not operated. Supervisor Ferguson stated that he has referred the question regarding the disposition of the equipment to the Offices of the State Attorney General and the State Comptroller. Vernon Scoville stated that he feels the equipment should remain property of the Champion Fire Company. Councilman Buzzell questioned potential uses for the fire barn in a residential zone.

**Monthly Reports**

- Engineer - K. Dimmick reported that CFA funding announcements are expected before year’s end. He stated that Form E#10 is ready for submittal to USDA-RD. Supervisor Ferguson asked when re-seeding issues would be addressed. Mr. Dimmick responded areas needing re-seeding would be taken care of in the spring.
- Councilmen - S. Buzzell asked about the property clean up on NYS Route 3. P. LaBarge responded that the property owner disposed of the trash and car herself. T. Stewart urged everyone to vote on November 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on the following department activities for the previous month including cold patching; tally markers; and preparing plows and sanders. Mr. Sech asked if the Board wanted the park gated for the winter. The Board agreed, by consensus, to gate Village Green Park for the winter season. Mr. Sech stated for the record that the boat advertised for bid was not owned by the Town but rather was disposed of illegally by persons unknown in a ditch on a town road. He also stated that persons using social media to comment on “an oil spill” were misinformed. A truck blew a hose near the barn. The spilled oil was immediately treated and swept up. NYSDEC was notified as required. No further action was ordered. Supervisor Ferguson responded that the Town Board appreciates the outstanding work done by the department.
- Justice Court - Supervisor Ferguson congratulated Justice Quinn as a recipient of the Jefferson Community College Jeffersonian Award.
- Planning Board / ZEO - Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board had approved a minor subdivision for a building lot on the Sayre Road. He issued permits for a number of auxiliary structures. The Hadley property has been cleaned up. The structures on the Petty property on Hall Road are filled with garbage and debris.
- Historian - Mrs. Thornton reported that she is working on an inventory of historical structures and sights to be considered in the comprehensive plan update.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot reported that RACOG has scheduled a meeting for November 15, 2016 at 6:00pm. Supervisor Ferguson requested that Ms. Amyot share a written summary of the meeting with Matrix to discuss the Joint Land Use Study.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for October 3, 2016 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #246-277.....	\$35,953.53
Highway #181-206.....	\$30,984.06
RACOG #12-13.....	\$12,184.46
Con WD#1 O&M #31-35.....	\$28,742.59
WD#2,4&5 O&M #61-71.....	\$15,753.74
SD#2 O&M #40-44.....	\$1,087.54

Ayes-5, 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-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to approve the budget transfers as presented (see attached). Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reported that he had attended a meeting with Matrix to participate in the Joint Land Use Study. He also reported that the next comprehensive planning committee meeting would be held on November 29, 2016 at 2:00pm to discuss economic development.

**New Business**

- Supervisor Ferguson summarized the revenues, appropriations, and tax rate for the 2017 Town budget. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins:  
WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;  
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the preliminary budget as the annual budget of the Town of Champion for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2017 and that such budget as so adopted be entered in the minutes of the Town Board; and  
BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of the said annual budget as adopted pursuant to Section 202A and B2 of the Town Law and shall present a copy thereof to the Supervisor of the Town to be presented by him to the County Legislature.  
Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed the bids received for excess equipment. The high bid for the sewer enclosure building was received from Dale Bauter in the amount of \$1,252.00. No bids were received for any of the other items. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to accept the bid from Dale Bauter in the amount of \$1,252.00 for the sewer enclosure. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Highway Superintendent to sell the underbodies and brush mowers for scrap and to dispose of the boat. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- No bids were received for fuel purchasing. The Supervisor directed the Highway Superintendent to obtain quotes for the fuel needs of the Town as per the best value policy.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Leary to appoint Terry L. Buckley to the Board of Assessment Review for a term beginning 10/1/2016 and ending 9/30/2021. Mr. Buzzell stated that he felt the position should be advertised. Supervisor Ferguson reminded the Councilman that it was an appointed position. Vote: H. Watkins-aye, T. Stewart-aye, S. Buzzell-nay, D. Leary-aye, and B. Ferguson-aye. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the water/sewer relevies as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart; seconded by Councilman Leary:  
RESOLVED, that the Board approves the modification to the legal, bonding, bookkeeping & reporting, and lands & right-of-way lines in the administrative portion of the Form E prepared for the Sewer District #2 Capital project and dated October 26, 2016. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Leary to adopt the retirement resolution as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by D. Leary to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:17pm.

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