

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

April 27, 2015

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 11th Meeting.

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

Excused: Councilman Verola

RESOLUTION #97

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 107, voucher numbers 249 – 266 in the amount of \$22,396.54 and Abstract No. 4, voucher numbers 401-402 in the amount of \$2,646.98 and Abstract No. 5, voucher numbers 403-404 in the amount of \$630.98

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

RESOLUTION #98

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Public Hearing minutes from April 13, 2015.

Vote: 3 Ayes, Hodgkins Abstained, No Nays. **CARRIED**

RESOLUTION #99

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

Discussion: Councilman Lippiello thanked the Town Clerk for doing a great job on the extensive set of minutes.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Town Board Meeting minutes from April 13, 2015.

Vote: 3 Ayes, Hodgkins Abstained, No Nays. **CARRIED**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Donations are being accepted for Party in the Park and the Fireworks Show which will be held on June 6th. Checks can be mailed to or dropped off with the Town Clerk. Councilman Lippiello said that there is a Party in the Park Committee planning meeting on May 12th at 7 p.m.

Grievance Day is May 26th. The Assessment Review Board will be available from 2pm to 4pm and 6pm to 8pm.

The Town Clerk has received a resignation from Sandra Verola from her Councilman position that she has held for over 10 years. Supervisor Grattidge thanked Mrs. Verola for all of her years of service to the Town.

The Sales Tax for the month was \$107,209.00 which is down from last year. The Mortgage Tax was 11,617.50.

The Board received the Key Bank Custodial bank statement.

The BH-BL Girl's La Crosse Team cleaned the roadsides of Packer, Maple, Eastern and Division Street on Saturday April 25th. Supervisor Grattidge thanked them for their volunteer work, and noted that if there are any groups that would like to do roadside clean-up, they can contact the Town Clerk. The Town will provide vests and garbage bags for the clean-up.

This year's Saratoga County Sundae on the Farm will be held at Smith Brother's Farm on Jockey Street on June 21st. Supervisor Grattidge said that normally there are 2,500 – 3,000 people that attend the event. The Town Constables will help with traffic control, and the Town normally provides a truck for garbage and recycling removal.

The Veterans Flag Replacement Day event will be May 9th with a rain date of May 16th. This long standing event is coordinated by BH-BL Middle School teacher Kevin Ahern along with Charlton Town Historian Marv Livingston. The Town purchases flags for the Veterans graves in Town cemeteries. Every year in May, a team of BHBL Middle School students replaces the flags. The bus will be departing the Middle School at 9:00 a.m. and will arrive at the Jeremiah Smith Cemetery at 9:15. The group will continue on to the Scotch Church Cemetery and the Sweetman Cemetery. Anyone wishing to help can meet at the Jeremiah Smith Cemetery at 9:15 a.m.

Councilman Grasso said that some of the comments heard at the Public Hearing were that the Board did not do a good job of giving the rationale behind the changes in the zoning amendments. As a result, over the past couple of weeks, he and Councilman Hodgkins have reached out to a few former and current members of the ZORC Committee. The Councilmen are working on creating a document that will list all of the changes and include language for the reason for each of those changes. Since the proposed changes originated from ZORC, he said that it is important that they get the reasons from ZORC to make sure that there is an accurate reflection of their recommendations. He has found that this is an arduous process and will take at least a few more weeks before they will have a draft document to submit to the Board. The Board will then decide the best way to get the information to the public. He said that they will also try to include the rationale behind not including some of the ZORC recommendations, in the proposed changes. He stated also, that NYS Ag & Markets has informed him that they are still working on their comments about the proposed amendments. The Board is still waiting on comments from the Saratoga County Planning Department. Councilman Grasso said that the Board may want consider having a public informational meeting where the Board can answer questions about the rationale for the zoning.

Supervisor Grattidge said that one area of the zoning changes that a lot of comments were made about was about the amount of the fine for a zoning violation. The book reads that you have 10 days, but there is a process of working with the Zoning Department that usually takes a couple of months before any fine is given, and usually things are taken care of without a fine, and seldom result in going to Court. Attorney Van Vranken said that the language in the book reads like the fine is automatic and \$500.00. He suggested that the language be changed or clarified to show a sliding scale, or up to \$500.00. Supervisor Grattidge said the change is certainly not being made to increase revenue.

Councilman Hodgkins said that he served on the ZORC for eight years, and it has been 2 years since they last talked about the recommendations. Therefore, it has been 10 years since some of the items were discussed.

Councilman Grasso said that it will probably take a few weeks to get this document drafted.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

The Highway Superintendent presented the Board with information about equipment that he would like to buy under the Government Surplus program. He would like to purchase a DuraTech HD9 Tub Grinder for \$500.00, and a CAT 305CR Excavator for \$1,500.00.

RESOLUTION #100

Authorize the Highway Superintendent to purchase a Tub Grinder and Excavator from Government Surplus

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins

Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has authorized the Highway Superintendent to purchase a DuraTech HD9 Tub Grinder for \$500, and a CAT 305CR Excavator for \$1,500.00 from the Government Surplus Program.

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

Councilman Lippiello thanked Mr. Emerich for providing the Board with a list of the equipment that he has purchased along with the cost and the cost of bringing it up to good running condition. He said it was very helpful. Mr. Emerich said that the surplus items that they purchase are donated by the Federal Government, and the money the Town pays is basically a service charge to cover the State's cost of handling the items.

Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk