

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

July 26, 2010

The Agenda 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 7:30pm.

Present: Councilman Gardner, Councilman Lippiello, Councilman Verola, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills.

Absent: Councilman Salisbury

Supervisor Grattidge announced that this meeting is to set the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Board on Monday, August 9, 2010.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept General Fund claim number 1465 - 1510 as set forth in Abstract #114 in the amount of \$ 36,280.58.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to accept the minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on July 12, 2010.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

DISCUSSION

The July Sales Tax was \$108,274, and the year-to-date Sales Tax is up 7.75% from last year. The Mortgage Tax was \$9,886.50.

Supervisor Grattidge said that normally the Annual Audit is discussed with Councilman Salisbury, however, in his absence, the Supervisor suggested that Bookkeeper make her own comments regarding the audit and the Board will review them, attach them to the audit and approve the audit by Resolution at the next meeting.

Northeast Fire Protection has proposed doing a test of the double backflow assembly on the sprinkler system. The cost for the test is \$165 and can also be done on an annual basis along with the regular inspection. The Board agreed that test should be done.

Councilman Verola has three proposals for weed removal at the Town Hall. She is waiting on more proposals, so the discussion was postponed until the quotes are in.

The Board received communications about the permanent railings for the front of Town Hall. The architect said that the railings have not been ordered yet. Supervisor Grattidge said that he has informed the contractor that the Town still wants the same railings that the contractor agreed to in the original agreement.

Supervisor Grattidge said that in 2009, they received quotes to fix the foundation at the Highway Garage, and the prices were high. There was a recommendation by masons to excavate the foundation, replace block, and repair

the wall. The Supervisor will ask the Highway Superintendent to get new proposals from masons. The Town will be able to put in the needed drainage system.

Supervisor Grattidge said that in June the Saratoga County Deceased Veteran Program was held and the flag to honor Charlton's deceased Veteran, John Kaska has been returned to the Town. The Supervisor would like to invite the Kaska family to the August 9th meeting and present the flag to them.

Supervisor Grattidge reminded everyone that the 2011 budget process will begin in August. He also asked the Board if they would like to continue with the same insurance broker, and if not, to recommend other brokers.

Supervisor Grattidge said that Councilman Salisbury is home recuperating. In the meantime, he would like to appoint Councilman Lippiello as the liaison to the Water Department, as there is a lot of things happening, and the Board needs to stay informed.

Supervisor Grattidge asked the Town Historian to put display items in the locked display cases on the second floor.

Councilman Lippiello said that Water Superintendent John Morgan said that there are still pressure issues to deal with.

George Eggleston presented the Board with 3 quotes for water fountains for Elmer Smith Park. The lowest price was \$758.00 from Central Plumbing.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola to authorize the Parks Committee to purchase the water fountain from Central Plumbing for \$758.00.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

Councilman Verola is in the process of asking the Highway Superintendent to gather the information needed for the on-line auction of Town excess inventory.

Councilman Gardner asked the Supervisor if he knew why Lovie Bourne was asking questions about the Town's network and server. Supervisor Grattidge said that she is the Chairwoman of the Communications Committee and he believed that the Committee had raised these questions. The Board was unaware of the names of the local computer experts mentioned by the Communications Committee.

Attorney Van Vranken gave an example of good government in action. He referenced a ZBA case recently where the ZBA, ECC and DEC were involved. The landowners were requesting a variance for a well, and because of the on-sight review done by the ECC and ZBA, actually walking the property, it was determined that the well was too close to the neighboring septic system. The landowners were happy that this was discovered, and instead of simply needing a variance, they decided to drill a new well.

Councilman Gardner agreed that the Town is very lucky to have very hardworking Boards.

The meeting adjourned at 8:14 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk