

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, October 2 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 regular monthly session on Monday, October 2, 2006 at 7pm at the Town Municipal Office, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. 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 opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

**Monthly Reports**

- Councilmen - Mr. Peck questioned aspects of the review for the proposed Patriot Estates development including stormwater management. Supervisor Buckley responded that the stormwater management plan will be reviewed by NYSDEC.
- Planning Board - P. LaBarge reported on the large number of subdivision applications that the Board has acted upon. P. LaBarge invited Town Board members to join the Planning Board at a joint meeting to review the proposed wind energy facility regulations. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to schedule a special meeting of the Town Board for Tuesday, October 24<sup>th</sup> at 8pm for the purpose of discussing the proposed wind energy facility regulations and to conduct all other necessary business. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to schedule a public hearing on Local Law #4 for 2006 - To amend the Town Zoning Law, for Monday, November 6, 2006 at 7:15pm. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Copies of the proposed legislation will be available October 25<sup>th</sup>.
- Parks - N. Eddy reported that the Concert on the Green was held at the Grange Hall on September 24<sup>th</sup> due to inclement weather. Mr. Eddy announced that Lynn Thornton, Town Historian, was recognized and honored as the Grange Citizen of the Year. Those assembled acknowledged Mrs. Thornton with a round of applause.
- Historian - L. Thornton reported on the month's activities including genealogy research and preliminary work on a proposed driving tour of historic farms. Ms. Thornton reported that she will be participating in a regional project by inventorying stone structures within the Town.
- Assessor - W. Vargulick responded to questions concerning the STAR rebate program.
- Circuit Rider - K. Amyot provided information on a number of possible funding opportunities and reported that the 4 River Valleys Historical Society proposes contracting with Randy Crawford, an architect specializing in historic preservation and adaptive use, at a cost of \$2,250. Funding, in the amount of \$1,500, is available through NYSCA with the balance of the cost being requested from the Tug Hill Commission and the Historical Society equally. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to forward a funding request to the Tug Hill Commission in the amount of \$375 to support a building condition report with recommendations for adaptive historical use. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of September 5, 2006 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #266-292.....	\$13,150.63
Highway #207-226.....	\$45,766.89
RACOG #34-40.....	\$604.02
Con WD#1 O&M #56-60.....	\$4,665.94
WD#4 O&M #12.....	\$2,982.90
SD#1 O&M #4.....	\$35,760.00
SD#2 O&M #5-6.....	\$2,584.76

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. A check, in the amount of \$48,612.57, was received from WDC Associates to satisfy the early termination of the 801 PILOT agreement. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to approve the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Board reviewed recommended budget transfers (see attached). Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the budget transfers as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

## New Business

- Supervisor Buckley presented the 2007 tentative budget to the Board. The budget reflects a tax rate decrease of \$1/\$1000 taxable value. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to accept the budget as the preliminary budget and to schedule a public hearing for Monday, November 6, 2006 at 8pm to hear public comment regarding the budget. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed a proposed Memorandum of Understanding between the US Army Garrison Fort Drum and the Town of Champion. The agreement is intended to establish a mutually beneficial process to ensure timely and consistent notification and cooperation between the parties on projects, policies and activities. Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the memorandum of understanding as written. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board reviewed a proposed cooperative agreement between DANC and the Town of Champion wherein the Town agrees to perform maintenance work as requested and deemed by the Town to be within its capabilities and skills. Mr. Buzzell questioned Section 3;D. Supervisor Buckley and Attorney Farley clarified the language. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement as written. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Board received notice of an application for an on premise liquor license under Tom and Geri's Inc. - Jody Hewitt, president. The business will be operated at the premise formerly known as the New Whistle Stop. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell that the Board acknowledges receipt of the notice of application. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley reported that the structures located at 32688 NYS Route 26 have been demolished and will be destroyed by the Great Bend Fire Department in a controlled burn. Any remaining debris from the fire will be buried on site by the Town Highway Department. The Board discussed the disposition of the property. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to advertise for bids to purchase the property, reserving the right to accept or reject any or all bids. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Bids for parcel #76.06-2-66 located at 32688 NYS Route 26 will be accepted until 4pm, November 6, 2006.
- The Board reviewed the written report submitted by the Highway Superintendent and discussed the status of the North Lake Road extension.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:13pm.

Christina Vargulick  
Town Clerk