

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, July 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, July 6, 2015 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Buckley, Councilmen Ferguson, Stewart, Buzzell and Watkins(7:03), and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Buckley called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. Jennifer Waite and Diana Harris spoke in favor of reinstating the fire contract with the Champion Fire Department.

Monthly Report

- Engineer – Supervisor Buckley reported that the pre-construction meeting for the SD#2 Improvement project is scheduled for July 9, 2015.
- Councilmen – Mr. Ferguson reported that the CDBG approved four applications for housing rehabilitation. He also encouraged residents of the Town of Champion and Village of West Carthage to apply for assistance.
- Highway Superintendent – Supervisor Buckley reported on the following activities for the previous month: paving a portion of Jackson II Road in preparation for sealing; replacing pipes on South Lake Road; screening as weather permits; work for the County; replacing the fuel tank on the International; the resignation of Brian Sech; the hiring of Michael Eisel; and the possible replacement of a pipe on Cole Road pending construction of the sewer line.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that he would be attending training the week of July 13th.
- Attorney – Attorney Farley presented and read the plan pursuant to Section 782 of the General Municipal Law related to the dissolution of the Champion Fire Protection District.
- Justice – Judge Quinn reported that revenues for June are down due to the temporary reassignment of law enforcement officers to Clinton County.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is reviewing a site plan application for a day care facility in Great Bend. He issued three permits for new home construction.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that the 4th of July parade had a number of participants and was well attended. She particularly thanked Brian Sech for organizing and coordinating the parade.
- Circuit Rider – Ms. Amyot reported that the Twin Village pool is open for swimmers until August 14th. An ad hoc committee has developed standard operating procedures. The committee will review the procedures at the end of the season.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes for June 1, 2015 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 #160-177.....	\$42,356.11
Highway #111-131.....	\$30,014.84
RACOG #11-15.....	\$2,602.00
Con WD#1 O&M #21.....	\$353.33
WD#2,4&5 O&M #38-46.....	\$16,549.20
SD#1 O&M #4.....	\$981.00
SD#2 O&M #20-24.....	\$2,094.32
SD#2 Capital #7-9.....	\$882.50

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Resolution offered by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Stewart that a public hearing be held on the creation of a fire protection district in the Town of Champion to be known as Town of Champion Fire Protection District Number One with the territory embraced therein and being described more particularly at Schedule “A” attached hereto and made a part hereof, and it is;
FURTHER RESOLVED, that said public hearing be held on the 10th day of August, 2015 at 10 North Broad

Street, West Carthage, New York at 7:00 o'clock p.m., and;
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and directed to publish notice of the same once in the Carthage Republican Tribune and to post copies of such notice within the district as prescribed by law.

Mr. Buzzell questioned Mr. LaBarge regarding permissible uses for the Champion Fire Barn allowed under the zoning law. Mr. LaBarge responded that there are a number of uses and the opportunity to apply for a variance if necessary. Mr. Buzzell questioned payment to the Champion Fire Department. Supervisor Buckley responded that the decision will be made by the court. A motion by Mr. Buzzell to reinstate the contract between the Town and the Champion Fire Department received no second.

Roll call vote to schedule the public hearing: Supervisor Buckley-aye, Mr. Buzzell-nay, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, and Mr. Ferguson-aye. Resolution adopted.

- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson that a public hearing be held on the creation of a fire protection district in the Town of Champion to be known as Town of Champion Fire Protection District Number One with the territory embraced therein and being described more particularly at Schedule "B" attached hereto and made a part hereof, and it is;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that said public hearing be held on the 10th day of August, 2015 at 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage, New York at 7:00 o'clock p.m., and;

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is authorized and directed to publish notice of the same once in the Carthage Republican Tribune and to post copies of such notice within the district as prescribed by law.

Roll call vote: Supervisor Buckley-aye, Mr. Buzzell-nay, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, and Mr. Ferguson-aye. Resolution adopted.

- Resolution offered by Mr. Ferguson, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the plan for dissolution of the Champion Fire Protection District and its provisions of service. Roll call vote: Supervisor Buckley-aye, Mr. Buzzell-nay, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, and Mr. Ferguson-aye. Resolution adopted.
- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to authorize the Clerk to publish a copy of the plan for four consecutive weeks in the Carthage Republican Tribune, to display the plan in public places within the affected area, and to publish the plan on the Town website. Roll call vote: Supervisor Buckley-aye, Mr. Buzzell-nay, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, and Mr. Ferguson-aye. Resolution adopted.
- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to schedule a public hearing on the plan for the dissolution of the Champion Fire Protection District on August 10, 2015 at 7:00pm. Roll call vote: Supervisor Buckley-aye, Mr. Buzzell-nay, Mr. Stewart-aye, Mr. Watkins-aye, and Mr. Ferguson-aye. Resolution adopted.
- Board members reviewed a letter from Jefferson County Emergency Management regarding the County's intention to erect a 180 foot radio communications tower and shelter on County owned land located at 19864 County Route 47 in the Town of Champion. Mr. Buzzell expressed his opposition to sighting the tower in the proximity of the existing residences and suggested that the County should consider an alternative sight. Mr. Ferguson suggested that the County should provide information regarding their determination that the location was feasible for reliable communication. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to forward a letter to Jefferson County Emergency Management regarding the selection of the sight and research supporting the choice. Roll call vote: Supervisor Buckley-nay, Mr. Buzzell-aye, Mr. Stewart-nay, Mr. Watkins-aye, and Mr. Ferguson-aye. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:43pm.

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