

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

**July 29, 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 August 12th Town Board Meeting.

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

**RESOLUTION #121**

**Abstract of Claims**

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 114, vouchers number 377 – 436 in the amount of \$51,450.29 and Abstract No. 8, voucher number 12 in the amount of \$1,934.54

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

**RESOLUTION #122**

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Meeting minutes from July 8, 2013.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Clerk has received and filed the Title Insurance report for Deer Run which covers the Town's roads in the Bordeaux subdivision.

**DISCUSSION**

The Sales Tax for the month was \$134,540.00 and the Mortgage Tax was \$13,227.00.

The Board has received the Key Bank custodial statement. The Board also received the June financial report from the Supervisor.

Attorney Van Vranken said that the second draft of the proposed Solar Panel law is more flexible and reduced the setbacks required. Councilman Verola asked if rather than having a "cookie cutter" law, could the applications go before a Board, whether it is an existing Board or a new Board that is created. She feels that neighboring property owners have rights too, and it could affect their properties and their sale prices. Attorney Van Vranken said that it is up to this Board to decide how they want this handled. This Board can do what they want, they just need to tell him what they want. Councilman Verola said that she is concerned about how people will dispose of the panels. She has not gotten answers about this and not even County Waste was able

to tell her. She also pointed out that there is more pollution caused by the production of the solar panels than there is in the use of them. Councilman Salisbury said that he agrees with Councilman Verola about the neighborhoods in Charlton, and did not feel that he would be happy with them in his neighbor's lawn. Councilman Gardner said that he has always felt that this could be handled by the Zoning Department. Supervisor Grattidge said that he is comfortable allowing the Building Department to issue permits based on agreeable setbacks. There is a clause that requires screening, because he thinks that the visual impact is what people are concerned with. He said he is not sure that a site plan review is necessary because of the cost involved. Attorney Van Vranken suggested that the Board have a workshop to discuss each of the Board member's thoughts on this matter as it appears that they are all on different pages. He also suggested that the ZBA handle the review.

The Board has received notice from the NYS Comptroller's office that they will be auditing the Town's financial records.

Supervisor Grattidge said that a notice has been received from Cornell University that in 2014 they will discontinue their participation in the Local Highway Officials training programs. A letter was received from the Saratoga County Highway Association asking Town Boards to contact Cornell and ask them to reconsider the discontinuation. Councilman Verola asked why Cornell was so important to host this since there are other colleges around. Mr. Emerich said that he felt it was a central location for the state. The Board asked Attorney Van Vranken to draft a resolution in support of the program.

Supervisor Grattidge said that Account Clerk Joanne Bouchard is doing a great job as the Town's Bookkeeper. Recently she has been asked to do extra work to prepare for the upcoming audit and upcoming court case and litigation. Supervisor Grattidge said that he would like the Board to consider increasing her pay by \$1.00 per hour, to \$21.00 per hour. Councilman Gardner said that he cautioned the Board about setting precedents. The Board agreed unanimously that she is doing a great job.

#### **RESOLUTION #123**

##### **Approval of increase in hourly rate of Account Clerk Joanne Bouchard**

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Supervisor to increase the pay of Account Clerk Joanne Bouchard to \$21.00 per hour which will take effect in the next pay period.

Roll Call: Councilman Gardner: Nay, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye. **CARRIED**

#### **RESOLUTION #124**

##### **Authorize the Account Clerk to work additional hours if needed for audit and litigation purposes.**

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has authorized the Account Clerk to work additional hours to complete the requirements for the Comptroller's audit and the Town's pending litigation, under the direction of the Supervisor.

Roll Call: Councilman Gardner: Nay, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye. **CARRIED**

Councilman Lippiello said that residents are not able to reach Kim Caron in the Water Department because she does not have established hours. He will talk to her about it and get back to the Board.

Councilman Salisbury said that there are boys from Charlton that participate in Little League and they recently won the New York State Tournament, are currently competing in Connecticut and if they win, will continue on to the Little League World Series.

Attorney Van Vranken said he received a call from Duane Rabideau regarding Mike Maloney. He will be submitting a request to amend the Exceptional Use Permit for the Charlton Tavern. The Town Board can expect the application.

**RESOLUTION #125**

**MOTION TO ADJOURN MEETING**

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

Motion to adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills  
Town Clerk