

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

September 8, 2014

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

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION #149

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Grasso

RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Town Board minutes from August 25, 2014.

Vote: 4 Ayes, Lippiello Abstained, No Nays. **CARRIED**

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

RESOLUTION #150

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 117, voucher numbers 527 - 540 in the amount of \$21,606.04.

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that her office took in \$1,871.50 for the month of August. Revenue of \$498.03 was paid to the Supervisor and \$1,373.47 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

RESOLUTION #151

Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Reports

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Grasso

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 6 County meetings.

Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Worked with the Town Board on the Zoning Ordinance changes.
- Worked on preparing the 2015 Town Budget

Supervisor Grattidge said he had asked Attorney Van Vranken to send the 2006 Local Law about wood burning furnaces so that it could be included in the revised Zoning Law.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he is working on the budget for 2015 and hopes to have a tentative budget done by September 22, 2014. The Board scheduled a Budget Workshop for October 6th at 7 p.m.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will a primary election on September 9th from noon to 9:00 p.m.

COMMUNICATION

The Town Clerk received a bill from Eastern Copier for the maintenance agreement on the old copier on the second floor. The Clerk suggested that the Board cancel the maintenance agreement since the agreement no longer covers parts or toner, and the Town has to pay for copies that exceed 2,000 copies in 6 months. The invoice includes a fee for 7,926 copies over the allowance. The Board did not feel it was worth the amount we are paying. Supervisor Grattidge asked the Clerk to call Eastern and make sure that the reading and bill were correct.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he received 2 communications from the Charlton Fire District. The first was an invitation to Town Officials to attend a Fire 101 training session at the County Training Center on September 27th. The other letter is a letter that was sent out to all of the Fire District's residents regarding a meeting on September 9th to discuss the purchase and financing of a new fire truck to replace their 1988 tanker. Their second special meeting is on October 21st to discuss their 2015 budget. The Fire District has posted their proposed budget on the Town Hall bulletin board.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Historian – Marv Livingston introduced Boy Scout Nick Brino, his parents Chris and Marcia Brino and sisters Abbie and Anna. Marv reported on the restoration and cleaning of approximately 300 headstones in the Jeremiah Smith cemetery. Nick is restoring the cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. Nick and his father have worked on many headstones that needed to be up-righted, and patched many broken stones. Nick's mother and sisters used a toothbrush and spray bottle of water to clean many old headstones that were so dirty they could not be read. The headstones cleaned up well and are now legible. Marv said that the next cemetery that he and Nick will work on is Pine Grove, where they plan to make a mock cemetery of the headstones that were moved from the Presbyterian Church. Nick said that the hardest parts of the project for him were a bee's nest that was around one headstone and the headstones that were crooked and needed to be up-righted. When the stones were dug out, they found many to be broken and then they had to repair them. The Town Board thanked Nick and his family for this wonderful service to the Town, and offered to do a resolution or proclamation in Nick's honor.

Zoning – Councilman Hodgkins said that in August, there were 8 building permits issued for \$1,316.00 and 16 CO/CUs were issued.

Planning Board – Councilman Verola reported that the Board met on August 18th and deliberated on 1 lot line change application and 1 subdivision application.

Animal Control – Councilman Verola reported that in August there were 6 dog related complaints filed.

Constables- Councilman Lippiello reported that there were 26 patrols, 18 complaints, 6 911 calls, 11 tickets issued, and 1 accident responded to.

Water – Councilman Lippiello said that John Morgan is waiting for an estimate on cell phone hookup for the telemetry problem.

Seniors – Mary Schorr reported that the Seniors will be going to the Culinary Institute of America on September 11th.

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Lippiello asked if contact had been made with the landscaper. Supervisor Grattidge said that they have weeded a few times, but we will need to look at something different next year.

Councilman Verola thanked Eagle Scout Nick Brino and his family. She said that the project that he and his family have undertaken is a very valuable project for the Town.

Councilman Hodgkins said that the problem with Cummins has been resolved. Cummins said that the bill was a computer issue on their end.

Supervisor Grattidge said that Councilman Hodgkins has provided the Board with pictures of a possible replacement bridge for the park. The Supervisor said that he suggested that they get together with the Highway Superintendent and the Park Committee to see if the bridge would work. He said that the price is definitely within their price range.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one chose to speak.

The meeting adjourned at 8:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk