

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

**November 25, 2013**

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 7:30 p.m. to set the agenda for the December 9th Town Board Meeting.

Present: Councilman Gardner, Councilman Lippiello, Supervisor Grattidge, Councilman Salisbury, Councilman Verola, Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney Van Vranken.

**RESOLUTION #175**

**Abstract of Claims**

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Salisbury

Discussion: Councilman Lippiello questioned why the fuel bill includes a federal lurt tax for \$.17. The Board will look into the tax.

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 122, vouchers number 619 - 659 in the amount of \$151,615.10 and Abstract No.12, voucher number 17 in the amount of \$1,967.45.

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

**RESOLUTION #176**

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Meeting minutes from November 12, 2013.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town offices will be closed November 28<sup>th</sup> and 29<sup>th</sup> in observance of Thanksgiving.

Congressman Paul Tonko would like to hold a mobile office day for his staff members to meet with interested residents on December 6<sup>th</sup> at the Town Hall from 10:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. The Board had no objection.

**DISCUSSION**

The Sales Tax for the month was \$96,790.00. The Mortgage Tax for the month was \$15,312.88 and the semi-annual distribution was \$88,407.45.

Discussion was held regarding the Special Use Permit application for the Charlton Tavern and Mike Maloney. Attorney Van Vranken said that the ZBA has approved their lot line adjustment request to recommend. His understanding is that the only item still outstanding is a formal easement and use agreement with the neighbor. There is an agreement with the former owner based on the original use permit which has since been amended. Jay Wilkinson said that the new amended plans do not show all of the current things at the property, such as the handicap parking spaces or the retaining wall. He feels that new plans should be done to show the property as built. The Board did not take action on the application tonight.

Highway Superintendent Mike Emerich gave the Board 2 quotes for a new plow for the new Highway Department pick-up truck. One quote was from Arrowhead for \$5,320.00 and the other quote was from T&T Sales for \$4,800.00.

**RESOLUTION #177**

**Authorizing the purchase of plow for Highway Department from T&T Sales**

Motion by Councilman Lippiello

Seconded by Councilman Verola

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase a Fisher plow model #XV2 from T&T Sales for a price of \$4,800.00.

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

Highway Superintendent Mike Emerich also informed the Board that he needs to purchase a rack for the new truck at a price that just exceeds \$300, and also a new 2-way radio that exceeds \$300.

**RESOLUTION #178**

**Authorizing the Highway Superintendent to purchase a rack and a 2-way radio for new pick-up truck**

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Highway Superintendent to purchase a rack and a 2-way radio for the new pick-up truck at a price not to exceed \$800.00.

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

The Board set December 4<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. to hold a workshop to discuss that Organizational Resolution.

Councilman Lippiello said that he received a request from the Assessor's office asking to close the office on December 26<sup>th</sup>. The Board asked for a reason for the request.

The Galway Food Pantry sent a letter thanking the Board for their financial support.

The New York State Department of Public Service Commissioners sent a notice to the Town regarding their winter outreach and education campaign which is designed to provide energy efficiency and financial assistance information to consumers. They have brochures available that can be ordered if the Board so chooses.

The Saratoga County Sewer District No. 1 sent a memo to Supervisor Grattidge that included a map that shows the municipalities that are currently located within the boundaries of the sewer district. The map was adopted in 2012, and includes Charlton in the proposed district.

A resident gave Supervisor Grattidge a copy of a solicitation letter that she received from Homeserve informing her that her exterior water line is not covered by insurance, and offering to sell her insurance. She asked the Supervisor if this is endorsed by the Town. Supervisor Grattidge said that the Town has no knowledge of this solicitation and it is not endorsed by the Town Board.

The Charlton Garden Club sent a note of thanks to the Board for having the barberry bushes removed from the flower beds at the Community Center.

New York Association of Towns sent notice of their classes for "Newly Elected Officials". Supervisor Grattidge recommended that the new Board members that are starting in January attend the classes if possible.

Supervisor Grattidge said that Dave Kenyon has offered to shampoo the hallway carpets at the Town Hall free of charge.

Supervisor Grattidge said there was a smell of propane in the Town Hall on Saturday. He had an inspector from Bove Fuels come out and no leak was found. There is a chase in the hallway ladie's room that is not accessible because it is behind a sheet rocked wall. The Supervisor said that there is no way to inspect the chase, so he is recommending that a door be put in the wall to access the chase. He will get price quotes.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the court case of Schmidt vs. the Town of Charlton started on November 12<sup>th</sup>. which is also the day that the jury was selected. Closing arguments were heard November 25<sup>th</sup> and the jury will start deliberation on November 26<sup>th</sup>.

Councilman Verola said that Jay Wilkinson has requested a workshop with the Planning Board, Town Board, ZBA and the attorneys to review the expectations of each board. Supervisor Grattidge said that he felt that could be done in the first quarter of next year.

Councilman Lippiello conferred with the Board to set up a Water Department meeting on December 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Councilman Lippiello informed the Board that the water system at the pump house had to run on the booster system for two days last week, because the UPS backup quit working, and needs to be replaced. Mr. Morgan is also looking into having the transducers recalibrated to ensure that the numbers are accurate.

The meeting adjourned at 8:38 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills  
Town Clerk