

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, April 10 2006 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 special joint session with the Carthage Central School Board on Monday, April 10, 2006 at the Carthage Central School District Office, Great Bend NY. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Buzzell, and Peck and Attorney Farley. Councilman Watkins was excused. Also present were members of the Carthage Central School District Board of Education and administration including: John E. Peck, Tina Soukup, Paul Marolf, Lori Habermann, Christina Vargulick, James Huckabee, and Michael Powers.

Supervisor Buckley called the joint session to order at 7:00pm in conjunction with the School Board. Members of the Boards introduced themselves. The Town Board was welcomed by John E. Peck, Board President and James R. Huckabee, Interim Superintendent. Mr. Huckabee commented that it was a unique opportunity for two boards to collaborate and cooperate on a joint project. Supervisor Buckley responded that the boards had enjoyed a good dialogue that produced a well conceived agreement that mutually benefits the school district and the town. Board President Peck reiterated the benefits to both organizations.

Motion by S. Buzzell, seconded by T. Stewart to approve an intermunicipal agreement between the Town and the Carthage Central School District for the purpose of stating their respective rights and obligations as to each other concerning the matter herein: To grant an easement to the Town and for the Town to take over, from the District, the responsibility for the operation, maintenance, repair and replacement of the existing sewer line. Ayes 4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The School Board also approved the action.

Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to approve a one-year contract with the Development Authority of the North Country to operate and maintain SD#2. Ayes-4, Nays-0.

Supt. Huckabee raised an additional topic of mutual interest to both boards. Mr. Huckabee reported that the District Facilities Committee has discussed their concerns regarding the increased traffic on both NYS Route 26 and the Cole Road; the length of time vehicles wait at the intersection; and a history of accidents at the intersection. P. Marolf, Chairman of the Facilities Committee, asked that the Town Board jointly support a resolution requesting that NYSDOT study the feasibility of constructing a left-turning lane and traffic signal at the intersection. Resolution offered by T. Stewart, seconded by S. Buzzell:

Whereas, the Town of Champion Town Board and the Carthage Central School Board of Education have met in joint session and discussed their mutual concern for the safety of persons at or near the intersection of NYS Route 26 and Cole Road; and

Whereas, the Cole Road has become a more heavily traveled roadway since the addition of an elementary school building; and

Whereas, the anticipated construction of a new wing on the middle school, also located on Cole Road, and the addition of approximately 400 students over the next two (2) years will add to the congestion; and

Whereas, an eighty-nine (89) single family home subdivision is in the final stages of review by the Town Planning Board and the developer proposes the construction of two streets to egress and ingress the development: south to the Cole Road and east to NYS Route 26; and

Whereas, the greatly increased traffic on both highways including that from the schools, the proposed development, Fort Drum, a veterinary clinic, trucks and equipment from a mining o

Now Therefore Be It Resolved, that the Supervisor is authorized to sign and submit a request to the NYS Department of Transportation to study the feasibility of constructing a left-turning lane and traffic control signal on: NYS Route 26 at the intersection of NYS Route 26 and Cole Road, a Town Highway.

Supervisor Buckley.....aye
Councilman Stewart.....aye
Councilman Buzzell.....aye
Councilman Peck.....aye

Resolution adopted.

The School Board also adopted the resolution.

Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to adjourn the meeting. The meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.

Christina Vargulick
Town Clerk