

**Organization Town of Champion**

**Board Town Board**

**Date and Time Friday, December 29 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**

The Town of Champion Town Board met in special session on Friday, December 29, 2017. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Stewart, Watkins, Buzzell and Waite, and Highway Superintendent Sech.

Supervisor Ferguson called the meeting to order at 10:04AM.

**Public Hearings**

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on the cable franchise agreement between the Town and Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC was called to order at 10:04AM. No one spoke in favor of or in opposition to the agreement. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 10:06AM.

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on a proposal to reclassify the Boni Road Spur was called to order at 10:06AM. The road is currently classified as qualified abandoned. The Copenhagen Wind Farm seeks to use the road for transporting equipment and has agreed to rebuild the road to the Town standard. Highway Superintendent Sech advised the Board that the roads that the project has constructed to date are well built. Moses Mast and Stephen Eisel both spoke in favor of reclassifying the road. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 10:09AM.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Buzzell to pay the following bills as presented:

General #318-336.....	\$20,372.36
Highway #216-234.....	\$23,046.85
Con WD#1 O&M #29-32.....	\$14,544.85
WD#2,4&5 O&M #80-85.....	\$4,334.56
SD#2 O&M #58-60.....	\$1,279.78
SD#2 Capital #9.....	\$50,923.51

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Mr. Yuhas reviewed the year end budget transfers. Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve the transfers as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson presented Mr. Yuhas and Highway Superintendent Sech with a small gift and expressed the Town's appreciation of twenty-four and twenty years of service respectively.

**New Business**

- Motion by Mr. Buzzell, seconded by Mr. Stewart to approve the cable franchise agreement between the Town and Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC for a period of fifteen (15) years. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Resolution offered by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite

WHEREAS, the Town has in the past deemed the Boni Road Spur as a qualified abandoned road under the Highway Law of the State of New York from the County line of the County of Lewis to Boni Road, and WHEREAS, it has been requested of the Town that Boni Road Spur be deemed a Town Road and its status of qualified abandoned be amended to open Town Road, and

WHEREAS the entity requesting that Boni Road Spur be restored as a Town Road is Copenhagen Wind Farm, LLC, (hereinafter "Company"),

WHEREAS, Company has agreed to enter into an Agreement for Road Use Repair and Improvement which shall require that Company at Company's sole cost and expense to rebuild Boni Road Spur to Town specifications, and

WHEREAS, Company has agreed that the Town Highway Superintendent shall have the sole and complete authority to determine the acceptability of Boni Road Spur as re-built by Company, and

WHEREAS, Company will assign all of its interest in any improvements installed on Boni Road Spur to the Town, and

WHEREAS, Company will obtain Easements for installation, maintenance, inspection, replacement, and operation of structures such as ditches, draining structures, and such other structures necessary in the operation of Boni Road Spur, which Easements shall be assigned by Company to Town, and

WHEREAS, Company will provide an as-built survey of the improvements installed upon said Road prepared by a New York State licensed surveyor from an actual field survey, both by mylar and six paper prints suitable for filing, and

WHEREAS, Company shall obtain a bond with the full amount necessary to construct the improvements

contemplated by this Resolution in amount and form as shall be acceptable to the Town, and WHEREAS, the Town has received and reviewed a full and complete copy of the final proposed Agreement for road use, repair and improvement,

NOW, THEREFORE, it is RESOLVED that it is in the interest of the residents of the Town of Champion that Boni Road Spur be re-built to Town standards at Company expense, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves the Agreement for Road Use Repair and Improvements, and it is further

RESOLVED, the Town Board shall restore Boni Road Spur as a Town Road, removing its designation as qualified abandoned upon Company complying with all of the terms and conditions of this Resolution, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Supervisor is authorized and empowered to sign any and all documents necessary to effectuate the purposes of this Resolution, and it is further

RESOLVED that the Town Highway Superintendent is directed to inspect the improvements for suitability and compliance with Town specifications, and it is further

RESOLVED upon Town Highway Superintendent shall give advice and assistance to Company in constructing said improvements.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Resolution offered by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Stewart

**WHEREAS**, the Town of Champion (Town) is a member of the Board of Commissioners for the Route 3 Sewer Corridor (herein after referred to as "Board of Commissioners") as authorized under an Inter-Municipal Agreement dated May 15, 2003 between the Town of Champion, the Town of LeRay, the Town of Pamelaia, the Town of Rutland and the Village of Black River; and

**WHEREAS**, on behalf of the Board of Commissioners, the Town has applied for a Dormitory Authority of the State of New York (DASNY) State and Municipal Facilities Program (SAM) grant to fund Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition System (SCADA) Upgrades to Route 3 Sewer Corridor Pump Stations; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Commissioners has contracted with the Development Authority of the North Country (DANC) for operation, maintenance, and administration services for the Route 3 Sewer Corridor since its inception in 1999; and

**WHEREAS**, DANC has been the sole integrator of SCADA services and equipment on the Route 3 Sewer Corridor; has integrated the Route 3 Sewer Corridor within DANC's regional SCADA system; and has been providing continuous monitoring and maintenance of the Route 3 Sewer Corridor SCADA system; and

**WHEREAS**, to purchase SCADA services and equipment from a different supplier would be inefficient and uneconomical since other suppliers would not be familiar with the structure and operation of DANC's regional SCADA system and alternate brands of equipment would not be interoperable with the existing telemetry system.

**NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, for reasons of efficiency and economy and pursuant to the authority conferred by General Municipal Law Section 103(5), it is determined by the Town Board that there is a need for standardization in the purchase of SCADA services and equipment; and that the Town Board hereby approves the standardization of Development Authority of the North Country as the provider of SCADA services and equipment.

Ayes-5, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.

- Board members reviewed language for a two (2) year extension to the NYS Teamster contract. The contract would give the Highway Superintendent discretion to add a night shift, encourage internal Highway Superintendent candidates, increase the hourly rate by two-percent in each of the additional contract years, make birthdays a floating holiday, give the Highway Superintendent discretion to name a deputy with a quarterly stipend, and increase the number of accumulated sick leave hours. Mr. Waite and Mr. Buzzell questioned the contribution to hospitalization. Supervisor Ferguson stated that the Town pays a composite rate for health insurance to reduce costs and further reductions would require reducing the number of full time employees. Mr. Buzzell asked if the Union was agreeable to the changes. Mr. Strife reported that the Union members had voted to approve the changes.

Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve the changes as presented. Ayes-5, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- Motion by Mr. Stewart, seconded by Supervisor Ferguson to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 10:37AM.

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