

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

**December 10, 2012**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was held at the Charlton Town Hall and called to order by Supervisor Grattidge at 7:32 pm.

Supervisor Grattidge lead the pledge of Allegiance.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting held on November 26, 2012.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

No one chose to speak.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT**

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept General Fund claim numbers 815 – 843 as set forth in Abstract #123 in the amount of \$54,608.34.

Discussion: Councilman Salisbury said that he reluctantly signed the \$3,000 voucher for the Town of Ballston Summer Recreation program, because he did not receive the reports that he requested from Brian Bold, the Program Director. He said that the Board has agreed to pay it this year, but he would be very hesitant to pay it next year without the requested reports.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$1,032.50 for the month of November. \$571.49 was paid to the Supervisor and \$461.01 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept the Town Clerk's report as read.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

For the month of November, I attended 4 Town meetings and 13 County meetings.  
Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Attended numerous meetings concerning the County Budget, Landfill and Nursing Home
- Attended a session on high tech education by Global Foundries
- Worked with the Account Clerk and McIlroy Consulting on the Town bookkeeping system
- Worked with Bill Mapps from the NYS Comptroller's Office on the 2012 Tax Cap report

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### MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR

**TO THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON:**

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys received and disbursed by me during the month of November, 2012:

DATED: December 11, 2012

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SUPERVISOR

	Balance 10/31/2012	Increases	Decreases	Balance 11/30/2012
<b>A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	56,780.16	87,627.33	86,332.89	58,074.60
CASH - SAVINGS	456,651.80	191,292.41	87,555.18	560,389.03
PETTY CASH	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Park Fees Reserve	68,854.00	0.00	0.00	68,854.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>582,785.96</b>	<b>278,919.74</b>	<b>173,888.07</b>	<b>687,817.63</b>
<b>DA HIGHWAY FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	72,150.57	72,150.57	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	125,364.44	1,976.15	72,150.57	55,190.02
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVE	15,448.14	0.00	0.00	15,448.14
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>140,812.58</b>	<b>74,126.72</b>	<b>144,301.14</b>	<b>70,638.16</b>
<b>F WATER #1 FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	7,636.49	7,636.49	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	108,675.03	13.99	7,636.49	101,052.53
WAER SERIAL BOND	33,519.34	2.75	0.00	33,522.09
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVES	120,951.10	9.91	0.00	120,961.01
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>263,145.47</b>	<b>7,663.14</b>	<b>15,272.98</b>	<b>255,535.63</b>
<b>SW WATER #2 FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	429.01	429.01	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	24,181.84	3.00	429.01	23,755.83
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>24,181.84</b>	<b>432.01</b>	<b>858.02</b>	<b>23,755.83</b>
<b>TA TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
DEER RUN SUBDIVISION	151,184.60	0.00	0.00	151,184.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>151,184.60</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>151,184.60</b>
<b>H CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	1,489.40	0.06	0.00	1,489.46
SAVINGS	397.85	0.00	0.00	397.85
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1,887.25</b>	<b>0.06</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>1,887.31</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>1,163,997.70</b>	<b>361,141.67</b>	<b>334,320.21</b>	<b>1,190,819.16</b>

Supervisor Grattidge noted that the new Account Clerk is doing a great job and has been able to catch the bookkeeping system up to date and provide reports that have not been available to the Board for most of the

year. Resolutions will be needed at the next meeting to catch up on transfers that have occurred during this year. The Supervisor said that the Comptroller's Office has worked with the Town on reporting regarding the Property Tax Cap. The Water District tax collected is subject to the Property Tax Cap.

The Supervisor said that the County Real Property noticed a discrepancy with the number of parcels in Water District 1 in our 2013 budget. An adjustment was made to the summary sheet that did not adjust the amount raised by taxes, but it did adjust the flat fee and ad valorem fee. The Supervisor gave the Town Clerk the new summary sheet to attach to the budget.

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Hall will be closed December 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> in observance of Christmas.

The December agenda meeting will be on Wednesday, December 26<sup>th</sup>. All Departments need to get their vouchers in to the Town Clerk by December 19<sup>th</sup> in order to get them on the last abstract of the year.

The Board set a date of January 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. to have an Organizational Meeting in which they will approve the Organizational Resolution.

The Business and Professional Association will hold their State of the Towns Meeting at 8:00 a.m. on January 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Charlton Town Hall. At 2:00 p.m., Supervisor Grattidge will be sworn in as Chairman of the Board of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors.

## **DEPARTMENT REPORTS**

Dog Control read by Councilman Verola – In November, there were 11 complaints, 1 dog seized and impounded and 3 Court appearance tickets issued.

Planning Board read by Councilman Verola – There is no Planning Board meeting in December. The Board will meet in January.

Zoning read by Councilman Gardner – In November, the Department issued 12 Building Permits for a total of \$3,049.26, and 2 CO's.

Justice – Councilman Verola reported that Judge Rodriguez will change this Court time to start at 5:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of each month.

Maintenance - In November, Mr. Sturek repaired damaged door sweep, added new door sweeps, sprayed ladybug nests, cleaned basement stairwells and windows, set mousetraps in basement, moved outside ladder to basement, re-pointed granite mortar joints, drain perimeter and stairs, applied cement rust remover and cleaned affected concrete at rear of building.

Supervisor Grattidge said that Frank Sturek is doing an overall great job and is very conscientious. He was able to remove most of the rust on the concrete that was made by a rusty pail, and he has applied the sealer to the rails that was provided by the manufacturer. The Board agreed that he is a nice addition to the have working for the Town.

Water – Mr. Morgan said that he is continuing to work on water hookups and doing necessary winterizing. He said that the Deer Run project is going well.

Constables read by Councilman Lippiello – In November there were 22 patrols, 17 complaints, 6 911 calls, 1816 miles, 23 tickets issued, and 2 accidents. The new police car is in use.

Water – Supervisor Grattidge said that the last payment of the retainage was made on the Water Tower painting project.

ZORC – Marv Schorr said that they are going to meet with Bob Gizzi on December 18<sup>th</sup> to review his recommended changes.

Attorney Van Vranken said that in November of 2005, the Town approved the Board to borrow \$1,255,000.00 and subsequently approved borrowing more. The loans were split into 2 bonds and were at a rate of 4.25%, which was further reduced to 4%. Ballston Spa National Bank has now agreed to reduce the rate to 2.25% which is effective December 1, 2012. There is a bond anticipation note that renews in February 2013 currently is at 1.85% and the Bank has committed to renewing that at 1.25% in February.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 108 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOWN OF CHARLTON BUDGET FOR 2012 WITH RESPECT TO THE PURCHASE OF A NEW VEHICLE FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLTON CONSTABLES be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Salisbury that Resolution No. 109 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR AND THE TOWN CLERK TO SIGN A CHANGE IN TERMS AGREEMENT, REDUCING THE INTEREST RATE ON THE TOWN OF CHARLTON BOND ISSUES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TOWN HALL be approved.

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

### **COUNCILMAN REPORTS**

Councilman Gardner extended warm regards to Joann Bouchard the new Account Clerk for getting the Accounting records up to date and getting the reports up to date. He feels she is doing “a heck of a job”. He also thanked Frank Sturek, our new maintenance person for the nice job that he is doing to keep the building looking good.

Councilman Lippiello said that he attended an Eagle Scout ceremony to honor Austin Clark. It was a very nice ceremony.

Councilman Salisbury said he is very pleased that the Board is now getting Accounting reports and the reports are very current. It is very helpful for the Board to get this information.

Councilman Verola requested that the Board have the Town Attorney take a look at the Organizational Resolution prior to the January 2<sup>nd</sup> meeting. The Board agreed.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Teddi Smith addressed the Board regarding a grant program called Agenda 21. She said that the terms of the program sound good with terms like sustainable development, smart growth and comprehensive planning. In reality they mask another agenda, the United Nations Agenda 21. She asked the Board to educate themselves with Agenda 21 by watching a video at the following link: <http://my.brainshark.com/Agenda-21-for-Public-Officials-472185383>. Agenda 21 is a comprehensive plan of extreme environmentalism, social engineering and global political control. She asked the Board not to support Agenda 21 for Charlton, and asked the Board to consider an education program for Charlton landowners.

Councilman Verola said that she has heard of this Agenda 21 and she agrees that the Board needs to be very careful regarding it. She thanked Mrs. Smith for bringing this information to the Board.

Terri Ostrander asked the Supervisor what the Board of Supervisors thought of Agenda 21. Supervisor Grattidge said there was a presentation done called sustainable development. There is grant money coming through for New York State, and if Towns or Cities want to apply, there is criteria that they have to meet. He is concerned that there are terms in the Agenda 21 that can be misconstrued. For example, Charlton did a Comprehensive plan and he thought it was one of the best things that Charlton has done. He does not have a handle yet on how this is affecting us on a Town or County level. He said that if Towns want to apply for it, it would be on an individual basis, and right now neither the Town nor the County have plans to accept it. Mr. Ostrander asked what would happen if the County accepted it. The Supervisor said it would depend on what

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they would be going for. Mr. Ostrander said this is a progressive program which is a representation of the United Nations to make everyone equal. He calls that socialism. He said that the GOP is 100% against it.

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that meeting be adjourned.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills  
Town Clerk

TOWN OF CHARLTON  
COUNTY OF SARATOGA  
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 108

December 10, 2012

A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOWN OF CHARLTON  
BUDGET FOR 2012 WITH RESPECT TO THE PURCHASE OF A  
NEW VEHICLE FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLTON CONSTABLES

WHEREAS, during the Town of Charlton Town Board agenda meeting of July 30, 2012, Constable Parks informed the Town Board that the 2005 Ford constable vehicle had 95,000 miles on it and needed repairs projected to cost approximately \$2,000.00 and that he was checking into purchasing a new 2014 Dodge police car in order to replace the current vehicle, and

WHEREAS, at the agenda meeting of the Town Board held on August 27, 2012, Constable Parks presented information to the Board requesting that the Board authorize the purchase of a new 2013 Dodge Charger constable vehicle, based on the current available price for such vehicle and considering the current condition of the 2005 vehicle described by Constable Parks at the July 30, 2012 Town Board agenda meeting, and

WHEREAS, following extensive discussion between Constable Parks and the Town Board regarding this request, the Town Board approved a resolution authorizing Constable Parks to order a 2013 Dodge Charger constable vehicle for a price not to exceed \$25,000.00, and

WHEREAS, at the Town Board agenda meeting held on November 26, 2012, Constable Parks presented to the Town Board a two page document related to the purchase of a 2013 constable vehicle including a vehicle invoice reflecting a purchase price of \$24,997.00 and an attachment showing additional features required to be placed on the vehicle for a total of \$2,397.60, copies of which two documents are attached to this resolution and made a part hereof as if more fully set forth herein, and

WHEREAS, in order to complete the purchase of the new constable vehicle as described in this resolution, it will be necessary to amend the Town of Charlton 2012 budget to reflect this new expenditure for fiscal year 2012.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorizes a withdrawal of the sum of \$28,000.00 from Town Account A-909 – Fund Balance Unreserved, and placement of the sum of \$28,000.00 into Town Account A-3120.2 – Police Equipment, in order to have sufficient funds to make payment for the new constable vehicle and required attachments during this 2012 fiscal year of the Town of Charlton.

Moved by Councilman Lippiello

Seconded by Councilman Verola

Voting: Councilman Gardner Aye  
Councilman Lippiello Aye  
Councilman Salisbury Aye  
Councilman Verola Aye  
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: December 10, 2012

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Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

TOWN OF CHARLTON  
COUNTY OF SARATOGA  
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 109

December 10, 2012

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN SUPERVISOR AND THE  
TOWN CLERK TO SIGN A CHANGE IN TERMS AGREEMENT, REDUCING THE INTEREST RATE ON  
THE TOWN OF CHARLTON BOND ISSUES RELATED TO THE CONSTRUCTION OF THE NEW TOWN  
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WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Charlton issued two Statutory Installment Bonds based on voter approval granted on November 8, 2005, authorizing issuance of serial bonds in the sum of \$1,255,000.00 and for construction of the new Town Hall, and

WHEREAS, one bond was issued in the sum of \$955,000.00, with an interest rate of 4.25% and a second bond was issued in the sum of \$300,000.00 with an interest rate of 4.25%, and

WHEREAS, both of the aforementioned bonds have a maturity date of October 15, 2023 and both are current with respect to all required payments of principal and interest, with the larger bond now being in the sum of \$769,999.99 and the smaller bond being in the sum of \$220,000.00, with an interest rate of 4.0% currently carried by both bonds, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board believes it is in the best interests of the residents of the Town of Charlton to seek a reduction in the interest rate being paid on the bonds, considering current economic conditions and rates being paid on comparable offerings, and

WHEREAS, following a request from a representative of the Town Board, the Ballston Spa National Bank has agreed to modify its agreement with the Town Board with respect to the interest rates now being paid on the tow bonds, reducing the interest rate from 4.0% to 2.25%, effective December 1, 2012.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board does hereby authorize the Town Supervisor and the Town Clerk to execute on behalf of the Board the Change in Terms Agreement and Governmental Certificate for both bonds, reducing the interest rate to 2.25% as set forth in this resolution.

Moved by	Councilman Verola	Voting:	Councilman Gardner	Aye
			Councilman Lippiello	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Salisbury		Councilman Salisbury	Aye
			Councilman Verola	Aye
			Supervisor Grattidge	Aye

I certify that this is a true and exact copy of the original as passed by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton on December 10, 2012.

Dated: December 10, 2012

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Brenda Mills, Town Clerk