

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

June 11, 2018

The Regular 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 8:00 p.m.

Supervisor Grattidge led the pledge of Allegiance.

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #114

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto

Seconded by Councilwoman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting on May 29, 2018.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

RESOLUTION #115

Approval of 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 No. 111, voucher numbers 359 – 396 in the amount of \$65,585.33.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's office took in \$817.00 for the month of May. \$699.22 was paid to the Supervisor's office, and \$117.78 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

The Town Clerk gave big thanks to Marv Livingston for helping her to make the carnival games for Party in the Park. She also thanked Teresa Hart and Marshall Heritage for transporting the games and Margo Jones for helping with the relay races. 367 tickets were turned in for the 2 carnival games. In total, approx. 600 tickets were sold by the 4H Club for the 3 games which included their rubber duck game.

RESOLUTION #116

Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Report

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has accepted the Town Clerk's reports as read.

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

SUPERVISORS REPORT

For the month of May, I attended 8 Town meetings and 6 County meetings.
Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Worked on Pump House Repair with our Insurance Company and Contractors
- Attended a meeting concerning the Galway Ambulance
- Attended the Memorial Day Service

The Supervisor confirmed that the Board has received the monthly financial reports and the Key Bank Custodial Statement.

(see financial report on next page)

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MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR**TO THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON :**

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys received and disbursed by me during the month of May, 2018:

DATED: June 5, 2018

SUPERVISOR

	Balance 04/30/2018	Increases	Decreases	Balance 05/31/2018
A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	14,820.41	51,104.96	51,103.69	14,821.68
CASH - SAVING	209,540.72	133,406.75	51,103.69	291,843.78
PETTY CASH	600.00	0.00	100.00	500.00
Park Fees Reserve	41,487.18	3.81	0.00	41,490.99
TOTAL	266,448.31	184,515.52	102,307.38	348,656.45
DA HIGHWAY FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	197.25	51,829.46	51,829.46	197.25
CASH - SAVINGS	34,975.24	71,495.43	51,829.46	54,641.21
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVE	15,490.68	0.00	0.00	15,490.68
TOTAL	50,663.17	123,324.89	103,658.92	70,329.14
F WATER #1 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	33.54	8,471.65	8,471.65	33.54
CASH - SAVINGS	377,590.29	84.89	8,471.65	369,203.53
WATER SERIAL BOND	34,351.06	2.92	0.00	34,353.98
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVES	121,388.11	5.15	0.00	121,393.26
TOTAL	533,363.00	8,564.61	16,943.30	524,984.31
SW WATER #2 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	117.42	117.42	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	27,738.28	2.54	117.42	27,623.40
TOTAL	27,738.28	119.96	234.84	27,623.40
TA TRUST & AGENCY				
CASH - CHECKING	9,107.46	34,485.15	34,485.15	9,107.46
TOTAL	9,107.46	34,485.15	34,485.15	9,107.46
H CAPITAL PROJECTS				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	887,320.22	351,010.13	257,629.59	980,700.76

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Town Board has been invited to the groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Galway Public Library on June 30th at 1p.m.

The Town has received a response from NYS Department of Transportation regarding our request for a speed reduction on Charlton Road, west of the village. The letter stated that DOT conducted a review of the road in 2004 and again in 2018, and found that no reduction in the speed limit is warranted.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Board received a letter from Amanda Kucharski requesting that the Board do more work to get a cell tower. Councilman Grasso said that he spoke with Verizon two months ago, and was told that they may still pursue the application for the Charlton Road site. The Board has not heard anything new from Verizon since.

The Town has received notice of a decision from the Hearing Officer for the assessment case for a home in Deer Run. An adjustment was made to the final assessment more in favor of the homeowner.

DEPARTMENT, COMMITTEE & COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Highway – Superintendent Heritage said that his crew is working on West Line Road and hopes to have the paving done in the first part of July. They will be working on Acorn Drive and lower Sweetman Road next. He read the following report for May:

1. Mowing Road Sides
2. Road Work
3. Set Up For Party In The Park Weekend And Tore Down And Cleaned Up
4. Brush Trimming At Intersections
5. Lawn Mowing
6. Stock Piled Material for road work
7. Received the Gradall
8. Vehicle Maintenance
9. Shared Services with Galway(Paving)
10. Borrowing Galway's Roller
11. Hired Part Time Summer Help
12. Posted for a Full Time Position (EMO)

ECC – Marv Schorr said that the tree give away on April 28th was a success, however there were fewer volunteers than needed for roadside clean-up, therefore, not as many roadsides were cleaned. He said that next year he would like help from the Town Board with increasing volunteerism.

Town of Ballston Library - Colleen Smith read the following report: The Town of Ballston Community Library thanks the Town of Charlton for our Party in the Park invitation. Our three librarians spoke to nearly 100 people, registered a new library card user, and helped many children make crafts. We had a great time at this lovely community event. The library is inviting two bids for repairs to the roof and replacement of HVAC units. Information on the bids can be found on the Town of Ballston website or at the library. There will be a site visit on June 18; registration is requested. Bids are due on July 6 at 12:00 pm. Enrollment for Summer Reading 2018 began on June 1, and patrons may register online. Reading logs begin on June 22. The year's theme is Libraries Rock. More information about Summer Reading and our great summer programming can be found on the library's website.

Zoning – The new zoning software is online and functional now.

Constables – In May, there were 28 patrols, 10 complaints, 15 911 calls, 1 accident & 5 EMT calls responded to. 2,700 miles were traveled, and 43 tickets were issued (26 issued on Route 67).

Dog Control – In May, there were 13 calls, 4 expired licenses followed up on, 5 dogs were seized and 4 were returned to owners.

Parks – There were two recent successful community events in the Elmer Smith Park and Gideon Hawley Park.

Technology Advisory Board – Councilwoman Heritage said that the Board will be meeting in the near future to brainstorm ideas.

Planning Board – The Board will meet next week and review 3 subdivision applications on Packer Road, Vines Road, and Peaceable Street. There will be 2 Public Hearings on June 18th.

Councilman Grasso said that when the new Stewarts Shop was constructed there were conditions placed on their old location. St. Mary's Hospital is interested in turning the former Stewarts location into an Urgent Care Facility. If this all goes through, Stewarts would donate the property to St. Mary's. There would be no expansion or additional parking. There would be interior changes and the building would house x-ray equipment. There would be 3-4 fulltime employees at the site but it would not be a 24 hour business. No new variances would be needed, but an Exceptional Use Permit would be needed. St. Mary's would like to make a presentation to the Board in July.

Councilman Grasso said that a neighbor to the south of the new Stewarts Shop location has expressed concerns related to their property because of the Stewart's business & patrons. One suggested mitigation plan was the planting of 16 blue spruce trees. The adjacent neighbor did not feel that this would mitigate the issues. Councilmen Grasso and Robbins went out and met with the homeowner (Mr. and Mrs. Unrein) and discussed planting arborvitaes and spruce trees or the possibility of a vinyl fence. Mr. and Mrs. Unrein were in favor of a fence. Councilman Grasso will be making the request to Stewart's on behalf of the residents. Supervisor Grattidge said that he agreed that a fence would be a better solution. Councilman Grasso said that another issue is that the snowmobile trail goes through that area and some snowmobilers are going across Mr. and Mrs. Unrein's front yard. Mr. Unrein has put hay bales across his yard in the winter to deter this. He thanked the Councilmen for their assistance with the issues.

Councilman Grasso said that the Board has previously received a letter of concern over the safety of the intersection of Crane Street and Dawson Road. The Councilman said that he went out and walked the intersection and is not convinced that it needs to be changed to a T intersection. He visited with the neighboring property owners. One neighboring landowner would like to attend a Board meeting and discuss his ideas with the Board before any decisions are made.

Councilman Ranaletto said that he attended an Eagle Scout Honor Court, on behalf of Supervisor Grattidge, who was invited. It was a wonderful ceremony and 3 fine young men were recognized for becoming Eagle Scouts. Jason Perregaux and Bobby Killeen, Charlton residents, were 2 of the Scouts recognized.

Marv Livingston, Historian said that flags were placed on Veteran graves in May. 51 students helped with the project. He thanked Gadsden & Culpepper (Larry Leone and Patrick Motel) and Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home for donating flags and money for flags.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

RESOLUTION #117

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE GRANTING OF A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON AND TIME WARNER CABLE NORTHEAST LLC a/k/a/ CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto

Seconded by Councilwoman Heritage

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

TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 117

June 11, 2018

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING
THE GRANTING OF A CABLE TELEVISION FRANCHISE
AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON AND
TIME WARNER CABLE NORTHEAST LLC a/k/a CHARTER COMMUNICATIONS

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Charlton to enter into a new agreement to provide cable television service to eligible properties located within the Town of Charlton, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board desires to hold a public hearing with respect to the Town Board entering into a franchise agreement between the Town of Charlton and Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC a/k/a Charter Communications to provide such cable television service, and

WHEREAS, attached to this resolution is a legal notice of public hearing regarding this matter.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, the public hearing will be held by the Town Board regarding the granting of a cable television franchise agreement as described in this resolution on June 25, 2018 at 7:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 758 Charlton Road, Charlton, New York, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be given as provided by law.

Moved by	Councilman Grasso	Voting:	Councilman Grasso	Aye
			Councilwoman Heritage	Aye
Seconded by	Councilwoman Heritage		Councilman Ranaletto	Aye
			Councilman Robbins	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: June 11, 2018

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #118
A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Motion by Councilman Grasso
Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

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

COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 118

June 11, 2018

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF
A TEMPORARY HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE FOR THE
TOWN OF CHARLTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Marshall Heritage has requested that he be authorized to appoint a temporary employee effective June 1, 2018 in order to provide the services required to the residents of the Town of Charlton by the Town’s Highway Department.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent, Marshall Heritage, to make the appointment of Zackary Rotundo as a temporary highway employee in order to provide necessary Town services effective June 1, 2018 and which temporary appointment shall be paid at the rate of \$14.00 per hour and which temporary appointment shall provide no other benefits to the temporary employee.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this temporary appointment shall include no vested rights to this position.

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

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Supervisor Grattidge said that the Town’s Insurance Company has approved a claim reimbursement of \$54,028.75 for damage at the pump house caused by a storm in May. The claim covers replacing the generator, electrical work, roof and fence repair and tree clean-up. The insurance company waived the \$1,000 deductible.

RESOLUTION #119
A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE PUMP HOUSE REPAIRS COVERED BY INSURANCE

Motion by Councilman Grasso
Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Water Superintendent to commence with the repair and replacement of items covered by an insurance claim for storm damage. The approved claim of \$54,028.75 includes replacement of the generator, electrical work, fence and roof repair and tree clean-up.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Marv Schorr said that the Charlton Seniors will be showing the video of the making of the Sacandaga Reservoir on June 27th at 10am. The public is welcome. The Seniors will be selling DVDs of the same, and proceeds will benefit Harmony Hall.

Norm McFarland, resident, said that the Board should decide if they want to have an ambulance tax for the full Town of just part. He also said that he feels that there should be better traffic enforcement at the east end of Charlton, as many people are speeding. He said that he presumes that Stewart's Shop pays taxes on their buildings and wants to keep taxable businesses in Charlton. He wonders if the proposed Urgent Care facility would pay taxes. He asked the Board if there was any thought of artificial illumination restrictions. Councilman Grasso indicated lighting is often reviewed closely by the Planning Board during their site plan reviews.

Paul St. John, resident, said that he is not convinced that a taxing district is the answer to Galway Ambulance's financial problems. Supervisor Grattidge said that the preliminary numbers show that the tax could be \$.18 to \$.26 per thousand of assessed value, which would amount to \$40 to \$60 per average home.

The meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk