

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

September 12, 2016

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.

Supervisor Grattidge said that one of the perks of being in Town Government is to be able to recognize Senator Farley. He said that the Senator has been the Town's Senator since 1983. He has been instrumental with many Town endeavors, including helping to get funding for the study to plan the historic hamlet area, and many other projects including those involved in building the new Town Hall.

Attorney Van Vranken said that on behalf of the residents of the Town and the Government of the Town, we thank you. He proceeded to read the following proclamation:

***TOWN OF CHARLTON
TOWN BOARD PROCLAMATION***

**IN RECOGNITION AND APPRECIATION OF THE OUTSTANDING SERVICE
PROVIDED BY NEW YORK STATE SENATOR HUGH T. FARLEY
TO THE TOWN OF CHARLTON AND SARATOGA COUNTY**

WHEREAS, Senator Hugh T. Farley was born in Watertown, raised in Indian Lake and graduated from the Watertown High School, after which he served in the United States Army in Germany, and

WHEREAS, following his Honorable Discharge from the Army, Senator Farley graduated from Mohawk Valley Community College, the University at Albany and earned a Juris Doctor law degree from the American University School of Law in Washington, D.C., and

WHEREAS, thereafter, Senator Farley taught high school in Syracuse, New York and in Maryland, after which he became Professor of Business Law at the School of Business, University at Albany, and

WHEREAS, Senator Farley was first elected to public office in 1970 as a Councilman in the Town of Niskayuna, later serving as Town Council Majority Leader, and

WHEREAS, Senator Farley was first elected to the New York State Senate in November of 1976 and has been reelected every two years through and including 2016, providing 39 years of exemplary service to the residents of New York State, and

WHEREAS, since 1983, the Town of Charlton was added to Senator's Farley's Senatorial 44th District, renumbered as the 49th District in 2013 and during which time Senator Farley has provided services to the Town of Charlton including legislative grants to improve the Town public water system, to provide safety generators, a bulk fuel system, computers, office equipment and funding for the placement of an elevator to serve handicapped residents when accessing the new Town Hall offices, additional grants to the Charlton Historical Society for building improvements and the preservation of historical items, the Charlton Fire District No. 1 to support Fire District rescue vehicles and grants to each of the five school districts serving the Town of Charlton, and

WHEREAS, Senator Farley has obtained several additional initiatives, including assisting the Charlton School with building projects and advocating for the obtaining of State legislative funding to assist in providing for an addition to the Charlton School recently completed and also securing special host aid for Saratoga County from video lottery terminals, and

WHEREAS, during Senator Farley's distinguished career in the New York State Legislature, he has served as Chairman of multiple Senate committees, including Aging, Banks, Environmental Conservation, Inland Ports and Waterways, Interstate Cooperation and Libraries, and

WHEREAS, Senator Farley has, during his career, sponsored hundreds of laws including the passage of the first Hospice Law in the United States, the creation of the Community Services for Elderly Program to support county programs for the aged, a law prohibiting mandatory retirement policies based on age and supported authorization of the 1986 Environmental Quality Bond Act to clean up hazardous waste sites, preserve land, improve municipal parks and preserve historic buildings, and

WHEREAS, Senator Farley has also supported and sponsored legislation to strengthen laws necessary to protect our water resources, to require safety measures at automated teller machines, to strengthen regulation of mortgage lenders and financial institutions and to help fund and improve local libraries, and

WHEREAS, Senator Farley has represented New York State in organizations supporting and promoting the role of State government, including the Council of State Government, serving one term as National Chairman, and the National Conference of State Legislatures.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT PROCLAIMED that the Town Board of the Town of Charlton hereby designates

September 12, 2016 as **"SENATOR HUGH T. FARLEY DAY"**

in recognition of his outstanding achievements as a New York State Senator and in providing excellent leadership in obtaining multiple benefits enabling the Town of Charlton to thrive as a residential rural community in Upstate New York.

Senator Farley said that he and his wife have always loved Charlton, and of all the Towns in the five counties in his district, he thinks that Charlton is the most beautiful. He noted that Saratoga County is the lowest taxed and fastest growing county. He said it is bittersweet to give up his Senate career, but he has to do it for his family. He deeply appreciates the Town of Charlton. He has never missed walking in the Founder's Day parade. He thanked all of the Charlton officials for their service to the community.

Pictures of the Town Board and the Senator were taken, and then the regular meeting resumed.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION #139

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Heritage
Seconded by Councilman Gay

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes of the Wessell EUP Public Hearing minutes on August 22, 2016.

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

RESOLUTION #140

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Heritage
Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting on August 22, 2016.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

RESOLUTION #141

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. 117, voucher numbers 475 - 534 in the amount of \$47,999.28.

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Clerk Brenda Mills reported that the Clerk's office took in \$1,838.25 for the month of August. \$688.41 was paid to the Supervisor's Office as revenue, and \$1,149.84 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

RESOLUTION #142

Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Report

Motion by Councilman Grasso
Seconded by Councilman Gay

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

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

SUPERVISORS REPORT

For the month of August, I attended 2 Town meetings and 5 County meetings.
Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Held a Public Hearing on the Charlton Oil Special Usage Permit Amendment
- Attended Saratoga County day at the Races

Supervisor Grattidge confirmed that the Board had received the Financial Reports for the month and the Key Bank Custodial Statement.

(see Supervisor's 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 August, 2016:

DATED: September 6, 2016

SUPERVISOR

	Balance 07/31/2016	Increases	Decreases	Balance 08/31/2016
A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	11,333.10	49,798.46	38,992.19	22,139.37
CASH - SAVING	459,112.25	59,624.40	49,797.51	468,939.14
PETTY CASH	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Park Fees Reserve	60,388.07	5.40	0.00	60,393.47
TOTAL	531,333.42	109,428.26	88,789.70	551,971.98
DA HIGHWAY FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	37,702.59	26,346.65	11,355.94
CASH - SAVINGS	-28,638.86	64,889.99	37,702.59	-1,451.46
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVE	15,477.13	0.00	0.00	15,477.13
TOTAL	-13,161.73	102,592.58	64,049.24	25,381.61
F WATER #1 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	6,333.65	4,623.65	1,710.00
CASH - SAVINGS	237,745.20	42,642.79	6,333.65	274,054.34
WATER SERIAL BOND	34,308.75	1.45	0.00	34,310.20
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVES	121,282.14	5.14	0.00	121,287.28
TOTAL	393,336.09	48,983.03	10,957.30	431,361.82
SW WATER #2 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	189.27	126.18	63.09
CASH - SAVINGS	26,592.16	2.03	189.27	26,404.92
TOTAL	26,592.16	191.30	315.45	26,468.01
TA TRUST & AGENCY				
CASH - CHECKING	6,056.45	36,406.31	35,851.31	6,611.45
TOTAL	6,056.45	36,406.31	35,851.31	6,611.45
H CAPITAL PROJECTS				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	944,156.39	297,601.48	199,963.00	1,041,794.87

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Polls are open noon to 9 p.m. for the Primary Elections on September 13th.

The Saratoga County Sheriff's Department is holding a Public Safety Open House on September 17, 2016 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at their offices on County Farm Road.

Supervisor Grattidge sent the Dog Control Officer information about a seminar on Animal Issues, Law and Enforcement. It is being put on by an Attorney in Clifton Park on October 14th.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Town is in communication with the NYS Department of Health regarding the Water system. The Health Department wants to meet with the 2 Water Superintendents and the Town Board to discuss the transition of the Water Superintendent's position and other water related items.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway - General Operations:

- Patch holes around town on paved and dirt roads
- Mow and Trim parks
- Mow road sides
- Hydroseed ditches that were cleaned
- Clean Ditches and replace culverts in Komar park area
- Trim around Welcome to Charlton Signs
- Trim Trees and Brush around Road Signs
- Mow Cemeteries
- Sealed Western Ave and Consaul Rd

Councilman Hodgkins noted that the Highway Department will soon be paving in the development. He also reported that the Highway Department has put about 15 hours on the hydroseeder. The Board sent their best regards to Jeremy Almy who was involved in a work related auto accident. They have heard that the bones in his leg are not healing as well as expected.

Water – Councilman Gay said that the Department is in the process of switching Superintendents. There will be a meeting tomorrow morning to review protocols.

Building/Zoning – In August, 7 building permits were issued, \$2,463.78 was collected in fees and the total value of the permits is \$819,782.68.

Historian – Councilman Hodgkins said that he received a letter from a woman that had ancestors that lived in Charlton in the 1700s or 1800s. He said that the information was very interesting and he will pass it on to the Town Historian.

Party in the Park – Councilman Hodgkins said that he gave the Board copies of the Committee's final minutes which contain an overview of this year's event.

Library – Councilman Gay said that the Town of Ballston Library is struggling to put together their 2017 budget, He has informed them that with the Town's financial position, they should not expect an increase from the Town.

Dog Control – In August, there were 9 complaints of which 6 were non-dog related complaints, report of a cat and dog bite incident, and 3 expired dog licenses followed up on.

Constables – In August, there were 25 patrols, 46 complaints, 17 911 call, 2 EID calls and 4 accidents and 4 EMT calls responded to. 2,017 miles were traveled and 28 tickets were issued (of which 20 were issued on Route 67). Gregory Parks, trainee, is going to be starting his 47 hour Law Enforcement – Firearms Course. The cost of the training course is \$500.00.

RESOLUTION #143

Authorization of the \$500 expenditure for Gregory Parks to attend training course

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Gay

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has authorized Gregory Parks to take the 47 hour Law Enforcement-Firearms Course at a cost of \$500.00.

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

Parks – Councilman Heritage said that the Committee will be meeting Monday September 19th at 7 p.m.

Planning Board - In August, the Board met and considered the lot line adjustment on the Hodgkins property on Charlton Road, and gave final approval of the 2 lot subdivision for the Palmer/Wood application on Charlton Road. At the September 19th meeting they will be considering 2 new applications for small subdivisions.

Historian – Marv Livingston said he toured the Brookside Museum in May. They have a lot of historical items in storage, more than they can display. He has extra copies of books on the History of Saratoga County. If anyone is interested in a book, he will give them away. He said 3 members of the Benjamin family were in Town from Indiana this summer and he worked with them on lots of research. He continues working on the book about Charlton. He has been contacted by a Boy Scout looking to do an Eagle Scout project. He suggested a project in Pine Grove Cemetery to create a mock cemetery with the headstones that were moved to the cemetery from the Presbyterian Church.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the County Historian is putting together a 3 Restaurant Tour this fall. The restaurants will include the Wishing Well in Wilton, the Cock N Bull in Galway and the Charlton Tavern in Charlton. People can sign up for dinner and also included will be a presentation of the history of the restaurant. People that attend all three dinners will receive a commemorative mug.

Newsletter – The deadline for articles for the Fall Newsletter is September 16th. The Town Clerk will assist departments with their articles.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

RESOLUTION #144

A resolution authorizing the appointment of a temporary Highway employee with the Town of Charlton Highway Department to fill a temporary vacancy.

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

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

TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 144
September 12, 2016

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF A TEMPORARY
HIGHWAY EMPLOYEE WITH THE TOWN OF CHARLTON HIGHWAY
DEPARTMENT TO FILL A TEMPORARY VACANCY**

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent Michael Emerich has requested that he be authorized to appoint a temporary employee for a period commencing September 13, 2016 and for an indeterminate period until such time as Highway Department employee Jeremy Almy is able to return to work.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the Highway Superintendent, Michael Emerich, to make the appointment of Christa Agans as a temporary highway employee in order to provide necessary Town services, commencing on September 13, 2016 and for an indeterminate period until such time as Highway Department employee Jeremy Almy is able to return to work and which temporary appointment shall be paid at the rate of \$12.00 per hour with no other benefits to such employee.

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

Moved by	Councilman Grasso	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: September 12, 2016

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Heritage said that he had the privilege of going on patrol with Constable Tom Parks.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

A resident asked what is the best way to dispose of old paint. He was advised to mix it with kitty litter and dispose it in the regular garbage. The Supervisor said the landfills are double lined.

RESOLUTION #143

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins

Seconded by Councilman Gay

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:17 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk