

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, November 3 2008 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 on Monday, November 3, 2008 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Peck and Buzzell (7:02), Attorney Farley and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer - K. Dimmick reported that the post bid document collection and evaluation for WD#5a/b is complete. He anticipated that the pre-construction meeting would be scheduled for later in the week and that Rural Development would issue a Notice to Proceed. Keller’s Well Drilling is occupied on another site but the engineer will begin the survey and site layout. Supervisor Buckley requested that the location of the access drive be sited during the survey work. Mr. Dimmick recommended that the Board approve the purchase of upgraded meter reading equipment to replace the equipment currently in use. Rural Development is receptive to approving the purchase of the meter reading equipment hardware/software and the radio transmitters for the meters in WD#5a/b with monies from the project contingency. The remaining districts would be able to utilize the equipment by upgrading to the radio read transmitters at a cost of \$104.70 per meter. Members discussed the current meter reading protocol and schedule and questioned the operation and maintenance of the upgraded hardware and its compatibility with the existing billing software. Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to authorize the purchase of the Sensus meter reading hardware including a handheld reader, wand, vehicle transceiver, and radio transmitters at a cost not to exceed \$63,275. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Councilman - J. Peck reported on the meeting to garner public input for the RACOG Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Peck questioned if there would be additional public meetings. Ms. Amyot responded that the public is welcome at all of the committee meetings. Mr. Peck asked what the impact would be on the NYS Route 3 Sewer system’s blended rate if Allied Waste Management connects. Supervisor Buckley responded that the rate would decrease for all users. T. Stewart commented favorably on improvements to the exterior lighting around the Municipal Building.
- Highway Superintendent - J. Sech reviewed and discussed his written report.
- Assessor - W. Vargulick responded to Board questions.
- Zoning Officer - D. Koster reported on activities for September and October.
- Circuit Rider - Ms. Amyot discussed on-going efforts to solicit public input for the RACOG Comprehensive Plan via a survey document. The next meeting of the Comprehensive Plan committee is tentatively scheduled for December 11, 2008 at the T/Wilna Municipal Building. Ms. Amyot shared information relevant to land use planning and home rule and grant opportunities for a deicing facility. The grant deadline is January 14, 2009.

Proof of Notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the 2009 preliminary budget was called to order at 7:15pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the budget adoption. Supervisor Buckley commented that there would be a 0% increase in the tax rate. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:18pm.

Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to approve the minutes of October 6, 2008 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by S. Buzzell to pay the following bills as presented:

General #290-312.....	\$30,403.86
Highway #229-254.....	\$45,336.49
RACOG #38.....	\$79.00
Con WD#1 O&M #70-75.....	\$12,835.02
WD#4 O&M #15.....	\$400.00
SD#2 O&M #30-31.....	\$135.78
WD#5 Capital #7-8.....	\$15,781.92

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by J. Peck to

accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Motion by T. Stewart, seconded by S. Buzzell:

WHEREAS, the Town Board has met at the time and place specified in the notice of public hearing on the preliminary budget and heard all persons desiring to be heard thereon;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby adopt the preliminary budget as the annual budget of the Town of Champion for the fiscal year beginning on the first day of January 2009 and that such budget as so adopted be entered in the minutes of the Town Board; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk of the Town shall prepare and certify, in duplicate, copies of the said annual budget as adopted pursuant to Section 202A and B2 of the Town Law and shall present a copy thereof to the Supervisor of the Town to be presented by him to the County Legislature.

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

Motion by J. Peck, seconded by T. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:41pm.

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