

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, May 5 2014 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 5, 2014 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins(7:10), Buzzell(7:02), 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 addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Councilmen – Mr. Ferguson reported that the Community Housing program has been awarded another round of funding.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported the following activities: roadside clean up; Taylor Road bridge has been “red flagged” and closed to traffic; cold patching; equipment repairs; road tour scheduled for May 8; change to summer hours and; additional CHIPS in the amount of \$11,086.24.
- Planning Board/Zoning Officer – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is working on two minor subdivisions. A number of permits for new homes have been issued primarily in Great Bend.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that the Highway Department has prepared the Village Green Park for the season. Mrs. Thornton invited everyone to volunteer on Saturday, May 10 at the Hiram Hubbard House as the historical society begins the interior renovations.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of April 7, 2014 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #102-125.....	\$22,216.17
Highway #63-79.....	\$29,707.64
RACOG #9.....	\$74.90
Con WD#1 O&M #9.....	\$6,948.52
WD#2,4&5 O&M #24-27.....	\$3,210.79
SD#2 O&M #11.....	\$129.17
SD#2 Capital #6-7.....	\$16,781.96

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to allow the automatic renewal provision of the North Country HOME Consortium as provided for in the Cooperation Agreement in 2011. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley reported that the Taylor Road bridge has been “red flagged” by the NYS Department of Transportation. Access to the bridge has been blocked to prevent traffic. Supervisor Buckley reported that no money was budgeted to repair the bridge on the sixty yard (60 yard) road. Mr. Sech reminded board members that the road is a seasonal road. In response to a question, L. Waite, CVFD Fire Chief, stated that the closure of the bridge is not a safety concern. S. Buzzell stated that he would like to see the bridge repaired. He stated that he and his family use the bridge. Supervisor Buckley responded that repairing the bridge, when there are alternative routes, is not fiscally responsible. Highway Superintendent Sech was directed to put together an estimate for repairs for the Board’s review.
- A letter from New Yorkers for Active Transportation was reviewed. Existing state law requires towns to petition the County Highway Superintendent, who then petitions the NYS Department of Transportation, to have the speed limit lowered on any Town road. This mandate gives the NYS Department of Transportation the final decision to set speeds on Town roads. Councilman Buzzell stated that he felt a change is unnecessary. Councilmen Stewart, Ferguson and Watkins stated that they support local control. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to sign on to a letter to the Governor requesting a change to the existing state law. Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, Mr. Buzzell-nay, Mr. Ferguson-aye and Supervisor Buckley-aye. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to schedule a public hearing for June 2, 2014 at 7:15pm to receive public comment on a bond resolution for Sewer District #2 Improvements. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Mr. Watkins read and distributed a report on the recent meeting of the Black River Advisory Board.
- Board members agreed to participate in the Firemen's Parade and Flag Day Parade scheduled for June 7th and June 14th respectively. Peter LaBarge agreed to provide the transport.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:12pm.

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