

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

April 24, 2017

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 May 8th meeting.

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

RESOLUTION #93
Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Gay

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in **Abstract #108**, voucher numbers 207 – 227, in the amount of \$19,529.00 and **Abstract #7**, voucher number 6019 - 6022 in the amount of \$8,599.61 and **Abstract #8**, voucher number 8001 in the amount of \$6,499.29.

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

RESOLUTION #94
Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Town Board Minutes from the April 10, 2017 meeting.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Spring Brush Pick-up is being done this week and will be concluded on April 28th.

The ECC will oversee the Roadside Clean-up on April 29th from 8 a.m. until noon, and the tree give away will be held at the Highway Garage from noon until 1 p.m.

DISCUSSION

The Sales Tax report for the month was \$106,065.00 and the Mortgage Tax was \$8,000.50.

Supervisor Grattidge said that there are 2 additional sources of money for the Highway Department that are expected this year from PAVE NY and from the State for the hard winter. The Highway Superintendent would like the money put into the CHIPS funding line of the budget. Mr. Emerich indicated that he did not use all of the CHIPS money from last year. Supervisor Grattidge said that there is a way to carry over the money, so he will sit down with Mr. Emerich to make sure that all of the CHIPS money is accounted for, and submitted to the State so that the money can be received in a timely manner.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Board had previously discussed purchasing a new used loader that was available from a neighboring Town, but he did not feel that it was the appropriate time for the Town to expend the money. The Board agreed.

The Board received 2 quotes from the Parks Committee to have the tennis courts resurfaced in Elmer Smith Park. The quote from Copeland Coating was for \$16,000 and was the lowest quote. David Pohl, the Park Committee Chairman, recommended using Copeland. Mr. Pohl said that they would like to have an electrical line run under the tennis court before the resurfacing is done. The Supervisor verified with Mr. Pohl that the resurfacing would be done after Party in the Park. The Supervisor said that a Public Hearing is needed before the money can be expended because it is in a Reserve Account. The Board set the date of May 22nd for the Public Hearing at 6:45 p.m. Attorney Van Vranken will prepare a resolution for the May 8th meeting that will list a not to exceed amount of \$19,000.00 to cover the electrical and resurfacing costs.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he had asked the Town Attorney to look into the issue of Sole Assessor. He provided the Board with information from the NYS Real Property website, talking about the positives of moving from the 3 Elected Assessors to the 1 Appointed Assessor position. Currently one of the three Town Assessor positions is vacant, and one of the two remaining Assessors has indicated that this will be her last year as Town Assessor. A public hearing is needed on the subject. The Board asked the Town Attorney to prepare a resolution for the next meeting to set the date of May 22nd at 7:00 p.m. for a public hearing. Councilman Grasso said that he agrees that this is the appropriate time for the Town to make the change. The idea is to pay the sole Assessor her current salary and the salary of the 2nd Assessor, and use the salary budgeted for the third Assessor salary to pay for a Deputy Assessor or clerk to man the office.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Department of Labor visited the Highway Garage earlier this year and some violations were noted. Councilman Hodgkins said that he will meet with Mike Emerich to review how they are going to address the violations. Councilman Grasso said that he is available to help if needed.

Notification has been received about the 2017 Sundae on the Farm which will be held in the Town of Northumberland at the King Ransom Farm on June 18th.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he received a letter from Mr. Buff on Division Street concerning the snowmobile trail. Councilman Hodgkins said that he spoke with Aaron Dyer of the Snowmobile Club and they have moved to the other side of the road, and they did not realize that it was a big issue as it was a very short season. Councilman Grasso said that he went to Mr. Buff's house and he did notice a little bit of damage to the sides of his driveway from the studs on the snowmobiles.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he received a request from the Town of Malta to express our Town's support of a new Aquatic Center in Malta. It would be privately funded and they are not asking the Town for money, just support. The Board had no objection.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he received a letter from a resident on Crawford Drive and he was not happy about the road condition of Crawford Drive. He said that Crawford Drive has been oiled twice, while other roads have been paved. He invited the Board to come take a look at the road. The Board will pass the letter on to the Highway Superintendent.

Supervisor Grattidge said that part of the Governor's budget calls for some shared services between Towns and Counties. They now have made it so that the County will act as facilitator and the Supervisors will act as the representatives for their Towns. There are plans to have 3 public hearings before the end of the year to take public input. Every Town and County will be working on this to look for ways to save taxpayers money. Supervisor said that our Highway Department already does a lot of shared services.

Supervisor Grattidge said that after the April 10th meeting, he sent a letter to Charlton Communications about the Franchise Agreement but he has not heard back yet.

Supervisor Grattidge commended Tom Parks and his department, as they wrote 77 tickets in one month with only 2 officers employed. The Board will make a list of roads that they would like to have the speed wagon placed along and they will give the list to the Highway Superintendent to handle.

Supervisor Grattidge said that they have received a letter from Stewarts Corporation about the sign the Town has requested for the new Stewarts location. Councilman Grasso said that he had suggested a sign on the corner of Stewarts' property that would say Welcome to the Town of Charlton, a Farm Friendly Community. It will be a free standing sign, probably a vinyl post and sign. Stewarts has agreed to provide the sign and

installation, but have asked that the Town be responsible if there is ever maintenance or replacement needed. The Board had no objection. Stewarts has asked that this understanding be put on record.

RESOLUTION #95

A motion to sign an agreement with Stewarts Shop for Welcome to Charlton sign

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has authorized an agreement to be drafted and signed with Stewarts Shops to place a Welcome to the Town of Charlton sign on the corner of the new Stewarts location. Stewarts will pay for initial cost of sign and installation with the understanding that the Town of Charlton will be responsible for future costs of repair or replacement of sign.

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

Councilman Gay said that Water Department will begin hydrant flushing in about 2 weeks and will continue for 2-3 weeks. They will have the Town Clerk put a notice on the website.

Councilman Gay said that he and Councilman Hodgkins will meet with the Charlton Seniors and develop short range and long range plans on work that can be done at the Community Center. Part of the short range plan would be do paint the interior. The Town will pay for the paint, and volunteers will do the work.

Councilman Gay thanked the Town Board members that helped to conduct the audits of the Town Departments that handle money. He noted that the Town has good employees and they keep use good recordkeeping skills. Attorney Van Vranken will prepare a resolution for the next meeting to approve the audits.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

RESOLUTION #96

A resolution to authorize the seasonal use of the Town's baseball field for the BH-BL BWB Orioles

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Gay

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has authorized the use of the baseball fields in Elmer Smith Park by the BH-BL BWB Orioles on April 26th, May 1st, May 7th and May 9th.

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

RESOLUTION #97

A resolution expressing support for the Adirondack Aquatic Center

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

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

TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 97

April 24, 2017

A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING SUPPORT FOR
THE ADIRONDACK AQUATIC CENTER

WHEREAS, the Adirondack Aquatic Center (AAC) a 501(c)(3) corporation formed in 2014, envisions an aquatic center with a location at the heart of Saratoga County near the I87 Exit 12 interchange, providing convenient access to residents of Saratoga County; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Charlton recognizes that aquatic sports and pool activities are enjoyed by people of all ages and abilities on a year-round basis; and

WHEREAS, activities envisioned by AAC include learning to swim, aquatic exercise, aquatic therapy and aquatic competition; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlton finds that the addition of this new recreational opportunity enriches the County and the region; now, therefore, it is

RESOLVED, that the Town of Charlton fully supports the Adirondack Aquatic Center in its endeavors.

Moved by	Councilman Hodgkins	Voting:	Councilman Gay	Aye
			Councilman Grasso	Abstained
Seconded by	Councilman Heritage		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 24, 2017

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Larry Leone, Maple Avenue, said he noticed that the 50 foot antenna on the highway garage is in need of repair or replacement, and he asked if the Board considered that location for the cell antenna.

Julianne Mayer, Maple Avenue said that she has been collecting signatures on a petition against locating the cell tower at the Charlton Road site. She said that building a new tower goes against the Zoning Ordinance and the Comprehensive Plan. She has found that many people she has approached did not know about the cell tower project, but all have signed the petition. Many people want the antenna on the water tower. She wonders why the balloon test pictures that were provided by Verizon representatives were not the same as the resident photos. She would like to see better communications to all residents and would like the Board to look for other ways to get information out.

Joe Schaus, Stage Road said that he agrees with Julianne's comments about the cell tower. His concern is what will happen with the old Stewarts store after it is vacated. Supervisor Grattidge said that part of the application includes that the store will be demolished if it sits vacant for 2 years. Mr. Schaus also mentioned the need for Spectrum to run cable to his house. Councilman Grasso said that a comprehensive study will need to

be done to identify all of the unwired areas in Charlton. Mr. Schaus said that when he tried to open the accomplishment button on the website, he got an error 404.

The Meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk