

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Friday, March 17 2017 at 10:00 AM**

**Place Town of Champion Offices Board Room (rear of building) 10 N Broad St, West Carthage NY**

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**Minutes**

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The Town of Champion Town Board met in special session on Friday, March 17, 2017 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Waite.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 10:07am. Karen J. Freeman, Town Justice, submitted her letter of resignation effective March 31, 2017. She stated that it has been a privilege to serve as justice for the past 13 years but at this time the demands of her full time job and family require her to reassess her commitments. The Board thanked Justice Freeman for her dedicated service.

Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing specific personnel. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session began at 10:20am.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 10:37am.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to accept the resignation of Karen J. Freeman effective March 31, 2017. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Resolution offered by Councilman Buzzell; seconded by Councilman Stewart:

RESOLVED, that Gary S. Rivers be appointed Town Justice effective April 1, 2017 for a term to expire December 31, 2017 to fill a vacancy created by the resignation of the Hon. Karen J. Freeman effective March 31, 2017 and fully staff the Town Court, and;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, to inform the Jefferson County Board of Elections of the Town Justice vacancy so that it may be placed on the November 7, 2017 ballot.

Supervisor Ferguson	aye
Councilman Stewart	aye
Councilman Watkins	aye
Councilman Buzzell	aye
Councilman Waite	aye

Resolution adopted.

Supervisor Ferguson advised the Board that there will be a presentation of the Fort Drum land use study at the next Comprehensive Planning Committee meeting.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:48am.

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