

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, November 5 2012 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, November 5, 2012 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell and Ferguson, Highway Superintendent Sech and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:04pm and opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen - Mr. Stewart recommended replacing the non-functioning water fountain. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to replace the water fountain. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Board members discussed the status of the municipal building's exterior lighting.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on department activities.
- Planning Board / ZEO - Mr. LaBarge reported that the Board anticipates presenting its draft zoning law amendments regarding hydrofracturing to the Board by January 2013. Mr. LaBarge reported that he had issued ten zoning permits and two violations in October.
- Parks / Historian - Mr. Eddy recommended that the Town not plant impatiens due to a susceptibility to disease. Supervisor Buckley advised Mr. Eddy that Mrs. Thornton will be making all determinations regarding plantings in the park in the future with assistance from Larry Eddy. Mrs. Thornton thanked the Board for her new office space and reported on a tour of the Hiram Hubbard House that she gave to fifty Boy Scouts.

Public Hearings

- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the Extension of Consolidated Water District 1, 2 & 3 was called to order at 7:15 by Supervisor Buckley. Supervisor Buckley explained that the owners of parcel nos. 93.00-2-14.35 and 93.00-2-14.36 have petitioned the Town Board to extend the boundaries of the District to include their property. No one spoke for or against the proposed water district extension. All person desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:17pm.
- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the 2013 Town budget was called to order at 7:30pm by Supervisor Buckley. Supervisor Buckley gave a summary of the budget and stated that the levy increased as a result of the Town being required to include the County charge backs this year but that the tax rate would decrease by \$.05/\$1000 of assessed value. No one spoke for or against the budget. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing on the 2013 Town budget was closed at 7:35pm.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of the October 1, 2012 meeting as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #282-314.....	\$27,879.27
Highway #194-217.....	\$29,821.35
RACOG #24.....	\$76.04
Con WD#1 O&M #70-79.....	\$27,526.43
WD#4 O&M #15.....	\$304.92
WD#5 O&M #21-26.....	\$2,152.30
SD#1 O&M #4.....	\$35,760.00
SD#2 O&M #27-29.....	\$167.94
WD#5 Capital #33-38.....	\$77,671.73

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor's monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the Supervisor's report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Attorney Farley reviewed Part 1 of the SEQR regarding the Extension of Consolidated Water District 1,2 & 3. The Board reviewed and responded to Part 2 of the SEQR. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to declare a negative environmental impact as a result of the proposed water district extension. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

Motion carried. Supervisor Buckley reported that the Habermann's have asked to withdraw their petition to extend the district. Attorney Farley stated that if the Board chose to comply with the request to withdraw the petition that the map, plan and report would have to be redone to only reflect the Earl property. The Board discussed the lack of water in the area and the strong possibility that the Habermann property may need to connect to the public water system at some future date. The capital charge for a residential parcel that is not connected to the system is \$160/annually. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to extend the boundaries of Consolidated Water District 1, 2 & 3 to include parcel nos. 93.00-2-14.35 and 93.00-2-14.36. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins:

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 2013 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.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor to execute the GIS Shared Services Agreement with the Village of Antwerp to map public utility infrastructure. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to declare and accept the Consolidated Water Supply Project – Contract 1 General Construction as substantially complete. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to declare and accept the Consolidated Water Supply Project – Contract 2 Pipeline Construction as substantially complete. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to declare and accept the Consolidated Water Supply Project – Contract 3 Electrical Construction as substantially complete. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to authorize the Town Clerk to advertise for bids for unleaded gas, diesel fuel No. 2, kerosene, and heating oil. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson that the extension of Lewis Loop shall hereby be known as “Lewis Loop”, a town road, in its entirety. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept a letter of resignation from Dr. William D. Wiley, Health Officer effective October 31, 2012 with regret and thanks from a grateful Town. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley presented and reviewed a proposed 2-year contract between the Town and the Champion Volunteer Fire Department. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to authorize the Supervisor to execute the contract. Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-abstain, Mr. Ferguson-aye and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to go into executive session for the purpose of discussion negotiations. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:52pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:08pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:09pm.

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