

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, June 7 2004 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 session Monday, June 7, 2004 at 7PM at the Municipal Office Building. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Buzzell, and Peck, and Attorney Farley. Councilman Watkins and Highway Superintendent Sech were excused.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order and asked for a moment of silence in memory of Justice Richard F. Goodspeed who passed away May 30, 2004. Supervisor Buckley then opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Monthly Reports

- Councilman - J. Peck informed members about the location of a spare sign post and two streetlights in need of repair. Mr. Peck also discussed the activities of the retail development committee in regards to brochure distribution. The next meeting of the committee is scheduled for June 29th at the Town of Wilna.
- Highway Superintendent - Supervisor Buckley read the Highway Superintendent’s written report.
- Zoning Officer - Report read and accepted without comment.
- Parks - Mr. Eddy reported that flowers had been planted in the “1800 Village Park”. Park committee members will meet with Councilman Stewart to discuss the location of the electrical service. The Board discussed landscaping at the edge of the new parking lot. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the purchase of perennials and shrubs in an amount not to exceed \$200 for landscaping the parking lot area. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of May 10, 2004 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #143-176.....	\$42,397.90
Highway #104-124.....	\$28,031.07
Consolidated WD #1 O&M #34-44.....	\$3,947.08
RACOG #19.....	\$59.95

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Supervisor Buckley read a letter from Thomas Sauter, Republican Committee Chairman, recommending to the Town Board the appointment of Karen Freeman to fill the Town Justice vacancy. Mrs. Freeman introduced herself to the Board and expressed her interest in the position. Mr. Buzzell commented on the need for two justices to meet the demands of the court case load. Mr. Peck questioned Mrs. Freeman in regards to her work and travel schedule. Mrs. Freeman responded that she works locally and is not required to travel as part of her job description. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to appointment Karen Freeman town justice for a term ending December 31, 2004. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The members reconsidered the property complaint issued by the Board to Michael Hulbert. Supervisor Buckley commented that it appeared to him that the property had been cleaned up. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to table the action pending an inspection by the Zoning Officer.
- Diana Horning was present to respond to the Board’s summons regarding her ongoing property clean up. Ms. Horning informed the Board that she expected the property to be demolished in approximately three weeks. Supervisor Buckley suggested that Ms. Horning contact the fire department to discuss the possibility of a controlled burn after demolition. Ms. Horning was given until August 1, 2004 to complete the clean up.
- The Board reviewed an application from William Humes for the renewal of his junkyard license. The Board determined that the responses on the application were insufficient to render a decision. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to direct the Town Attorney to require the applicant to resubmit a completed application and to provide specific information as outlined in Section 6 of the Junkyard Law within 14 days. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to authorize an application for matching grant funds from the

NYS Office of Parks, Recreation, and Historical Preservation for improvements to the Village Green Park. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor to support an application for funds from the New York State Department of State, Division of Coastal Resources in accordance with the Environmental Protection Fund for the Black River "Blueway Trail" Project. The funding would support a study necessary to leverage development and remediation funding. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley reviewed the monthly correspondence.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the proposed lease of real property. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:00PM.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to return to open session. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:25PM.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:25PM.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk