

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, December 1 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, December 1, 2014 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Ferguson, Stewart, Watkins, and Buzzell, Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment.

Jon Furgison, Furgision and Co., presented the 2013 Town and Justice Court audits. No material weaknesses or unusual findings were identified in either audit.

Carlo Alberto asked the Board to forgive a portion of his October water/sewer bill. Mr. Alberto confirmed that he had had a leak. The Board agreed, by consensus, to make no changes in the bill. The charges have been relieved on the 2015 Town/County tax.

Public Hearings

- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #2 for 2014 – A Local Law to Protect the Public Drinking Water Supplies of the Town of Champion was called to order at 7:15pm. No one spoke for or against the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:16pm.
- Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #3 for 2014 – Town Zoning Law was called to order at 7:30pm. No one spoke for or against the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:32pm.
- Proof of notice having been furnished the public hearing to rezone all of the area known as “Champion Heights” as R-1 (One & Two Family Residential District) was called to order at 7:32pm. No one spoke for or against the proposal. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:35pm.

Monthly Reports

- Fire Department – L. Waite submitted the monthly incident reports. James Ashcroft, CVFD bookkeeper, submitted monthly financial reports. L. Waite stated the CVFD submitted a budget requesting \$90,000 but did not receive the full amount they wanted. The financial reports indicate that as of November 25, 2014 the department has a balance of \$20,663 in Town funds and \$95,875 in Company funds.
- Engineer – Kris Dimmick recommended that the Board authorize the Supervisor to sign the amended Intermunicipal Agreement for Sewer District #2 between the Town and the V/West Carthage. The agreement was amended to clarify charges and payments and to establish the rate. Mr. Dimmick and Jared Thisse presented information about the costs and incentives for solar power to help municipalities control power supply and distribution costs. Remote net metering allows centralized solar power production to be pushed to other service areas. Bernier, Carr & Associates have proposed an agreement, not to exceed \$1,500, to evaluate vendors and facilitate the development of an agreement. Board members questioned whether the panels would be leased or owned. Mr. Thisse stated that either is a viable alternative. Board members questioned how large a solar field would be necessary to meet the Town’s electrical demand. Mr. Thisse advised that the actual field would be approximately a half (?) acre but would utilize approximately one (1) acre to provide a protection perimeter. Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Stewart to authorize the Supervisor to execute the agreement with Bernier, Carr & Associates to disseminate and evaluate information from vendors and to facilitate the development of an agreement at the Board’s request. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported on road and equipment maintenance.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is reviewing a minor subdivision. He issued one permit for a home.
- Circuit Rider – Ms. Amyot reported that she and L. Thornton have a meeting scheduled with State Archives to discuss grant opportunities to rehabilitate the South Champion Cemetery.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of November 3, 2014 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #278-301.....	\$24,789.07
Highway #219-242.....	\$30,029.38

RACOG #25-26.....	\$574.90
Con WD#1 O&M #31-34.....	\$18,498.10
WD#2,4&5 O&M #69-74.....	\$6,324.71
SD#1 O&M #5.....	\$2,288.62
SD#2 O&M #29-31.....	\$4,070.76
SD#2 Capital #21-23.....	\$31,824.59

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and reviewed. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adopt Local Law #2 for 2014 – A Local Law to Protect the Public Drinking Water Supplies of the Town of Champion as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adopt Local Law #3 for 2014 – Town Zoning Law as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to rezone all parcels in the subdivision known as “Champion Heights” as One & Two Family Residential (R-1). Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- The Town received a single bid for fuel from Simpson Fuels. The price quoted was the rack price plus \$.16 for diesel, unleaded gas and heating oil and rack price plus \$.30 for propane. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to award the 2015 fuel bid to Simpson Fuels. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to reappoint Robert Blank to the RACOG Cooperative ZBA for a term ending December 31, 2019. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Board members agreed, by consensus, to schedule a year end meeting to pay bills and conduct any other necessary business for December 30, 2014 at 10:00AM.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:45PM.

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