

Organization Town of Champion

Board Town Board

Date and Time Monday, February 5 2018 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, February 5, 2018 at the Town Municipal Building, 10 North Broad Street, West Carthage. Present were Supervisor Ferguson, Councilmen Watkins and Waite and Highway Superintendent Strife. Councilman Stewart was excused from the meeting. Councilman Buzzell was absent.

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

Public Hearing

Proof of notice having been furnished, the public hearing on Local Law #1 for 2018- A local law opting out of exemptions provided for by Section 487 of RPTL was called to order at 7:02pm by Supervisor Ferguson. No one spoke in favor or in opposition to the proposed local law. All persons desiring to be heard, having been heard, the hearing was closed at 7:02pm.

Monthly Reports

- Engineer – K. Dimmick reported that the final Form E for the SD#2 Improvement project was prepared and under review by USDA-RD. Mr. Dimmick reported that the apparent low bidder for the highway garage projects was LaValley Construction. He anticipates recommending the bid award at the March board meeting. Mr. Waite asked for an update on the salt barn grant application. Mr. Dimmick responded that the application was not selected for funding.
- Highway Superintendent – Mr. Strife reported on a busy season for ice and snow removal, repairs underway to the loader; and a request for quotes for a 1.5T truck.
- Assessor – Mr. Vargulick recommended the Board adopt Local Law #1 for 2018 and clarified its intent.
- Justice - Supervisor Ferguson reported that the Town has received a JCAP grant in the amount of \$10,000 for improvements to the court facilities, including the parking area.
- Planning Board/ZEO- Mr. LaBarge reported that the Planning Board has dealt with a number of minor subdivision applications.
- Parks/Historian – Mrs. Thornton reported that she has been asked to provide any historical information she has on a former resident named Nathaniel Rudd who was recognized for his work in photography.
- Circuit Rider – Mr. Dietrich reviewed and submitted his monthly report and highlighted updates to the RACOG website, assistance given to the WCTA, and pending training.

Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Waite to approve the minutes of January 2, 2018 as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

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

General #8-47.....	\$289,238.07
Highway #3-20.....	\$50,031.13
RACOG #2-3.....	\$700.00
Con WD#1 O&M #2-3.....	\$7,359.44
WD#2,4&5 O&M #3-9.....	\$11,263.71
SD#1 O&M #2.....	\$61,049.00
SD#2 O&M #2-6.....	\$1,377.49

Ayes 3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

The Supervisor’s monthly report was read and discussed. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Waite to accept the Supervisor’s report as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reported that Jefferson County Planning Board has issued their comments on the proposed comprehensive plan update. Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Watkins to schedule the second public hearing on the proposed plan for March 5, 2018 at 7:00pm. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

Supervisor Ferguson reported that he would be attending the pre-final JLUS study presentation on February 8, 2018.

New Business

- Resolution offered by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Waite to adopt Local Law #1 for 2018 - A local law opting out of exemptions provided for by Section 487 of RPTL as presented. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Watkins to amend the 2018 budget as follows: Transfer \$15,677 from FG9710.6 to FG8320.2. The budget amendment is due to the retirement of debt incurred for construction of

WD#1. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.

- C. Vargulick recommended a decrease of \$7.50/quarter for metered water in Consolidated WD#1. Motion by Mr. Watkins, seconded by Mr. Waite to decrease the rate for metered water in Consolidated WD#1 by \$7.50/quarter as recommended. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Motion carried.
- Resolution offered by Councilman Watkins; seconded by Councilman Waite:
WHEREAS, the Town of Champion has completed and paid all of the administrative expenditures for the Sewer District #2 Improvement project, and;
THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion Town Board authorizes the balance of the Sewer District #2 Improvement project administrative appropriations (\$16,509.64) be transferred to the contingency budget line.
Supervisor Ferguson aye
Councilman Stewart absent
Councilman Watkins aye
Councilman Buzzell absent
Councilman Waite aye
Resolution adopted.
- RESOLUTION offered by Councilman Waite; seconded by Councilman Watkins;
RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion hereby accepts the Sewer District #2 Improvement project as complete, and;
FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town of Champion hereby recommends and authorizes Final Payment.
Supervisor Ferguson.....aye
Councilman Stewart.....absent
Councilman Watkins.....aye
Councilman Buzzell.....absent
Councilman Waite.....aye
Resolution adopted.
- Resolution offered by Councilman Watkins, seconded by Councilman Waite to authorize an agreement between DANC and the Town of Champion, as lead agent for the NYS Route 3 Sewer Board, to provide SCADA services for a capital improvement project to update the controls in the ten (10) oldest pump stations in the NYS Route 3 Sewer System. Ayes-3, Nays-0. Resolution adopted.
- Motion by Mr. Waite, seconded by Mr. Watkins to adjourn. The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.

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