

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, January 2 2017 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, January 2, 2017 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilman Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell and Waite, Highway Superintendent Sech, and Attorney Farley.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm followed by the Pledge of Allegiance. The meeting was opened for public comment. No one from the public addressed the Board.

Monthly Reports

- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Sech reported that plowing and sanding are proceeding as necessary. He reported that a truck transmission was replaced due to a bent shaft. Mr. Sech strongly recommended that the Board consider replacing the truck due its age and condition. Supervisor Ferguson commended the department mechanics for their expertise.
- Planning Board/ZEO – Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board is reviewing a site plan for the former Sugarcreek Store in Great Bend. The applicant proposes using the site for a pizzeria.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the minutes of December 5 and December 30, 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 #1-11.....	\$31,187.48
Highway #1-5.....	\$65,681.24
RACOG #1.....	\$1,500.00
Con WD#1 O&M #1-2.....	\$1,813.50
WD#2,4&5 O&M #1-3.....	\$18,514.50
SD#1 O&M #1.....	\$1,500.00
SD#2 O&M #1.....	\$1,500.00

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Board members reviewed and discussed the Supervisor’s monthly report and year end balances. The Town’s fiscal condition is significantly improved. Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to accept the report as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson stated that the next Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting is scheduled for January 24th at 2:00pm. The topic will be roads and transportation.

New Business

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to appoint the following individuals to the position indicated:

- Deputy clerk – Helen Novak
- Registrar - Christina Vargulick
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- 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 – James Surace (Term 12/31/21)
- ZBA Member – Robert Blank (Term 12/31/21)
- RACOG member – Thomas Stewart

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to set salaries and hourly rates as budgeted. Mr. Waite questioned the increase in the Supervisor's salary. Supervisor Ferguson explained that the increase reflects his decision not to take the Town's health insurance. A net savings to the Town of over \$11,000. Mr. Waite questioned which positions received an increase in salary or hourly wage. Mr. Watkins stated that he supported the increase in the Supervisor's salary. Vote: T. Stewart-aye, H. Watkins-aye, S. Buzzell-aye, L. Waite-nay, and B. Ferguson-aye. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to amend Section 7 of the Town investment policy to increase the maximum deposit at Community Bank and Key Bank to \$2,000,000 and to add J.P. Morgan Chase to list with the same maximum deposit as the other depositories. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to re-adopt the investment and procurement policies as amended. Ayes-5. Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite 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. Buzzell seconded by Mr. Stewart to designate Community Bank, Key Bank, HSBC 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. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize officials to attend necessary schools. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Waite to set the mileage reimbursement in accordance with the state reimbursement rate. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to designate the Carthage Republican Tribune as the official Town newspaper. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Buzzell 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. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to authorize town cellphones for business use only. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to authorize the pre-payment of utility, security, postage, fuel billing, and any other payments deemed to be a savings. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Supervisor Ferguson advised the Board that he asked Attorney Farley to prepare information regarding a local law regulating illegal littering on streets or public places in the town. Attorney Farley distributed a draft law and discussed some of the issues regarding implementation including appointing an enforcement officer, investigations, securing evidence, issuing appearance tickets, and prosecution. In response to questioning, Attorney Farley stated that no signage is required for enforcement. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart to table the matter for further consideration and discussion. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.

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