

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

August 13, 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 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Grattidge led the pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilman Grasso, Councilwoman Heritage, Councilman Ranaletto, Councilman Robbins, Supervisor Grattidge, Deputy Clerk Laurie Kruppenbacher, Attorney Van Vranken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #137

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto
Seconded by Councilman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes of the Workshop with St. Mary's Hospital on July 23, 2018 and the Town Board Agenda Meeting Minutes on July 23, 2018.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

RESOLUTION #138

Approval of Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilwoman Heritage
Seconded by Councilman Robbins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 115, voucher numbers 469 – 506 in the amount of \$24,446.76.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's office took in \$786.25 for the month of July. \$650.01 was paid to the Supervisor's office as revenue, and \$136.24 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

RESOLUTION #139

Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Report

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto
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 July, I attended 3 Town meetings and 4 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 the Saratoga County Fair-paying Tribute to Galway Supervisor
- Worked on extending the Cold War Veterans Exemption
- Worked on creation of Ambulance District

The Supervisor noted that Attorney Van Vranken went above and beyond with many hours spent researching for the creation of the Ambulance District. We thank him for his efforts. The public hearing is scheduled for 8/27/18 at 6:30 pm. The Map Plan and Report is on the website and copies are available for the public.

The County is extending the Veterans exemption which ran out after 10 years. We have a resolution to vote on to extend the benefits to those qualifying veterans. It is a small number of only 13 or so parcels affected.

The Highway Superintendent has a new employee starting in two weeks that will also be voted on.

Supervisor Grattidge confirmed that the Board received the bank reconciliation and financial report.

(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 July, 2018:

DATED: August 11, 2018

SUPERVISOR

	Balance 06/30/2018	Increases	Decreases	Balance 07/31/2018
A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	14,823.84	62,730.96	62,728.99	14,825.81
CASH - SAVING	280,300.64	101,394.22	62,728.99	318,965.87
PETTY CASH	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Park Fees Reserve	41,494.09	3.28	0.00	41,497.37
TOTAL	337,118.57	164,128.46	125,457.98	375,789.05
DA HIGHWAY FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	197.25	44,489.43	44,489.43	197.25
CASH - SAVINGS	75,602.62	68,280.82	44,489.43	99,394.01
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVE	15,492.61	0.00	0.00	15,492.61
TOTAL	91,292.48	112,770.25	88,978.86	115,083.87
F WATER #1 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	33.54	10,115.17	10,115.17	33.54
CASH - SAVINGS	331,778.60	85,452.40	10,115.17	407,115.83
WATER SERIAL BOND	34,356.80	2.92	0.00	34,359.72
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVES	121,398.25	5.16	0.00	121,403.41
TOTAL	487,567.19	95,575.65	20,230.34	562,912.50
SW WATER #2 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	120.85	120.85	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	27,508.45	2.63	120.85	27,390.23
TOTAL	27,508.45	123.48	241.70	27,390.23
TA TRUST & AGENCY				
CASH - CHECKING	11,057.46	33,827.22	34,952.22	9,932.46
TOTAL	11,057.46	33,827.22	34,952.22	9,932.46
H CAPITAL PROJECTS				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	954,544.15	406,425.06	269,861.10	1,091,108.11

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dixieland concert rescheduled for 7:00 pm on 8/21/18 at Gazebo. Parking is available at Town Hall. Refreshments provided by Historical Society; Charlton Seniors; Charlton Freehold Church and West Charlton Presbyterian Church.

Fall Newsletter Articles due to Town Clerks office by 8/29/2018

COMMUNICATIONS

Letter from NYS Office of Real Property received. The 2018 State Equalization Rate for Town of Charlton is 67%. This is down from a 2017 Equalization Rate of 70%.

DEPARTMENT, COMMITTEE & COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Highway – report by Marshall Heritage

1. Continuing with road work – West Line Road paved and built up shoulders
2. Paved spots on Vines Rd and built up shoulder
3. Renting roller from Admar rental with option to purchase
4. Cleaned up downed trees/branches
5. Continuing with mowing parks and town properties and road sides
6. Traffic light power outage at 67 & 147 intersection. Provided generator to operate traffic light.
7. Shared services with Saratoga County, Towns of Greenfield & Galway
8. Relocated and set up speed wagon
9. Continue with road work (Acorn and Jenkins Roads)
10. Summer college help has departed
11. Received the Case IH tractor and mowers
12. Rick Snyder started maintaining landscaping at Town Hall
13. Completed walk-thru at Deer Run with Gary Bordeau, Mike McNamara & Dave Robbins regarding final top coat of pavement for road
14. Trimmed tree branches hanging over Hillendale Road
15. Replacing existing road signs with hi-vis finish
16. Contacted president of Deer Run HOA, Jason Signor regarding final top coat and any concerns of residents prior to starting work. Residents desire a lower speed limit from 30 mph through development to 15 or 20 mph

Councilman Grasso asked about where the generator came from for the traffic signal at Routes 67/147.

Highway Superintendent Marshall Heritage stated they have a small one to use for these instances.

Supervisor Grattidge explained that we had a solar powered one as we were a test site for DOT but it is no longer operable after 10 years. Our agreement is with the Fire Department to initially set up generator and then the Town steps in shortly after call.

Supervisor Grattidge asked about paving of Acorn and Jenkins; Marshall Heritage anticipates pavement to be going in 8/27/18 and they will be digging up bad spots and eliminate pot holes.

Councilman Grasso questioned the schedule for Deer Run top course paving. Hwy Superintendent Heritage stated that there is additional work to be completed such as driveway cutbacks and trimming, risers at catch basins in all three phases. Schedule is presently for September.

Parks Committee: Schedules need to be coordinated for a meeting. Supervisor Grattidge asked Dave Pohl for an update on the Parks. Dave said they are in discussions regarding pathway to gazebo and they are waiting on 3 bids and then meeting in September to discuss. Councilman Grasso discussed the submission of a County trails grant for 50% of the cost which would be approximately \$5,000.00. The anticipated timeline of the grant selection is about a month. Dave Pohl questioned whether the sunrise to sunset sign located just outside the park could be moved inside the park so it was more visible. Supervisor Grattidge stated for him to work with Marshall Heritage to have the sign moved.

Councilman Robbins attended the training for CodeRED, the county mass notification system. He stated it was very user friendly. Residents would opt in with their cell phones. Supervisor Grattidge suggested putting something in the newsletter for residents to be aware of program.

Zoning – For the month of June there were 14 Building Permits issued, \$3270.53 in fees collected, 3 CO & 2 CC issued, and the permit value was \$691,200.00. For the month of July 3 building permits were issued. \$615.00 in fees collected, 3 CC issued for a permit value of \$56,428.00.

Councilman Ranaletto also stated the new Municipality software is completed and being utilized in the Building & Zoning Office.

ECC- Marv Schorr stated they reviewed at their June meeting a couple minor subdivisions that are presently being reviewed by the Planning Board.

Seniors – The September kick off meeting will primarily be for brainstorming activities and ideas. Annual meeting on 8/26/2018 will include a tour of the new technology wing at Burnt Hills HS by Superintendent Patrick McGrath and lunch at the Glenville Queen to honor founding members.

Town of Ballston Library – Library Director Colleen Smith stated the new water fountain to refill water bottles is working out well. They did receive a copy of the video titled “Harnessing Nature, the Great Sacandaga”. Thank you to Councilman Grasso for this. The Summer Reading 2018 program has 1235 participants with twice as many adults as last year. They attribute it to the new software Adults create the account and children are linked to it. Raffles were a hit and Staff received free books too.

Party in the Park – Councilwoman Heritage stated they had a positive recap meeting. Great crowd for fireworks. A thank you to Brenda Mills and crew for the children’s games. Donations were in excess of \$8,000. Expenses were \$6800.00. We still have an open bill for porta potties. A Thank you to the party in the Park donors is listed on the Town’s website. Please thank them and support them. Some expansion is being discussed for 2019. Councilman Grasso mentioned if there is a surplus in the funds received that he recommends that this excess be rolled into next year. Party in the Park is not intended to be a money maker. We want to control costs but provide a great event for residents.

Constables – In July, there were 28 patrols, 8 complaints, 10 911 calls, 1 accident & 8 EMT calls responded to. 2,484 miles were traveled, and 51 tickets were issued (29 issued on Route 67). The speed wagon was set up on Route 67 and in one month there were 128,000 cars travelling on route 67.

Councilman Grasso stated we do move the speed wagon around. July 17-20 the average speed on Route 67 was 57 mph, 85% were 63mph or lower, and the maximum recorded speed was 99 mph. July 22-25 the average was again 57 mph, 85% were 62 mph or lower, with the maximum recorded speed being 95 mph. We receive great information from the speed wagon.

Councilwoman Heritage rode with Constable Gary Parks for a morning. They responded to a 911 call, gave a ticket on Route 67; I learned more about the department and the services they provide and the challenges they face. This was very informative and a good experience.

Animal Control – In July, there were 5 calls, 5 expired licenses followed up on, 1 complaint, 1 dog returned to owner, 1 dog bite, 3 dog control issued appearance tickets.

Planning Board: Approved 2- lot subdivision on Packer Road. Meeting scheduled in August to review a subdivision on Dawson Road. They are also going to continue review of subdivision on Vines Road.

The Charlton Girls School’s Director invited the Town Board to tour facilities, and due to weather this will be rescheduled.

Councilman Grasso indicated the Town has received a few complaints regarding the AIM services home on Vines Road related to the number of cars parked by the home. The Constable and Hwy Superintendent have also expressed concerns. We will reach out to the AIM services Director with our concerns.

The pump house has a new generator coming in November. A portable generator was rented during the recent power outage while we are waiting for delivery. We negotiated a reduced cost for the rental during this waiting time. Even with power outage we have 1-2 days of water supply.

Councilman Ranaletto questioned the truss design for moving pumps when needed. Councilman Grasso stated this is part of the complexity of the project and this is being addressed. Supervisor Grattidge stated there was additional damage to rafters and a change order will be needed.

Historian: Marv Livingston showed a picture taken of the students who helped with placing flags for gravesites for Veterans Day. Gadsden & Culpepper has donated the flags for several years. Marv is thanking Larry Leone and Patrick Motel for their donations. Eagle Scout is still working on paperwork to clean up small inactive cemetery that is a mess and overgrown.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

RESOLUTION #140

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ALBERT J. SMITH AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF DON E. SCHERMERHORN AS CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

Discussion: Councilman Grasso thanked Al Smith for his service.

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. 140

August 13, 2018

A RESOLUTION TO ACCEPT THE RESIGNATION OF ALBERT J. SMITH AS MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF DON E. SCHERMERHORN AS MEMBER AND CHAIRMAN OF THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

WHEREAS, the Town Board received notification from Albert J. Smith that he is terminating his position as member and Chairman of the Town of Charlton Zoning Board of Appeals effective immediately, and

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby accepts the resignation of Albert J. Smith, effective August 13, 2018, with appreciation for his services to the Town of Charlton as such Chairman which began on April 11, 2016, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby appoints Don E. Schermerhorn, as member, to replace Albert J. Smith with the term ending December 31, 2022, and appoints Don E. Schermerhorn as Chairman of the Town of Charlton Zoning Board of Appeals with term expiring 12/31/18 .

Moved by	Councilman Grasso	Voting:	Councilman Grasso	Aye
			Councilwoman Heritage	Aye
			Councilman Ranaletto	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Ranaletto		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: August 13, 2018

Laurie Kruppenbacher, Deputy Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #141
A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARLTON AMBULANCE DISTRICT

Motion by Councilman Grasso
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. 141

August 13, 2018

A RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE CREATION OF AN AMBULANCE DISTRICT FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLTON AND ACCEPTANCE OF MAP, PLAN AND REPORT FOR THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE CHARLTON AMBULANCE DISTRICT

WHEREAS, the Town Board has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Charlton to create an Ambulance Taxing District to ensure continued emergency services to the residents of the Town of Charlton, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has drafted a Map, Plan and Report for the Establishment of the Charlton Ambulance District in and for the Town of Charlton, which is available and on file in the Town Clerk's office, and attached hereto,

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board adopts and accepts the Map, Plan and Report, and sets the date for the Public Hearing regarding the creation of an Ambulance District to be held on August 27, 2018 at 6:30 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: August 13, 2018

Laurie Kruppenbacher, Deputy Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #142

A RESOLUTION AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2008 REGARDING A PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY PERSONS WHO RENDERED MILITARY SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE COLD WAR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2, 1945 – DECEMBER 26, 1991

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.**

TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 142

August 13, 2018

A RESOLUTION AMENDING LOCAL LAW NO. 2 OF 2008 REGARDING A PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR REAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED AGAINST REAL PROPERTY OWNED BY PERSONS WHO RENDERED MILITARY SERVICE TO THE UNITED STATES DURING THE COLD WAR PERIOD SEPTEMBER 2, 1945 – DECEMBER 26, 1991

WHEREAS, the Town Board approved Local Law No. 2 of 2008, which took effect on September 25, 2008, a copy of which Local Law is attached to this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the benefits of Local Law No. 2 of 2008 were authorized for a period of 10 years from its effective date of September 25, 2008, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been advised by the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors that new legislation has been approved to extend the duration of the Cold War veterans property tax exemption for qualifying owners of qualified real property for as long as said veterans remain

qualifying owners and without regard to the original 10 year limitation as set forth in the Town of Charlton Local Law No. 2 of 2008, and

WHEREAS, the exemption provided herein shall no longer be limited to a period of 10 years from the date of original qualification and shall now apply to qualified owners of qualified residential real property for as long as such owners remain qualified owners, and

WHEREAS, all other provisions of Town of Charlton Local Law No. 2 of 2008 shall remain in full force and effect unless otherwise modified by this resolution.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the amendment to Local Law No. 2 of 2008 as set forth in the terms and conditions of this resolution.

Moved by	Councilman Ranaletto	Voting:	Councilman Grasso	Aye
			Councilwoman Heritage	Aye
			Councilman Ranaletto	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Robbins		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: August 13, 2018

Laurie Kruppenbacher, Deputy Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #143

A RESOLUTION TO AUTHORIZE THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT TO HIRE JAMES WICKHAM TO FILL A FULL TIME POSITION IN THE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto
Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that Highway Superintendent, Marshall Heritage, is hereby authorized to hire James Wickham to fill a vacancy in the Town of Charlton Highway Department for a full-time Motor Equipment Operator (MEO), at a rate of \$15.50 per hour, to begin August 27, 2018. Mr. Wickham will be entitled to the benefits available for full-time employees.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Paul St John: Addressed the 4 million dollar Fire Department proposal and the tax increase associated with the Ambulance district. Went to Fire Dept meeting and wanted Board to consider a more sustainable business model for ambulance adding it to our own fire department instead of propping up 3 ambulance services for the town.

Supervisor Grattidge commented that housing of ambulance is not an issue, but we don't generate enough use to have our own. We are less than 15% of the EMS services. Most cost effective is to split up the services of 3 EMS to our town.

Paul St John added that a volunteer fire department will be a thing of the past we are heading towards a professional fire department and need to maximize our tax dollars now while we have it.

Dave Pohl: questioned the stated MPH on Route 147. Is it 55 mph?

Supervisor Grattidge responded coming into town it is 45 mph.

Councilman Grasso stated that unposted it is 55 mph and while we are on the topic of speed limits, we cannot post less than 30 mph for our town.

Richard Malaczynski- Questioned why other surrounding towns keep their Equalization Rate high? He recently compared school tax rates across select towns and can see a correlation between lower rates vs higher Equalization rates. What is the Town's plan for a needed revaluation? He stated property owner requests reduction in Assessed value to match recent sales. Mr. Malaczynski gave a copy of his research to the Town Board

Supervisor Grattidge stated that towns at 90+% have gone thru a reval but it is budget situation for us in 2019. We don't have the resources to complete one at this time.

Mr. Malaczynski added that there is money to assist with revaluations of Towns.

Supervisor Grattidge acknowledged that there is some money to help but a revaluation is more involved and there needs to be a balance. Once you are at 100% there is a technique to stay at 100%. 1/3 people are angry; 1/3 people go up and a 1/3 of the people go down. Supervisor Grattidge appreciated the research completed and requested a copy for review by the Board. Mr. Malaczynski gave a copy of his research to the Town Board

Mrs.Malaczynski- Questioned how residents would know about a public hearing scheduled for the Ambulance District? Supervisor Grattidge stated we have a Legal notice in the newspaper, Town Website, Email, Community Forum but a vote is necessary due to timing in September. Councilman Robbins suggested people let others know about the public Hearing.

Suzanne Voigt- Stated the Charlton Fire Department is not interested in putting in their own ambulance service. The fire department is thinking forward and looking at putting rooms in for fireman to sleep overnight.

The meeting adjourned at 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laurie Kruppenbacher
DeputyTown Clerk