

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, December 2 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, December 2, 2013 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 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public spoke.

Monthly Reports

- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported that a plow truck was struck head-on by a passenger vehicle. The truck sustained significant damage and was towed from the scene. An accident report was filed and the Town’s insurance carrier was contacted. Repairs to the truck are being made.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick responded to a query from Mr. Watkins regarding homeowners registering with the NYS Department of Taxation for the Basic STAR.
- Justice – Mr. Quinn reported on the court’s previous month’s activity.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is reviewing a minor subdivision application. A small number of zoning permits were acted on.
- Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that a heating system has been installed in the Hiram Hubbard House along with the propane tank. The contractor has removed the door, side lights, and transom for repair and refurbishment.
- Fire Department – Mr. Waite submitted the department’s monthly report and reported that the department received a \$1,800 grant through NYSDEC for the purchase of a chain saw and extrication gloves. Responding to a question from Mr. Ferguson, Mr. Waite reported that the department did not submit an application for an AFG Program grant. The program requires the applicant to clearly describe their financial distress and the department treasury has a \$101,000 balance so the means test could not be met.
- Engineer – Gregor Smith, BC&A, distributed photographs of salt barns that were toured by the Supervisor and Highway Superintendent. The Board preferred, by consensus, the stick built barn design. Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Supervisor Buckley to authorize the Supervisor to execute the application for funding through the Water Quality Improvement Project. Ayes-5, Nays-0.

Mr. Smith distributed a scoring letter from USDA Rural Development and a notice of eligibility from NYS EFC for a subsidized loan. An application for financial hardship funding has been submitted to the NYS CWSRF program. The Board discussed extending of the sewer district boundaries to include Caskinette Lofink Ford at the request of the business owner and including those portions of Cole Road and Farney Pit Road that lay in the proposed service area. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to direct the engineer to prepare a map, plan and report to extend the boundaries of Sewer District #2 as discussed. Roll call vote: Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Ferguson-aye, and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of November 4, 2013 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 #300-320.....	\$42,174.41
Highway #215-230.....	\$25,098.24
RACOG #25-26.....	\$574.90
Con WD#1 O&M #36-38.....	\$2,157.07
Con WD#4 O&M #73-77.....	\$3,179.42
SD#1 O&M #6.....	\$2,367.25
SD#2 O&M #29-30.....	\$10,210.58

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried

Board members reviewed and discussed the Supervisor’s monthly report. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- The Board opened and reviewed bids for fuel from Simpson Fuels and Christman Fuel Service respectively.

The Highway Superintendent noted that Christman Fuel Service is unable to provide unleaded gas. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to award the bid for fuel to Simpson Fuels. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- The Board agreed, by consensus, to schedule a year end meeting on December 31, 2013 at 9:00am for the purpose of paying bills and any other necessary business.
- The Board agreed, by consensus, to schedule special meeting on December 16, 2013 at 10:00am to discuss and take necessary action to extend the boundaries of Sewer District #2 and all other necessary action.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:05pm.

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