

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, February 4 2013 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, February 4, 2013 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Ferguson, Buzzell, and Watkins (7:06), Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. L. Waite, CVFD Chief, submitted training reports for November.

Monthly Report

- Engineer – Gregor Smith, BC&A, discussed concerns regarding the hardness of the water from the Britton Road wells. At the request of the Town, Mr. Smith submitted a proposal for a corrosion inhibitor. The equipment has both corrosion inhibition and sequestration properties. Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the engineer to prepare a request for funding to USDA-Rural Development to utilize unexpended Consolidated Water Supply grant funds to purchase the equipment. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
Mr. Smith updated the Board regarding the SD#2 Improvement project. He anticipates a phased project. Funding applications are being prepared for a March 1 submittal.
- Councilmen – Mr. Stewart reported that he and other Board members attended the open house for the Meadowbrook Terrace Assisted Living Facility.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported that 300T of salt has been used to date. His department has addressed drainage issues on Britton Drive.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick discussed the need to trend residential, farm and vacant property for the 2013 assessment roll to maintain the equalization rate at 100%.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is reviewing a minor subdivision application. He issued one zoning permit in January.
- Circuit Rider – Ms. Amyot discussed the Local Government Conference and meetings to discuss the impact of the City of Watertown’s designation as an urbanized area.

Public Hearing

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2013 – Amendments to the Town Zoning Law was called to order at 7:15pm by Supervisor Buckley. No one spoke for or against the proposed amendments. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:17pm.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of January 7, 2013 with one correction. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #20-50.....	\$220,157.99
Highway #11-32.....	\$32,892.40
RACOG #2.....	\$74.90
Con WD#1 O&M #3-5.....	\$7,033.97
Con WD#4 O&M #5-10.....	\$7,075.39
SD#1 O&M #2.....	\$55,186.25
SD#2 O&M #2-3.....	\$211.81

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Board members discussed a request from Champion Fire Department for five sets of turnout gear to outfit new members and replace outdated sets. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to approve the purchase of five sets of turnout gear for the Champion Fire Department. Vote: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-abstained, Mr. Ferguson-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley reported that 30-Storz hydrant adaptors have been purchased with water project funds. He explained that to complete installation on all hydrants in the Water Districts #2, #4 and #5 service areas that an additional 30-Storz adaptors are needed at a cost of \$4,170.00. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to authorize the purchase of 30-Storz hydrant adaptors. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve Local Law #1 for 2013 - Amendments to the Town Zoning Law as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Supervisor Buckley thanked the Planning Board for their work on the law.
- Supervisor Buckley presented a three year quote from Furgison & Co. for annual audits for the years 2012, 2013 and 2014. Various points regarding the scope of the audits were clarified. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the Supervisor to execute the letter of engagement. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Supervisor and Town Clerk's 2012 financial records were audited and signed by the Board.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to accept the dedication of the sewer main line constructed in connection with the Meadowbrook Terrace Assisted Living Facility from Meadowbrook Terrace, Inc.. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Stewart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 8:18pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to resume open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:42pm.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to hire Todd Keefer as a full time MEO effective May 1, 2013. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

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