

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, January 4 2016 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

Prior to the scheduled meeting the Town Clerk administered the oath of office to Supervisor Ferguson and Councilmen Stewart and Leary.

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, January 4, 2016 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Leary, Watkins(7:03), and Buzzell(7:05), and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm., followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Supervisor Ferguson opened the public hearing. Diana Harris asked who had been appointed as deputy supervisor. Supervisor Ferguson responded that he was appointing Councilman Stewart to the position. Jonathan Schell repeated the issues he has raised at prior meetings.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Kris Dimmick updated the Board on the status of the SD#2 Improvement project. He anticipates that the gas and electric meters should be installed this week. The balance of the residential connections will be made pending the operational status of the pump station. Supervisor Ferguson questioned the plan for installing the lateral to Lofink Ford and maintaining their operation. Mr. Dimmick responded that the contractor would maintain one lane of traffic at all times and will repair the driveway with either cement or hot mix pending the resumption of permanent restoration in the spring.
- Councilmen – Supervisor Ferguson welcomed Councilman Leary to the Board.
- Highway – Mr. Sech reported on plowing and equipment repair.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick reported that residents have begun receiving the NYS Tax Freeze rebate checks.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge informed the Board that the next meeting of the Planning Board will be held on January 8th at 4:00pm.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that the West Carthage librarian has offered files containing historical information since they local history unit shall no longer be part of the curriculum.
- Circuit Rider – Ms. Amyot provided information regarding training sessions for newly elected officials.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to approve the minutes of December 7, 14, and 30, 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 #1-11.....	\$42,551.75
Highway #1-3.....	\$75,854.68
RACOG #1.....	\$250.00
Con WD#1 O&M #1.....	\$1,500.00
WD#2,4&5 O&M #1-2.....	\$18,201.00
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$1,500.00
SD#2 O&M #1.....	\$1500.00

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Watkins, 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 – Thomas Stewart
Planning Board member – Peter LaBarge (Term 12/31/20)
Board of Assessment Review – Stephen Eisel (Term 9/30/20)

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to set salaries and hourly rates as budgeted. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to re-adopt the investment and procurement policies and forms. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell 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 4:00PM, as necessary, as the Planning Board meeting date and time; and the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00PM, 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. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize officials to attend necessary schools. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Watkins to set the mileage reimbursement in accordance with the state reimbursement rate. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to designate the Carthage Republican Tribune as the official Town newspaper. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Leary to authorize the Supervisor or Deputy Supervisor to sign checks. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to designate On-Site Testing Services Inc. as the firm to administer drug and alcohol testing. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to authorize town cellphones for business use only. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize the pre-payment of utility, security, postage, and fuel billing. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Board members audited the year end reports and balances for the Supervisor and Town Clerk. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to accept the Supervisor's yearend report as presented and certify by signature. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Leary to accept the Town Clerk's yearend report as presented and certify by signature. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Leary to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:38pm.

Christina Vargulick
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