

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Tuesday, July 5 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 Tuesday, July 5, 2016 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson and Councilmen Watkins, Stewart, Buzzell, and Leary. Highway Superintendent Sech was excused.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm and opened the meeting for public comment. No one from the public addressed the board.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – Kris Dimmick, Bernier, Carr & Associates, updated the Board on the status of the Sewer District #2 Improvement project. RD and EFC have concurred that loan/grant dollars may be used to repave the Farney Pit Road due to the extreme disturbance during the installation of sewer and gas lines. Mr. Dimmick and M. Astafan, V/Carthage Trustee, met with NYSDEC to discuss dealing with the petroleum contaminated soil discovered during the replacement of the transmission line to the Joint Village Treatment Plant. RD and EFC have given conditional approval for the Town to share up to one half of the cost of the remediation. Mr. Dimmick recommended submitting an application to NYSEFC for a planning study grant to consider the feasibility of extending sewer service to the area known as Champion Heights. Supervisor Ferguson supported a grant application stating that a number of the leach fields in the development may be aging out and stressing the importance of protecting the wells fields located in the development. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to authorize the Supervisor to execute all necessary documents related to submitting a planning study grant application. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Councilmen - Mr. Stewart reported on and distributed information regarding a presentation made to elected officials regarding the siting of a missile defense site on Fort Drum. A public comment period has begun. Mr. Watkins complimented Lynn Thornton and Brian Sech for organizing a very successful Old Home Day celebration.
- Highway Superintendent – A written report from Mr. Sech was distributed to Board members.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board approved one minor subdivision. One permit was approved for a new residence.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that Old Home Day was an overall success. Over one hundred and fifty persons visited Hiram Hubbard House. The new historic signage was unveiled.
- Circuit Rider – Mrs. Amyot reported that the Twin Village Swimming Pool opened on July 2nd for the season. She also noted that Laban Haverstock has resigned his position with the RACOG Cooperative ZBA. The T/Wilna will appoint a representative to complete the unexpired term.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Leary to approve the minutes of June 6, 2016 as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #152-169.....	\$45,333.21
Highway #100-120.....	\$114,078.95
RACOG #5-6.....	\$520.64
Con WD#1 O&M #17-19.....	\$430.75
WD#2,4&5 O&M #37-42.....	\$20,418.67
SD#2 O&M #24.....	\$137.08
SD#2 Capital #15.....	\$5,377.01

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

Supervisor Ferguson reviewed correspondence and reported on scheduled meetings. Supervisor Ferguson advised the Board that the contract between the Town and the NYS Teamsters, representing the Highway Employees, expires December 31, 2016. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to authorize Supervisor Ferguson and Deputy Supervisor Stewart to negotiate with the union on behalf of the Town. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson requested that Board members, in their role as the Town Health Board, inspect the Kathy Hadley property located at 32610 NYS Route 3 for violations of Local Law #1 for 1993 – Unsafe Building Law,

note their findings, and be prepared to discuss the issue at the next scheduled meeting.

Supervisor Ferguson reported that the Comprehensive Planning Committee met and reviewed a number of maps including: zoning, roads, water and sewer districts, lighting districts, and well head protection. The maps will be revised as overlays to the Town parcel map. The next Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting is open to the public. There will be an open forum to discuss the Town's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats. The meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, July 26, 2016 at 2:00pm at the Town Municipal Building.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Leary to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:52pm.

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