

Organization Town of Champion**Board Town Board****Date and Time Monday, February 6 2017 at 7:00 PM****Place Town of Champion Offices Board Room (rear of building) 10 N Broad St, West Carthage NY****Contact [Chris Vargulick](#) Town Clerk Phone (315) 493-3240 Fax(315) 493-2900****Minutes**

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, February 6, 2017 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Waite and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. Supervisor Ferguson requested a moment of silence to remember David Bates who passed away recently. Mr. Bates was a law enforcement officer with the V/West Carthage and served as bailiff for the Town Court.

Supervisor Ferguson opened the public forum portion of the meeting. No one from the public addressed the board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer - Supervisor Ferguson reported that Bernier, Carr & Associates has prepared the contracts for the completion of that portion of the mainline in Sewer District #2 that tie into the Village sewer treatment plant. Attorney Farley is preparing an IMA between the Town and Joint Sewer Facility to specify the obligations of each party in regards to the soils identified as needing remediation.
- Councilmen - Councilmen suggested additions to the previously presented draft of a town litter law. Supervisor Ferguson requested that all suggestions be submitted in writing for review by the Town Attorney.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on the department's activities including cold patching, plowing and equipment maintenance. Mr. Sech presented a 5-year plan for equipment purchases. He stated that the priority purchase is a truck and plow to replace the 1995 Mack. The statewide contract quote for the equipment is \$218,851.00. Supervisor Ferguson advised the Board that he has contacted USDA-RD to determine if the Town qualifies for their loan/grant equipment program. In regards to the Case loader, Mr. Sech reported that he intends to overhaul the motor this year. Mr. Sech recommended that the Board lease rather than replace the JD bulldozer and roller.
- Assessor - Mr. Vargulick reported that he has met with the State to review and establish assessing levels for property classifications. He anticipates that farm land values will be increased.
- Justice Court - Judge Quinn reported that with the passing for David Bates that the Court does not currently have a bailiff.
- Planning Board/ZEO - Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board will hold a public hearing and take action on the site plan application from Stefano's for a restaurant in Great Bend. He also informed that Board that a permit for a new house on King Drive has been issued.
- Parks/Historian - Mrs. Thornton expressed concern regarding park access this summer. Mr. Sech responded that once the lawns firm up in the spring that the gates will be opened and will remain open for the season. Mrs. Thornton has prepared and submitted a history for inclusion in the Comprehensive Plan.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of January 2, 2017 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Waite to publish the 2017 approved salaries. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Councilman: \$4,100 each, payable bi-weekly
Supervisor: \$22,000, payable bi-weekly
Clerk to Supervisor: \$15,000, payable bi-weekly
Deputy Clerk to Supervisor: \$1,000, payable bi-weekly
Town Clerk/Collector: \$40,200, payable bi-weekly
Justices: \$12,000 each, payable bi-weekly
Assessor: \$25,000, payable bi-weekly
Zoning Officer: \$8,500, payable bi-weekly
Town Attorney: \$6,000 payable bi-weekly
Transfer Site Manager: \$14.00/hour, payable bi-weekly
Highway Superintendent: \$53,000 payable bi-weekly
Deputy Town Clerks: \$18.00/hour
Consolidated WD#1 Clerk: \$4,500, payable bi-weekly
Water District #2/4/5 Clerk: \$4,500, payable bi-weekly
Sewer District #1 Clerk: \$4,500 payable bi-weekly
Sewer District #2 Clerk: \$4,500, payable bi-weekly
Planning Board Clerk: \$1,000, payable bi-weekly

Planning Board Chairman: \$35.00/mtg.
Planning Board members: \$30.00 each/mtg.
Court Clerk: \$18.00/hour - Deputy Court Clerk: no salary
Board of Assessment Review: Chairman \$100.00
Members \$75.00 each

Court Bailiff: \$18.00/hr
Cleaner: \$14.00/hour

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

General #12-53.....	\$294,966.55
Highway #6-19.....	\$41,319.60
RACOG #2.....	\$19.88
Con WD#1 O&M #3-5.....	\$8,441.33
WD#2,4&5 O&M #4-13.....	\$12,603.57
SD#1 O&M #2.....	\$61,376.00
SD#2 O&M #2-10.....	\$7,644.33

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Ferguson discussed the January 24th meeting of the Comprehensive Plan Committee. The topic of discussion was transportation. The next scheduled meeting is February 28, 2017 at 2:00pm to review maps and to begin editing the draft report.

Board members audited the year end reports and balances for the Supervisor and Town Clerk and acknowledged by signature their concurrence.

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to resume discussion regarding the Town litter law on March 6, 2017. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to reappoint Bruce R. Ferguson as the Town representative on the CIDC board. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Ferguson informed the Board that a fund raiser will be held February 25th to help defer some of the costs incurred by the Dave Bates family.
- Supervisor Ferguson referred the Board to a letter from JCIDA regarding the Uniform Tax Exemption Policy that they had received. The public hearing on the policy is February 8, 2017. The Jefferson County Supervisors Association met and approved a response. The Association opposed additional tax breaks and an extension of the terms of abatement. The Association also adopted a position that benefits that are extended should be able to be recaptured by the local municipalities, that long term job creation should be part of a criteria for granting an exemption and that those projects that benefit should be accountable. Board members voiced a variety of personal positions ranging for no tax abatement to abatements based on economic value to the local area.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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