

**Town of Charlton
Saratoga County
Town Board Agenda Meeting**

May 28, 2019

The Agenda Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was held at the Charlton Town Hall, 758 Charlton Rd, Charlton, NY and called to order by Supervisor Grattidge at 7:30 p.m. to set the agenda for the June 10th meeting.

Present: Councilman Grasso, Councilwoman Heritage, Councilman Ranaletto, Councilman Robbins, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney Craig.

UPDATE OF CELL PROJECT

Supervisor Grattidge introduced Dave Brennan, Attorney for Verizon Wireless. Mr. Brennan gave a brief overview of history of the proposed cell antenna project. He stated that there is a significant gap in cell service in the Charlton area and that is why Verizon was interested in installing a cell antenna. They originally looked at the Water Tower as a possible site, and then after the initial public hearing, they were asked by the Town Board to look for other suitable sites. They came up with the Hunt property at 764 Charlton Road and submitted an application for this site. The proposed tower would be a 120 foot monopole and would sit back 2,000 feet from Charlton Road, in a field. During the application process, the Town Engineer had asked for more information from Verizon, which was not completed when the application was suspended by Verizon. They are in the process of responding to that letter. Recently, balloon tests were done, and Mr. Brennan hopes to have the pictures available next week.

Supervisor Grattidge confirmed with Mr. Brennan that they plan to submit a supplement to the application which will include new data regarding the Engineer's letter as well as answers to questions raised at the last Public Hearing. Mr. Brennan said that they hope to submit a comprehensive response next week.

Councilman Grasso asked if there were any material changes to the original application. Mr. Brennan said that there are no material changes. They had wanted to move the tower a little on the property, however due to wetland issues, they could not do that. There were no significant changes in the new and old balloon photos. Councilman Grasso said that there was a question about a balloon fly during leaf-off. The Councilman said that the original balloon fly was done when it was leaf-off, the simulation was done when it was leaf-on, and the latest balloon fly was between leaf-off and leaf-on. He wants to make sure that they are fully transparent and make the complete set of photos available to the residents.

Mr. Brennan said that Verizon will submit the rest of their documentation prior to the June 24th meeting, and he will plan to attend that meeting.

RESOLUTION #113

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract #110, voucher numbers 337 - 368 in the amount of \$56,189.38.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #114

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto
Seconded by Councilman Robbins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes from the Public Hearing regarding expenditure from the Park Repair Reserve Fund on May 13, 2019.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. **CARRIED.**

RESOLUTION #115

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilwoman Heritage
Seconded by Councilman Robbins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes from the Town Board Meeting on May 13, 2019.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. **CARRIED.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The 5K Race, Party in the Park and the Fireworks show are June 1st.

Founders Day Parade is June 2nd as well as other events at the Historical Society.

The Tour De Cure Bike marathon will be riding through Charlton on June 9th in the morning.

Supervisor Grattidge thanked the Historical Society for putting on a wonderful and moving Memorial Day Ceremony. He also thanked Dave Robbins and Marshall Heritage for their work on the landscaping at the Gideon Hawley Park.

COMMUNICATIONS

The County Board of Elections has notified the Town that there is no primary election in Charlton on the June 25th Primary Day.

DISCUSSION

The Sales Tax received this month was \$117,325.00 and the Mortgage Tax was \$7,599.00. The 6 month distribution amount for Mortgage Tax was \$62,899.16.

Councilman Robbins said that the Parks Committee has decided to wait until the fall to begin the work on the new pathway at the gazebo. He will have costs and a sketch of the project to give the Board at the next meeting.

Councilman Grasso said that the Water Department is in the process of getting quotes to have the water tower power washed.

MOTIONS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS

RESOLUTION #116

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - WATER

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

Roll Call: Councilman Grasso: Aye, Councilwoman Heritage: Aye, Councilman Ranaletto: Aye, Councilman Robbins: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye. **CARRIED.**

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Resolution # 116

Transfer of Funds

Be it resolved that the Supervisor is authorized to make the following transfers:

From: Water Reserve Fund Savings (1630) . . . \$95,000.00

To: Water Reserve Fund CD, 12 month term . . . \$95,000.00

From: Water Reserve Fund Savings (1630) . . . \$95,000.00

To: Water Reserve Fund CD, 24 month term . . . \$95,000.00

These transfers are being made in order to help the Water Reserve earn a greater amount of interest.

Moved by	Councilman Grasso	Voting:	Councilman Grasso	Aye
			Councilwoman Heritage	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Ranaletto		Councilman Robbins	Aye
			Councilman Ranaletto	Aye
			Supervisor Grattidge	Aye

I certify that this is a true and exact copy of this original as passed by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton on

Dated: May 28, 2019

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #117

TRANSFER OF FUNDS - WATER

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

Roll Call: Councilman Grasso: Aye, Councilwoman Heritage: Aye, Councilman Ranaletto: Aye, Councilman Robbins: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye. **CARRIED.**

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Resolution # 117

Budget Amendment

Be it resolved that the Supervisor is authorized to make the following budget amendments:

For Budget Year 2019 – Highway:

Amend the 2019 budget to increase the Machinery - Equipment account DA5130.2, in the amount of \$136,207.00 which, in part, represents the purchase of a new, highway truck that is partially (\$100,000.00) reimbursable to the town, through the award of a State and Municipal Facilities Program grant.

Decrease Highway account, DA909, Fund Balance - Unreserved, by \$36,207.00.

Transfer remaining \$100,000.00 from Highway Revenue Account, DA2389, Misc. Revenue from other Governments, to recognize receipt of grant monies by the Town from the State of NY.

Moved by	Councilman Ranaletto	Voting:	Councilman Grasso	Aye
			Councilwoman Heritage	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Robbins		Councilman Robbins	Aye
			Councilman Ranaletto	Aye
			Supervisor Grattidge	Aye

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Richard Malaczynski, resident, asked if Verizon had done coverage tests from both the water tower and the Charlton Road site. Attorney Brennan said that RF plots had been previously provided. Basically the antennas cover about a 3 mile radius.

Torben Aabo, resident, asked how many providers can go at either location. Attorney Brennan said that the proposed 764 Charlton Road tower would be built to hold 4 carriers. The Water Tower would hold at least 2 providers, possibly 3. Mr. Aabo said that he has heard that Verizon would prefer not to put antennas on Water Towers. Mr. Brennan said that is true, in light of the fact that Verizon has to remove the antennas when painting and other maintenance is done on the towers.

Dennis Pokrzywka asked if the SEQR process had been started. Councilman Grasso said that it had been previously started and not completed yet. Verizon submitted the SEQR form with the original application. Dennis asked what the major concerns were for people with the Charlton Road site. Councilman Grasso said visibility, Historic District, property values.

Eileen Stone, resident, said that in a letter the Town Board received from Attorney Bowitch it listed the process for citing antennas. The letter listed the tiers for citing towers on existing property and last resort is new construction. It states that you have to show the impracticality of putting an antenna on existing infrastructure (water tower). Mrs. Stone asked Mr. Brennan if Verizon intends to go through the process as shown in the letter. According to the letter if the Town is receiving an application from Verizon, that does not go through the process of showing the impracticality of putting the antenna on the existing water tower, the Town is obligated to

deny that application or send it back to Verizon. Mr. Brennan said that he is not sure that the person who wrote the letter read that entire application. He said that they did demonstrate that there are no other tall structures. She asked if their application had to go through the process or comparing the 2 possible sites and stating why one is impractical. (Mr. Brennan's response is inaudible). Mrs. Stone said that there were complaints from residents for both locations. She said Mr. Brennan has stated that there are no technical reasons why the antenna can go on either location. She hopes that their application covers what it needs to cover. Supervisor Grattidge said that he is comfortable that the Town Board did a fairly thorough analysis of comparing the 2 sites at a meeting, and the Board is who directed Verizon to the Hunt property. The information is in the meeting minutes from a few years ago. Eileen Stone said that when we were involved in this in the past, there was no comparison. She said she asked for the comparison 2 years ago and could not get it. She does not feel that is a real technical comparison. Mrs. Stone said that the Cell Committee is trying to do the comparison now. She is confused because the Committee is working hard to do the comparison and provide good data, but the Board is telling Verizon to go ahead with their application for the Hunt property. IS that information going to be considered by the Board. Councilman Grasso said that the information will absolutely will be considered. The Committee is doing a great job, and they will be submitting information for the Town Board to review and make an educated decision. That will include the comparison of the sites. The Board has spent a lot of time on that before, and has to be part of their review. The Zoning says that the Board needs to go through that review process. Before they can make a final decision, they need to make sure that they have done their homework. He feels that the Committee is doing exactly what they hoped that they would do.

Eileen Stone asked if there is a 120 foot monopole, is Verizon at the top, how far down can other carriers go before it is ineffective. Mr. Brennan said that Verizon will be at the top at 116 feet, and the next 2 carriers would be at 106, 96 and 86 feet, if 3 carriers wish to co-locate. In his opinion, AT&T will probably co-locate at the 106 feet location. Right now Verizon is the only one applying. AT&T may co-locate. Sprint and T-Mobile have not been doing any news sites so it is doubtful that they are interested. She asked if there would be problems getting signals at lower heights. Councilman Grasso said that that would be up to future applicants, as the applicant right now is just for a Verizon antenna. The Town Board can not speculate because everyone has their own technology, so they are just considering the application before them right now. Mrs. Stone asked about 5G technology and whether or not they expect it to be coming to Town in the next 10 years. Mr. Brennan said that he does not see it coming to New York State any time soon.

Ken Crotty, resident, asked what is being planned for those areas of Charlton that will not be served by the tower? Mr. Brennan said that possibly a macro site, but there is none planned now.

RESOLUTION #118

Adjournment of Meeting

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilwoman Heritage

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. **CARRIED.**

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk