

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, June 6 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

The Town of Champion Town Board met in regular monthly session on Monday, June 6, 2016 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were: Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Watkins, Buzzell, and Leary, Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley. Councilman Stewart was excused.

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

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2016 - A local law reducing the exemption in the Town of Champion provided under Section 485-B of the Real Property Tax Law was called to order at 7:01pm by Supervisor Ferguson. No one spoke for or in opposition to the proposed law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the public hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

Public Forum

Jill Willams, Sayre Road, complained that the public water has a strong sulfur odor. Supervisor Ferguson explained that the pumps in both Farney Pit Road wells failed simultaneously which required the use of an alternative well in Champion Heights which does contain a level of sulfur. The alternate well is approved for use by the NYS Department of Health. Both pumps have been replaced and the alternate water source has been shut down. Pending the chlorination and testing of the second well at Farney Pit, the Supervisor will direct the O&M personnel to flush the system to expedite the replacement of the water. Kris Dimmick, town engineer, also suggested that affected property owners should empty the tanks on their hot water heaters to replace the water.

Louis Waite complained that water he is delivering for pools comes out of the tap clear but is brown in the pool. Supervisor Ferguson and Mr. Dimmick suggested that the change may be a result of a chemical reaction with something either in the truck tank or the pool.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer - Mr. Dimmick reported that documents are being prepared for the closeout of the the SD#2 Improvement project for both contracts. He submitted Change Order No. 6 for consideration. Supervisor Ferguson advised Mr. Dimmick that the staging area utilized by Lawman should be inspected to see if the restoration is acceptable.
- Highway Superintendent - Mr. Sech reported on the following activities: roadside mowing; grading and spraying Putman Hill Road; paving on Martin Street, Harper Drive, and Jackson Road - paving is approximately 150T under estimate; paving 8/10th mile on Lamb Road on June 7th; equipment maintenance; a request for assistance from the V/West Carthage; five loads of scrap collected during the clean up; work in Village Green Park and at Hiram Hubbard House.
- Justice Court - Judge Quinn reported a number of late night arraignments.
- Parks/Historian - Mrs. Thornton discussed plans for the Old Home Day parade and barbeque. Mrs. Thornton asked interested parade participants to contact herself or Brian Sech. Parade formation will be at the Hiram Hubbard House. The new historical signs at Hiram Hubbard House will be dedicated July 4, 2016 and the house will be open for tours between 11:00am and 2:00pm. Supervisor Ferguson thanked Mrs. Thornton for organizing Old Home Day activities.
- Circuit Rider - Mrs. Amyot reported that the Tug Hill Commissioners will hold a meeting at the T/Wilna on Monday, June 20th at 10:00am.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Leary to approve the minutes of May 2, 2016 as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0, Mr. Buzzell abstained. Motion carried. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to approve the minutes of May 23, 2016 as presented. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #120-151.....	\$25,805.51
Highway #80-99.....	\$33,520.72
Con WD#1 O&M #12-16.....	\$5,119.20
WD#2,4&5 O&M #27-36.....	\$20,994.11
SD#1 O&M #3.....	\$5,910.00
SD#2 O&M #18-23.....	\$6,947.13
SD#2 Capital #13-14.....	\$5,261.00

Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Ferguson reviewed correspondence from Furgison and Co, CPA regarding the audit scope and schedule of work. He presented a request from the V/West Carthage for support of the Village's summer concert series. A total of six events will be held starting June 9th at the new River Bend Park. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to appropriate \$1,000 from bed tax revenues to support the summer events. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried. Supervisor Ferguson also discussed a tour set up by Farm Bureau and a request from DANC waste management to encourage residents to begin voluntarily using clear bags for garbage.

New Business

- Supervisor Ferguson advised board members that a number of communities have reduced their business exemption to zero percent. Qualified businesses may still work with JCIDA to develop tax plans. Mr. Buzzell stated that he does not support any exemption for business. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to approve Local Law #2 for 2016 - A local law reducing the exemption in the Town of Champion provided under Section 485-B of the Real Property Tax Law. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to change the July meeting date to July 5, 2016 at 7:00pm. Ayes-4, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 8:01pm.

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