

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

April 10, 2017

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 Gay, Councilman Grasso, Councilman Heritage, Councilman Hodgkins, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills, *Attorney Van Vranken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #88

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins

Seconded by Councilman Gay

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting on March 27, 2017.

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

*Attorney Van Vranken joined the meeting at 7:32 p.m.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

RESOLUTION #89

Approval of Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 107, voucher number 182 - 206 in the amount of \$13,470.50.

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Mills reported that the Town Clerk's office took in \$555.50 for the month of March. \$427.44 was paid to the Supervisor's Office, and \$128.06 was paid to other Governmental agencies. The Clerk also stated that the Spring newsletter was sent to the printing company last week and should be in mailboxes in the next few days.

RESOLUTION #90

Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Report

Motion by Councilman Heritage

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

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

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

For the month of March, I attended 2 Town meetings and 5 County meetings.

Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Worked on the Charter Agreement

Supervisor Grattidge said that one of the heating circulating systems went down at Town Hall, and a new motor will be needed.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he would like to add Privilege of the Floor to the Agenda Meetings. The Board had no objection.

Supervisor Grattidge confirmed that the Town Board has received the financial reports for the month.

(see financial report on next page)

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 March, 2017:

DATED: April 5, 2017

SUPERVISOR

	Balance 02/28/2017	Increases	Decreases	Balance 03/31/2017
A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	10,672.45	345,764.06	344,366.07	12,070.44
CASH - SAVINGS	498,528.04	62,330.62	344,366.07	216,492.59
PETTY CASH	600.00	0.00	0.00	600.00
Park Fees Reserve	60,423.57	3.88	0.00	60,427.45
TOTAL	570,224.06	408,098.56	688,732.14	289,590.48
DA HIGHWAY FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	1,396.18	67,960.40	69,356.58	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	-17,050.05	59,063.08	67,960.40	-25,947.37
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVE	15,481.03	1.91	0.00	15,482.94
TOTAL	-172.84	127,025.39	137,316.98	-10,464.43
F WATER #1 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	23,767.16	23,767.16	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	369,133.79	16,850.23	40,593.16	345,390.86
WATER SERIAL BOND	34,318.70	33,653.01	33,650.10	34,321.61
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVES	121,317.30	5.15	0.00	121,322.45
TOTAL	524,769.79	74,275.55	98,010.42	501,034.92
SW WATER #2 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	171.78	171.78	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	27,623.32	1.94	171.78	27,453.48
TOTAL	27,623.32	173.72	343.56	27,453.48
TA TRUST & AGENCY				
CASH - CHECKING	12,993.71	52,123.43	55,289.68	9,827.46
TOTAL	12,993.71	52,123.43	55,289.68	9,827.46
H CAPITAL PROJECTS				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,135,438.04	661,696.65	979,692.78	817,441.91

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Brush Pick-Up will be held the week of April 24th through April 28th. This is for residential brush and tree trimming only. The Town will not remove whole trees that have been cut down.

COMMUNICATIONS

Attorney Dave Brennan, representative for Verizon Wireless, gave the Board a brief update on the cell antenna project. Mr. Brennan said that there was a corporate shift in focus due to the time of year, and the priority has been put on building the 2016 projects. New projects were temporarily put on the back burner, but he hopes to have more information for Charlton in the next 4 - 6 weeks. Councilman Grasso asked Mr. Brennan to have a list of all of the questions and comments that needed to be addressed. He also asked him to make sure that he includes any questions or correspondence that was received since the last update on February 14th.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway – Councilman Hodgkins said he has been in contact with the resident at 1065 West Line Road and informed her that the Highway Department will be around in the spring to fix sod that was damaged by the Town road plows.

Zoning – In March, 5 building permits were issued, a total of \$977.41 was collected in fees including 1 septic review fee. 6 CCs and 2 COs were issued, and 1 permit was closed out with a total value of \$192,900.

Seniors – Councilman Gay said that he has spoken with Torben Aabo about the list of work items requested for the Community Center, and Mr. Aabo realizes that the list is not realistic. The plan is to do the interior painting at the Center, and they are looking for volunteers to help paint. The Town will pay for the paint.

Constables – In March, there were 34 patrols, 26 complaints, 12 911 calls and 3 accidents & 2 EID calls responded to. 1,983 miles were traveled, and 87 tickets were issued of which 33 were issued on Route 67.

Dog Control – In March, there were 3 expired licenses followed up on, 1 dog bite reported, 2 dogs seized, and 1 licensed dog returned to owners.

Parks – On a sad note, Councilman Heritage said that Tom Bonner, a Park Committee member has passed away. The Board gave their condolences for the family and gratitude for the work that Mr. Bonner did while on the Committee.

Planning Board – Councilman Grasso said that the Board approved the 2 lot subdivision for Montemorano, and is continuing to review the site plan for Stewarts.

Party in the Park donation request letters have been mailed out.

ECC – Marv Schorr said that there will be roadside clean-up on April 29th from 8 a.m. to noon. Volunteers need to sign-up with Mr. Schorr. From noon until 1 p.m. there will be free tree seedlings given away at the Town Highway garage.

Historian – Mr. Livingston reported that he received a request for genealogy information from Timothy Mitchell and Rose Dalton. He put them in touch with Trent Mitchell who was able to help them. Mr. Livingston is in the process of gathering photos for the Charlton Book.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

Supervisor Grattidge explained that Resolution #91 is to cover additional salt purchased for the winter and when money is received from the State, that money will be put back into road maintenance.

RESOLUTION #91

Resolution authorizing a 2017 Budget Amendment for Highway accounts

Motion by Councilman Gay

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

Roll Call: Councilman Gay: Aye, Councilman Grasso: Aye, Councilman Heritage: Aye, Councilman Hodgkins: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye. **CARRIED.**

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Resolution # 91

Budget Amendment

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

For Budget Year 2017 - Highway

Amend 2017 budget to increase Snow Removal – Road Materials, expenditure account DA5142.410 in the amount of \$12,043.04.

Amend 2017 budget to decrease Maintenance of Roads – Road Construction, expenditure account DA5110.414 in the amount of \$12,043.04.

Moved by	Councilman Gay	Voting:	Councilman Gay	Aye
			Councilman Grasso	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Hodgkins		Councilman Heritage	Aye
			Councilman Hodgkins	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: April 10, 2017

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Hodgkins said that the next Party in the Park Committee meeting is April 11th.

Councilman Heritage said that he and the Parks Committee are doing a walkthrough of Elmer Smith Park this month and invited any other Board members that would like to join them. He also said that they have received another bid for seal coating and it is higher than the first bid. The 3rd company contacted did not submit a bid.

Councilman Grasso said that he has information from the County about a fish purchase program available for people that stock ponds. He will give the information to the Town Clerk to make it available to residents.

Councilman Grasso said that he saw the Charlton News emailed newsletter which was put together by Suzanne Voigt and he felt it was well done and did not contradict Town information. He asked Mrs. Voigt if it was possible to have her newsletter go out at different times than the Town Board’s newsletter so that residents are not confused.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Andris Beiniks, Imperial Lane, said that his son is currently on his second tour of duty in the military and he was told by the Veterans Memorial Board that his son's name cannot be put on the Veteran's Board until he is no longer on active duty. Mr. Beiniks asked the Board to check into this.

Joe Schaus, Stage Road, said that there are 3 houses on Stage Road, (330, 332 and 334) that do not have cable hook-up and he asked the Board if they were aware of this and if they were working with the cable company to get this resolved. He said that 8 years ago the cable company quoted him \$8,000 to run cable to his house. Supervisor Grattidge said that the Town Board has been actively working on this issue for all of Charlton and has tried to use every tool available to get the cable company to finish wiring Charlton, including looking into grant money and offering concessions on the franchise fees. The cable company has not been easy to work with. Councilman Grasso asked Mr. Schaus if he was willing to pay any part of the hookup fee, as this may make a difference to the cable company.

Russ Moscal, Beechwood Drive, said that cars are speeding on his road and he asked the Board what they would need to do to get the speed limit reduced. Supervisor Grattidge said that 30 mph is appropriate for the street if people obey it. He said that the Charlton Police patrol that road regularly, and suggested that Mr. Moscal could talk to the Constables who were present tonight. Councilman Grasso said that 30 mph is the lowest legal limit the Town can set.

Suzanne Voigt, Dawson Road, said that behind her property there are downed trees that have fallen after the last storm, and are lying in the creek. This backs up water. She asked who would take care of this problem. Supervisor Grattidge said that normally whoever owns the land takes care of it. Mrs. Voigt said that there is a right of way there. She will check with the Highway Superintendent. Councilman Grasso said that the Town's responsibility stops at the Town roads and drainage facilities, so he does not feel that the Highway will be able to help with this.

RESOLUTION #92

Motion to go into Executive Session to discuss legal issue with the Town Attorney

Motion by Councilman Grasso
Seconded by Councilman Gay

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m. and the Board went into Executive Session to discuss a legal issue with Attorney Van Vranken. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. No action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk