

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

**July 28, 2014**

The Agenda meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was held at the Charlton Town Hall and called to order by Supervisor Grattidge at 7:40 p.m. to set the agenda for the August 11th Town Board Meeting.

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

Excused: Councilman Verola

**RESOLUTION #132**

**Abstract of Claims**

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins  
Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 114, vouchers number 429 - 467 in the amount of \$60,343.21 and Abstract No.7, voucher number 11, in the amount of \$1,878.81.

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

**RESOLUTION #133**

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Councilman Lippiello  
Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Town Board minutes from July 14, 2014.

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

**DISCUSSION**

The Sales Tax report is expected to be released tomorrow, and will be reported at the next meeting. The Mortgage Tax for June was \$8,910.00.

Supervisor Grattidge said that Victoria Hayner has completed the paperwork to be appointed to the vacant Assessor position. She would need to run for election in the fall to complete the term, and again in 2015 to begin a new term. He would like the Board to appoint her to begin September 1<sup>st</sup>, and he asked Attorney Van Vranken to prepare a resolution for this purpose.

Supervisor Grattidge said that a month ago, a resident asked to park a tractor trailer in the Town Hall parking lot overnight, and last week another resident asked to park his tractor trailer overnight also. He has concerns that the trailer could damage the blacktop, and also Constable Parks has asked that there be a Town policy about using the parking lot. Attorney Van Vranken said his concern would be more about any liability if the trailer was damaged. He suggested that the Town have a no overnight parking policy. The Board asked Attorney Van Vranken to draft a resolution for the next meeting that would make a policy that there is not overnight parking without Town Board approval.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Saratoga County Sheriff's Traffic Investigation Officer was examining the intersection of Route 67 and Jockey Street. He has new equipment that is used for accident investigations. Because of the high frequency of accidents at that intersection, he was preprogramming the machine with the

layout of the roads at the intersection. This will make future investigations easier because they will already have this information stored in their system. He was commenting on the reason for so many fatalities occur and felt that when drivers look at Jockey Street from the south, it appears that the Street keeps going because of the slight incline in the road. He suggested that the Town request a blinking light at the intersection. The Board agreed that they would like Supervisor Grattidge to send a letter to NYS Department of Transportation to request a blinking light.

Councilman Lippiello said that last week there was a water main break at the intersection of Stage Road and Charlton Road. Bellamy Construction had the problem fixed promptly and the 4 or 5 residents affected were not without water for too long. Councilman Grasso asked for the costs of repair, but the amount is not yet known.

Councilman Lippiello said that John Morgan is not comfortable with the Verizon data line at the pump house because the signal is not steady. He is getting quotes for a radio signal from a company in Glens Falls, The company has tested an antenna on the pump house and it did work. Supervisor Grattidge said that the Water Department has a Repair Reserve Fund that would cover the cost, and the expense would not come out of the general fund.

The final equalization rate for 2015 is 71%.

## **MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

### **RESOLUTION #134**

#### **Authorization for Supervisor to sign annual agreement with Charlton Snowmobile Club**

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

RESOLVED that the Town Board has authorized the Supervisor to sign the annual agreement with the Charlton Snowmobile Club which allows the Club to use the Town Hall parking lot and enter the trail at the rear of the Town Hall property.

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

Highway Superintendent Mike Emerich said that he would like to buy a sickle bar mower for the Department's tractor. A new one would cost about \$10,000.00. He has found one on the Federal Surplus list for \$275.00 but it is located in the State of Illinois. He said that he has spoken with the Highway Superintendent from Galway about riding out together to pick it up. They would be using Galway's truck and trailer, so the only cost to our Town would be some possible gas money, hotel and meals. In order to purchase from the Federal Surplus, the Town needs to register for the program. The Board asked Mr. Emerich to try and get some additional pictures of the mower prior to the purchase.

### **RESOLUTION #135**

#### **Authorization for Supervisor to sign paperwork to register the Town in the Federal Surplus Program**

Motion by Councilman Lippiello

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

RESOLVED that the Town Board has authorized the Supervisor to sign the paperwork necessary to register the Town in the Federal Surplus Property Program.

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

### **RESOLUTION #136**

#### **Authorization to Highway Superintendent for purchase of mower and reasonable travel expenses**

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins

Seconded by Councilman Grasso

RESOLVED that the Town Board has authorized the Highway Supervisor to purchase a sickle bar mower for \$275.00 from the Federal Surplus Property Program, and has authorized reasonable travel expenses to obtain the mower.

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

**RESOLUTION #137**

**A resolution to transfer funds into the Town of Charlton Parks Repair Reserve Fund**

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

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

TOWN OF CHARLTON  
COUNTY OF SARATOGA  
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 137

July 28, 2014

A RESOLUTION TO TRANSFER FUNDS INTO THE  
TOWN OF CHARLTON PARKS REPAIR RESERVE FUND

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Charlton established a fund entitled “Parks Repair Reserve Fund of the Town of Charlton” by resolution dated September 9, 2013, a copy of which is attached to this resolution and made a part hereof as if more fully set forth herein, and

WHEREAS, during calendar year 2013, the Town of Charlton collected a total of \$9,600.00 of park fees, currently held in the Town of Charlton Account A-2089 - Other Culture and Recreation Income, a copy of which record is also attached to this resolution, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor, as Chief Fiscal Officer for the Town of Charlton, has recommended that these 2013 funds be placed into the Parks Repair Reserve Fund at this time.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to the authority granted to the Town Board, it is directed by the Town Board that the sum of \$9,600.00 as described in this resolution be transferred into Parks Repair Reserve Fund Account A-230 and secured in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law of the State of New York.

Moved by	Councilman Hodgkins	Voting:	Councilman Grasso	Aye
			Councilman Hodgkins	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Lippiello		Councilman Lippiello	Aye
			Councilman Verola	Absent
			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: July 28, 2014

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Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION #138**

**A resolution authorizing payment for certain repairs to and equipment added to the Charlton Town Park**

Motion by Councilman Lippiello

Seconded by Councilman Grasso

Discussion: Councilman Grasso asked if it is customary for parks reserve fees to be used for park repairs. Attorney Van Vranken confirmed that is and said that resolution passed in 2013 states that.

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

TOWN OF CHARLTON  
COUNTY OF SARATOGA  
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 138

July 28, 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING PAYMENT FOR CERTAIN  
REPAIRS TO AND EQUIPMENT ADDED TO THE  
TOWN OF CHARLTON TOWN PARK

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Charlton established a fund entitled “Parks Repair Reserve Fund of the Town of Charlton” by resolution dated September 9, 2013, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has authorized certain repairs to and addition of equipment for the Town Park, the cost of which is to be paid for from funds held in Account A-230 - Parks Repair Reserve Fund, and

WHEREAS, attached hereto are vouchers received by the Town of Charlton from Goldstocks Sporting and Bruce Fence, Co. for repairs and equipment provided to the Town Park and as approved by the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby authorizes the transfer of \$2,580.00 (Bruce Fence, Co. voucher) and \$1,063.98 (Goldstocks Sporting voucher) from Account A-230 - Parks Repair Reserve Fund to Town Account A-7110.411 - Parks/Other for payment of the two referenced vouchers.

Moved by	Councilman Lippiello	Voting:	Councilman Grasso	Aye
			Councilman Hodgkins	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Grasso		Councilman Lippiello	Aye
			Councilman Verola	Absent
			Supervisor Grattidge	Aye

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**COUNCILMAN DISCUSSION**

Councilmen Grasso and Lippiello said that they will be out of Town for the August Town Board meeting.

Councilman Hodgkins asked if the Supervisor had heard from the company about the cell antenna for the water tower. Supervisor Grattidge said that he had not heard anything, but felt that the tower was not the company's top priority right now. He said he thought that they had concerns that the lot was not big enough for their needs.

Supervisor Grattidge asked Mike Emerich if he was keeping up with his CHIPS information. Mr. Emerich confirmed that he is working on the report and will have it done and submitted on time.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills  
Town Clerk