

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, April 6 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, April 6, 2015 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins and Buzzell, Attorney Farley and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and requested a moment of silence for Ted Rice, a former longtime employee of the Town Highway Department. Supervisor Buckley then opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Fire Department – L. Waite submitted a statement from Family Practice Associates regarding an exam for Gordon Wiltse. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to add Gordon Wiltse as a member of the Champion Fire Department. J. Stout, CVFD president, reviewed portions of the fire contract and stated that doctor’s certifications are not required. Attorney Farley explained to Mr. Stout that certification by a doctor is preferable to certification by a department officer from the officer’s personal liability perspective. Mr. Stout questioned why the Board does not require the Village departments to meet the same requirements. Supervisor Buckley explained that Village Fire Departments belong to and are regulated by the respective Villages. L. Waite informed the Board that the department has contacted a local accountant to assist them with their 501c3 application. J. Stout advised the Board that in the future monthly reports will be received by the Town at least five (5) days prior to the monthly board meeting.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported on the following activities for the previous month: cold patching; posting roads; pricing topping for Jackson II Road; State bid salt order for next year; equipment maintenance; replacing the gear box in the new sander; and the receipt of \$23,877 from FEMA/NYS Homeland Security for the November declared emergency.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that the State did not make any of the proposed changes in the STAR exemption in the new state budget.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board has referred OWN Energy to the RACOG Cooperative ZBA for a decision on their proposed area variance. The Planning Board has received an application for a major wind tower on Pennock Road. He has issued permits for four (4) new houses.
- Circuit Rider – The Tug Hill Commissioners will meet in the RACOG area on April 20, 2015 to discuss issues of local concern.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of March 2 and March 23, 2015 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #73-98.....	\$30,699.70
Highway #47-66.....	\$47,345.26
RACOG #6-8.....	\$292.89
Con WD#1&3 O&M #9-13.....	\$1,841.88
WD#2,4&5 O&M #17-25.....	\$4,942.49
SD#2 O&M #11-12.....	\$154.64

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to accept the report as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

New Business

- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell:
WHEREAS, Taylor Park, LLC has built and installed a sanitary sewer system in accordance with the plans and specifications prepared by Terrance J. Thisse, P.E. for Charles L. Fluno Engineering, P.E., and
WHEREAS, Taylor Park, LLC has indicated a willingness to dedicate said system to the Town of Champion, and
WHEREAS, the Town of Champion Town Board has reviewed said map, and
WHEREAS, the Town of Champion Town Board has deemed it is in the best interest of the people of the Town of Champion,
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Champion shall accept dedication of the Sanitary Sewer System Railroad Street Extension from Taylor Park, LLC, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Champion is authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution.

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- An application for a liquor license renewal received from Tom & Geri's Inc., 32926 NYS Route 3 was reviewed. The Board agreed, by consensus, that they have no opposition to the license renewal.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to table the discussion regarding a regional planner until May 4, 2015. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Buckley asked for an executive session to discuss a contract. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to go into executive session to discuss a contract. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 7:43pm.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 8:08pm.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:08pm.

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