Organization	**Town of Champion**
Board	**Town Board**
Date and Time	**Monday, August 7 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, August 7, 2017 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, and Waite and Highway Superintendent Sech. Councilman Buzzell was absent.

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

Supervisor Ferguson opened the public forum portion of the meeting. Diana Harris questioned why the voting location changed for Election District No. 1. Supervisor Ferguson responded that the County Board of Elections selects the polling sites. He stated that he supported their decision based a candidate's connection to the former polling site. Section 4-104(7) of the NYS Election Law states "No polling place shall be located on premises owned or leased by a person holding public office or who is a candidate for public office at a primary or general election."

Monthly Report

- Councilmen – L. Waite asked if the Town of Denmark reimburses the Town of Champion for their portion of the assessor's salary. J. Yuhas responded that they do.
- Highway Superintendent – J. Sech reported on the following department activities: removing trees from Switzer and Middle Roads, roadside mowing, DANC waterline mowing, the schedule for top coating a portion of Lamb Road, equipment maintenance, assisting the Village of West Carthage with paving, drawing and stockpiling blacktop and gravel from a Carthage Central School construction project, and supervising the removal of dead/diseased trees from the 1800 Village Green Park.
- Engineer – K. Dimmick reported that the contract was awarded for the SD#2 contaminated soil remediation project. Locating and testing for the scope of the contamination has begun. He presented design drawings for the relocation of the oil/water separator and fuel dispensing at the Town highway garage and stated that specification and bidding documents should be ready for review later in the week to allow for the solicitation of bids and bid opening prior to the Board's September meeting.
- Assessor – W. Vargulick reported that he had attended the Cornell assessor training. The Town has been served with two continuing commercial assessment challenges.
- Planning Board/ZEO – P. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is reviewing a minor subdivision in Great Bend. He issued zoning permits for a garage and storage buildings. P. LaBarge reported that he issued a stop work order to the Great Bend Fire Department. He received a number of complaints from residents of Railroad Street regarding the noise and noxious odors caused by the operation of the fire drill team car on the property owned by the Fire District. The original site plan application and approval did not include the drill team race track and activities.
- Historian – L. Thornton shared pictures of the event honoring Revolutionary War veterans buried in Champion Hillside Cemetery. Supervisor Ferguson thanked Mrs. Thornton for organizing the event.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the minutes of July 3, 2017 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #190-217.....$18,981.17
Highway #126-137.....$17,912.84
Con WD#1 O&M #16-18.....$7,431.01
WD#2,4&5 O&M #45-51.....$34,042.03
SD#2 O&M #35-38.....$818.19

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

Supervisor Ferguson reviewed correspondence including information regarding a public hearing scheduled for August 9, 2017 at 5:30pm at the V/West Carthage Municipal Building to hear public comment regarding Jefferson County's shared services plan. The Supervisor shared information from the Copenhagen Wind Farm project manager informally agreeing to rebuild the Boni Spur Road to the Town's road standard in anticipation of having the road formally reopened to traffic. Supervisor Ferguson has requested that the developer prepare a contract, bonding, and a survey of the proposed road project for review by the Town Attorney and the Board's consideration. The Comprehensive Planning Committee anticipates completing a final draft of the Comprehensive Plan at the August

22, 2017 meeting to submit to the Town Board at their September meeting.

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Watkins to reschedule the September board meeting for September 5, 2017 due to the Labor Day holiday. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to schedule a public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2017 – a local law to override the tax levy limit for September 5, 2017 at 7:00pm. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to contract to provide $1,000 to the Village of West Carthage for the purpose of providing concerts over the summer of 2017 for the benefit of residents of the Town of Champion. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- L. Waite made a statement in response to the change in polling site, that he is not an officer of the former Champion Fire Department organization.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:42pm.

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