

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, May 3 2010 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, May 3, 2010 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell(7:03), and Peck(7:10), Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. The meeting was opened for public comment. Michael Richardson introduced himself. Mr. Richardson is the new Community Plans Specialist for Fort Drum.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - Mr. Watkins stated that he had attended a meeting of the Black River Advisory Board and referenced a memorandum of understanding, prepared by the Black River Watershed Steering Committee, to share information about activities that affect water and work together on activities that affect water quality. Each community is being asked to designate an official representative. Board members asked that the item be added to the June agenda so that they might have time to review the information. Mr. Peck asked about the status of O’Larry’s Pub. Attorney Farley stated that the judge ordered them to remove the signs. Mr. Buzzell questioned the status of the Farney Pit Road wells. Supervisor Buckley responded that well #1, on the geologist’s recommendation, shall be hydrofractured to improve the flow. Well #2 is producing 80gpm.
- Highway - Mr. Sech reported the following: gravel roads have been rolled; dead trees have been removed; Taylor Road bridge was temporarily closed. Repairs have been made and the bridge has been reopened.; truck boxes have been sandblasted; a tilt-down ramp was added to the trailer; cemeteries have been mowed; 524T of salt have been drawn and stored on the silo pad; sand has been drawn, and; road inspection is scheduled for May 7, 2010 at noon. Supervisor Buckley requested that the inspection of Cole Road include a meeting with school officials to discuss the proposed parking area.
- Assessor - In response to a question from the Board, Mr. Vargulick stated that the informal assessment hearings were lightly attended.
- Parks/Historian - Mrs. Thornton questioned whether the Town has a park use request form. C. Vargulick responded that it does. There is a \$50 refundable deposit. Mrs. Thornton reported that she has put up a new lobby display memorializing local and Jefferson County veterans of the Great War. Northern Federal Credit Union has requested assistance selecting local historical pictures for display in their new facility on Bridge Street.

Motion by Mr. Peck, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of April 5, 2010 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #95-118.....	\$33,414.02
Highway #75-104.....	\$64,103.73
RACOG #16.....	\$80.20
Con WD#1 O&M #31-35.....	\$9,930.58
WD#4 O&M #6.....	\$7,376.00
WD#5 O&M #7-8.....	\$2,593.61
WD#5 Capital #1.....	\$1,000.00
SD#2 O&M #11-13.....	\$147.05

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Sales tax revenues increased over the same quarter last year. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Peck to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart, seconded by Councilman Peck;

RESOLVED, that the standard work day is as follows for each of the elected or appointed positions, and;

Town Supervisor:	6 hours	4 years	12/31/13
Town Clerk:	6 hours	4 years	12/31/13
Highway Superintendent:	8 hours	4 years	12/31/13
Town Justices:	6 hours	4 years	12/31/12
Court Clerk:	Hourly; part-time	1 year	12/31/10
Assessor:	6 hours	6 years	09/30/13

RESOLVED, that a log of work activities have been received from each elected or appointed official, and;

RESOLVED, that the following number of days shall be reported per pay period to the New York State Retirement System based on the submitted logs:

<u>NAMES</u>	<u>RETIREMENT #</u>	<u>DAYS WORKED</u>
Terry L. Buckley, Supervisor	37383619	2.5
Christina M. Vargulick, Clerk	36779239	10
Dennis S. Quinn, Justice	14695605	2.5
Karen Freeman, Justice	41187287	1.5
Helen Novak, Court Clerk	14377998	Hourly; part-time
William M. Vargulick, Assessor	39884622	9
Mary Ann Yuhas, Financial Dir.	37360252	3

The remaining employees are all credited with 20 days per month except for the months with three pay periods, when they shall be credited with 30 days per month. A day worked represents an 8-hour day.

John F. Sech, Superintendent	38763124	20
Samuel Q. Eddy, MEO	32316861	20
Robert G. Waite, MEO	36857969	20
Glen W. House, MEO	36190056	20
Mark J. Rice, MEO	37365848	20
Brian Sech, MEO	39647037	20
Marvin Micek, MEO	40849658	20
Joseph Strife, MEO	40990152	20
Mark Spencer, MEO	42443838	20

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

Resolution adopted.

- Supervisor Buckley referenced a letter from the Jefferson County Planning Board recommending approval of the Town of Champion Comprehensive Plan. Mr. Watkins reiterated his objections to some of the language and terminology in the plan. Supervisor Buckley remarked that the document will continue to be amended as standardization of the land use regulations proceeds between the RACOG communities. Vote: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-nay, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Peck-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley reviewed the correspondence and minutes from various meetings. DANC has sent information regarding the 2010 rates for water, labor, and administration. The town water rates shall be reviewed and rate changes recommended as necessary.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Peck to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

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