

Organization Town of Champion**Board Town Board****Date and Time Monday, May 1 2006 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 session Monday, May 1, 2006 at 7:00pm at the Town Municipal Building, 10 N. Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Peck, Highway Superintendent Sech and Town Attorney Tim Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order and invited public comment. Leon Williams, Jackson Road, submitted a petition signed by thirty-two (32) residents expressing their concerns regarding the noise and dust caused by the operation of all-terrain vehicles and dirt bikes on property owned by Ken and Debra Woods located on the Jackson Road. The complainant informed the Board that he had contacted both the State Police and the County Sheriffs' departments and had been advised to approach the Town Board. Betty Scougal and Carl Rogers echoed the concerns expressed by Mr. Williams and offered photographs and video tape evidence supporting their alleged complaint for the Board's review. Supervisor Buckley stated that the Board would take the matter under advisement and would contact the property owner to discuss the situation.

John Young, 23281 Mosher Road, requested that the Board rezone parcel no. 76.00-2-2.1, owned by Mr. Young, as Rural Corridor (RC) in its entirety. Presently, the parcel is located within two zoning districts - Rural Corridor (RC) and Agricultural Resource District (ARD). Mr. Young explained that he would like to develop the parcel for mixed housing and that uniform zoning of the parcel would facilitate and benefit the planning and development. Motion by S. Buzzell, seconded by T. Stewart to schedule a public hearing for June 5, 2006 at 7:45pm to hear comment regarding the rezoning of parcel no. 76.00-2-2.1 pending the receipt of a completed application and environmental assessment form. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Joe Millard, representing the Carthage Area Chamber of Commerce Farmer's Market, discussed site improvements that shall be included as part of a 50/50 grant application. The application shall request \$36,000 in funding and therefore Mr. Millard asked that the Board consider a cash or in-kind match contribution of \$5,000. The Board advised Mr. Millard that they would consider the request.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - J. Peck questioned what impact the proposed elimination of County sales tax on clothing would have on local budgets. Supervisor Buckley responded that the impact would be significant and that the loss of funds would directly impact property tax rates which have seen a reduction recently. Supervisor Buckley stated that sales tax is collected across a wider base including persons from outside the area. H. Watkins commented that he has received several complaints concerning the condition of North Lake Road.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech submitted and discussed his monthly report. He stated that the North Lake Road has been regraded and will be paved as soon as the batch plant can schedule the job. Due to the unusually high cost of paving materials, a pug mill surface will be constructed to keep the project within the budget appropriation. The annual road inspection is scheduled for Tuesday, May 9, 2006 at 12:00 noon. The highway department is on summer hours. Mr. Peck questioned the disposition of the Walter's truck that has been declared excess equipment. Mr. Sech responded that the truck shall be appraised for auction value and offered at the upcoming equipment auction.
- Zoning Enforcement - Mr. Koster had no report.
- Planning - Mr. LaBarge corrected some information reported in a local paper. Members inquired as to the status of the Patriot Estates project. Mr. LaBarge reported that the final plans have been submitted to the Town Engineer for review and that agency permits are pending.
- Parks - N. Eddy submitted photographs of the new parking lot garden and reported that annual plants have been ordered for the parks. A "concert in the park" is tentatively scheduled for the last Sunday in June with a performance by Casey Street Shuffle.
- Historian - L. Thornton reported on recent activities and a letter of support received from Senator Schumer for the grant application that has been submitted for funding to preserve certain historical documents. Mrs. Thornton shared information regarding a proposed "Walking Tour of West Carthage" including the development of a brochure. Mrs. Thornton submitted quotes from three vendors. The lowest responsible vendor is Westside Printery who has quoted a 4 color front and black/ink second side at \$670.31 for 500 units or \$788.15 for 1000 units. Mrs. Thornton recommended that the Town purchase 1000 units for distribution through municipal offices, public venues and local schools. Mr. Peck suggested that the Town request that the V/West Carthage share fifty-percent of the cost. Supervisor Buckley responded that as Town residents, village taxpayers would be paying a disproportionate share of the cost. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by H. Watkins to approve the purchase of 1000 brochures from Westside Printery at a cost not to exceed \$788.15. T. Stewart-aye, H. Watkins-aye, S. Buzzell-aye, J. Peck-recused himself from the vote because a family member

is involved in the business, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.

- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot reported that the 1800 Village Green Park does not meet the criteria for EPF grant funding and recommended that the project be advanced by the municipality in affordable phases. Supervisor Buckley advised Ms. Amyot to schedule a meeting with the Parks committee to determine a phased plan for park development and the associated costs. The Board agreed, by consensus, to the phased development. Members discussed the status of the fencing previously purchased. Mr. Eddy said that qualified persons need to assist. Mr. Buzzell inquired as to the status of the Hubbard House. Mr. Eddy responded that the 4 River Valleys Historical Society owns the property and has begun some minor repair and restoration.

Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes of April 3 and April 10, 2006 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to approve payment of the following bills as presented:

General #122-151.....	\$16,095.12
Highway #86-107.....	\$22,440.58
RACOG #15.....	\$7.84
Consolidated WD#1 O&M #26-31.....	\$10,812.12
WD#4 O&M #9.....	\$200.00

Ayes5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Supervisor Buckley reiterated the requirement that every department operate within the parameters of the adopted budget. Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the Supervisor’s report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- The Board discussed an application from Tug Hill Construction for the modification of a sand and gravel mine to include the mining of limestone at the Kellogg Great Bend Aggregate Mine, County Route 47. The NYSDEC is requesting that it be lead agency for the proposal. Tom Tinney, representing the applicant, was present and discussed the scope of activity and the required monitoring. Motion by S. Buzzell, seconded by T. Stewart to designate the NYSDEC as lead agent and to authorize the Supervisor to attest to the same. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members briefly reviewed information in regards to model ordinances for the regulation of wind facilities. Planning Board Chairman LaBarge noted that RACOG has begun Phase II of the land use project to improve the uniformity of development controls in the four communities and that wind facility regulations will be within the scope of the phase. Board members discussed the practicality of adopting a moratorium on the construction of wind facilities. Motion by J. Peck, seconded by S. Buzzell to schedule a public hearing on June 5, 2006 at 7:30pm to hear public comment on a proposed six-month moratorium on the construction of wind facilities. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by S. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor to sign and submit a grant application to the Justice Court Assistance Program for the purpose of acquiring funding to purchase equipment necessary to protect the security of the court and the privacy of individuals. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed a draft agreement to be executed between the Town and prospective developers to stipulate the fiscal responsibility for proposed subdivision; site plan; or special permits that require independent professional services including engineering, legal or other consultants on the part of the Town to insure compliance with Town standards. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by H. Watkins to approve the development agreement as presented and to require its execution when infrastructure improvements, including but not limited to water, sewer, drainage, roadway and other public facilities and construction or facility analysis, are required. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The following resolution was offered by S. Buzzell, who moved its adoption, and seconded by T. Stewart, to wit:

BOND RESOLUTION DATED MAY 1, 2006

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CONSTRUCTION OF A SANITARY SEWER AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION SYSTEM FOR THE TOWN OF CHAMPION TO BE KNOWN AS THE SEWER DISTRICT #2, AND AUTHORIZING THE ISSUANCE OF A MAXIMUM OF \$125,000.00 IN SERIAL BONDS OF SAID TOWN TO PAY THE COST THEREOF.

Roll call vote: T. Stewart-aye, H. Watkins-aye, S. Buzzell-aye, J. Peck-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Resolution adopted.

- The Board reviewed and discussed the draft intermunicipal agreement between the Town and the V/West Carthage for sewage treatment services in Sewer District #2. The draft has been forwarded to the Village for their consideration. No action was taken at this time.
- Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing the disposition of real property. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Supervisor Buckley requested that Dave Koster, ZEO, Peter LaBarge, Planning Board Chairman, and Kris Dimmick, Town Engineer, attend the session.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Peck to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 10:02pm.

- Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to contract for the extermination of rats infesting an abandoned residence located at 32688 NYS Route 26 due to an imminent danger to the community. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Scott P. and Patricia A. Beirman are the owners of record.
- Motion by H. Watkins, seconded by T. Stewart authorizing membership in the NY Rural Water Association at an annual membership cost of \$185.00. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Peck to schedule a special meeting following road inspection to review quotes for pest extermination and to conduct other necessary business. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:12pm.

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