

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

November 26, 2018

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 December 10th meeting.

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

RESOLUTION #182

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto

Seconded by Councilwoman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in **Abstract #122**, voucher numbers 692 - 716, in the amount of \$23,217.23.

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

RESOLUTION #183

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes from the Town Board Meeting on November 13, 2018.

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

COMMUNICATIONS

The Sales Tax received this month was \$115,491.00 and the Mortgage Tax was \$16,547.50.

DISCUSSION

St. Mary's Exceptional Use Permit application: Supervisor Grattidge said that he proposed that The Board ask Attorney Van Vranken to prepare a resolution for the next meeting naming the Town Board as the lead agent for the SEQR, and another resolution approving the Exceptional Use Permit with the conditions that were named by Councilman Grasso.

Councilman Grasso said that once the technical comments are memorialized on the site plan, they do not need to be put in the resolution. He does feel it would be important to build into the resolution the plans for the building in case of a vacancy.

Attorney Van Vranken asked the St. Mary's representatives if there was anything that was of concern to them. Attorney Dumas said that it is problematic to them if they were to lose their ability to be an Urgent Care if the building became vacant at some point. He feels they would be deprived of property rights. Attorney Van Vranken said that the concern before was once it was vacated by Stewarts, what if it just sat there vacant with

no use. Councilman Grasso said that the previous agreement with Stewarts was that if it could not be leased to a noncompeting business in 2 years, and sat vacant for 2 years, then it could be torn down and converted to green space or they had to come back to the Town with a new use. Attorney Dumas said that he did not see the agreement with Stewarts listed on any previous resolutions.

The timeline for the project, once approved by the Town, is 6 to 8 months.

Charlton Snowmobile Club:

Aaron Dyer, Trail Coordinator for the Charlton Snowmobile Club, discussed the land uses for the trails. He said that they lost a key land owner on the western side of Charlton, and they are working on a way to get around it. He believes that they have found another property, but with the rain it has been to wet go get back in the property to map it out. They would be coming across Division Street on the north end. He has spoken to landowners on the northeast side of Division Street, and they would be crossing the road behind the mailboxes. The goal is to get off the roadways as much as possible. They will do a better job scraping the snow off of the road, especially in front of mailboxes, as this was a complaint in the past. The plan is to use Division Street for one more year. They are trying to find a reroute to avoid Division Street for next season. They will be posting 25mph signs to try to keep speeds down. Mr. Dyer will work with the Highway Superintendent to groom the back of the Town Hall parking lot. He also noted that they lost a property access on Charlton Road and are trying to find a way to get across Charlton Road.

Supervisor Grattidge said that Aaron Dyer is Charlton's representative on the County's Fire Advisory Board. Aaron has been serving the Town of Charlton in this capacity for the past 3 years. Aaron is a past Fire Chief in Charlton and works as a professional fireman for the City of Saratoga. The Supervisor expressed the Town's appreciation for his service.

Supervisor Grattidge said that there was a very slight 2019 budget adjustment for Water District #1, as there was a discrepancy in the number of parcels that get charged for the hookup fee.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he would like Attorney Van Vranken to prepare two resolutions regarding St. Marys for the next meeting, and one for the Snowmobile Agreement. Supervisor Grattidge said that if the 2 year clause is problematic for St. Marys, maybe it could state a 2 year review by the Town Board if it becomes vacant. Attorney Van Vranken said that the Board could possibly have a provision that if they abandon the actual use of the building, within one year they would need to talk to the Board about what is next, not make it an absolute. Put this in an agreement, and control it that way. Attorney Van Vranken asked if Councilman Grasso's comments/requests for St. Marys need to be included in the resolution. Councilman Grasso said that as long as his outlined comments are part of the site plan, they do not need to be included in the resolution. Usually the site plan is attached to the resolution.

Councilman Grasso said that there were 2 options for the intersection at Dawson Road and Crane Street. One option was to cut back the hedges and add stop signs, and the other option was to make it a T-intersection. After his review, his opinion to converting it to a T is the best approach. Councilmen Grasso and Robbins asked if more public review is needed. Supervisor Grattidge said that a fair number of the public that drive that intersection have already made their feelings for change known to the Board. Supervisor Grattidge said that he is favor of moving ahead with having the Highway Superintendent work with Town Engineer to come up with a plan to do it next year when weather permits. The problem with leaving it a Y intersection does not control how the cars interact in the intersection, and in the name of safety, he is in favor of making it a T intersection. The Board decided that they will put the matter on the agenda for the January Agenda Meeting and Councilman Grasso will provide more information about it.

The Board will have a Workshop on December 10th at 6:30 p.m. to work on the 2019 Organizational Resolution.

RESOLUTION #184

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilwoman Heritage

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:06 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk