

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, January 5 2015 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, January 5, 2015 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilman Ferguson, Stewart, Watkins, and Buzzell and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the public forum. Jennifer Waite, representing the Champion Fire Department, shared information from the department’s attorney regarding the dissolution of the Champion Fire Protection District. Ms. Waite questioned the ownership of the Jaws of Life and the equipment accessories that have been purchased with Fire Protection funds and intended to be shared by the Champion and West Carthage Fire Departments for the protection of the public. Daniel Gibeau requested a letter from the Board stating the Champion Fire Department owns fifty percent (50%) of the equipment.

Monthly Reports

- Fire Department – L. Waite, Fire Chief, submitted the Champion Fire Department’s monthly incident and meeting reports.
- Parks/Historian- Mrs. Thornton mentioned that she observed a group making use of the park this winter. She reported that a check in the amount of \$69,000 has been received from the NYS OPRHP to reimburse work done at the Hiram Hubbard House. An interim loan received from the CIDC in the amount of \$25,150 has been repaid in full. The remaining ten percent (10%) of the awarded grant funds will be paid pending the completion of the project audit.
- Circuit Rider – Ms. Amyot distributed copies of the Tug Hill Times and noted articles regarding funding for records management and registrations for the 2015 Local Government Conference.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the minutes for December 1, 2014 and December 30, 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 #1-19.....	\$64,175.15
Highway #1-8.....	\$79,742.35
RACOG #1-2.....	\$380.58
Con WD#1 O&M #1.....	\$1,500.00
WD#2,4&5 O&M #1-4.....	\$17,905.07
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$1,500.00
SD#2 O&M #1-3.....	\$1,476.41

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. 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. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to appoint the following individuals to the position indicated:

- Deputy clerk – Helen Novak
- Deputy clerk – Mariah Strife
- Registrar - Christina Vargulick
- Deputy registrar – Helen Novak
- Court Clerk – Helen Novak
- Deputy Court Clerk – Christina Vargulick
- Court Baliff – David Bates
- Historian – Lynn Thornton
- Clerk to the Supervisor – Mary Ann Yuhas
- Deputy Clerk to the Supervisor – James Yuhas
- Town Attorney - Timothy Farley
- Zoning Enforcement Officer – Peter LaBarge
- Deputy Supervisor – Bruce Ferguson
- Planning Board member – Kathryn Smith (Term 12/31/19)
- Board of Assessment Review – Richard Blunden (Term 9/30/2019)

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to set salaries and hourly rates as budgeted. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to re-adopt the investment and procurement policies and forms. Ayes-5. Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to set the first Monday of the month at 7:00PM as the meeting date and time of the Town Board; the second and fourth Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM, as necessary, as the Planning Board meeting date and time; and the first Wednesday of each month at 7:30PM, as necessary, as the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting date and time. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins seconded by Mr. Stewart to designate First Niagara, Key Bank, Community Bank, Pathfinder and J P Morgan Chase as the depositories in which the Supervisor, Town Clerk, Tax Collector, and Justices shall deposit all monies coming into their hands by virtue of their offices. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the following:

- Authorize officials to attend necessary schools
- Set mileage reimbursement in accordance with the state reimbursement rate
- Designate the Carthage Republican Tribune as the official Town newspaper
- Authorize the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to sign checks
- Designate On-Site Testing Services Inc. as the firm to administer drug and alcohol testing
- Authorize town cellphones for business use only

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Buckley reported that the referendum to dissolve the Champion Fire Protection District was approved by the voters.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:26pm.

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