

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Monday, October 16 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**

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The Town of Champion Town Board met in special session on Monday, October 16, 2017 at the Town Municipal Offices, 10 North Broad Street, Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell, and Waite and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 7:00pm. Supervisor Ferguson presented the 2018 Town budget. The budget includes highway funding for either a pick up or stake rack truck, an infrastructure project, and the negotiated hourly rate increase for department employees; funding for the court consolidation; and no changes to water/sewer rates. The town tax rate shall remain at \$3.10/\$1,000. Supervisor Ferguson stated that the budget provides a solid footing for town operations. James Yuhas, assistant financial director, reviewed the appropriations and revenues line by line. Based on the review, the Board reduced the building equipment (A1620.2) and anticipated revenue (A3010) accounts by \$125,000 each.

Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Stewart to go into executive session for the purpose of discussing personnel. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Executive session resumed at 8:27pm.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to return to open session. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried. Open session resumed at 9:28pm.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Watkins to approve the tentative budget as amended. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to schedule a public hearing on the 2018 Preliminary budget on November 6, 2017 at 7:00pm. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Resolution offered by Councilman Stewart; seconded by Councilman Buzzell:

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor of the Town of Champion is hereby authorized to execute and submit a grant application to the Justice Court Assistance Program in the amount of \$25,000 for the purpose of acquiring funding to improve the municipal offices/court parking lot to provide adequate parking for the Town Court in view of the dissolution of the Village of West Carthage Court.

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

Resolution adopted.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 9:31pm.

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