

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

January 11, 2010

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 7:30pm.

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

Supervisor Grattidge lead the pledge of Allegiance.

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 December 14, 2009.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola to accept the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting held on December 29, 2009.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to accept General Fund claim numbers 1001-1028 as set forth in Abstract #101 in the amount of \$54,366.82 and General Fund claim numbers 909 -910 as set forth in Abstract #9912 in the amount of \$1,117.89.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays *CARRIED*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$284.00 for the month of December. \$220.05 was paid to the Supervisor and \$63.95 was paid to other Governmental Agencies.

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

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays *CARRIED*

SUPERVISORS REPORT

For the month of December I attended 6 Town meetings and 11 County meetings.
Some of the highlights of the month:

- Worked on the remodeling project for the Old Town Hall Community Center
- Worked on the 2010 Organizational resolution
- Attended the Charlton Historical Society Christmas event
- Helped with the Trees for Troops pickup at Ellms Family Farm
- Worked on the heating system of the New Town Hall

	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
<u>General</u>	85,162.53	112,986.13
<u>Highway</u>	84,662.80	212,601.25
<u>Water Dist. 1</u>	148.42	11,575.08
<u>Water Dist. 2</u>	14.95	573.92
<u>Town Hall Project</u>		
H-Fund	50.86	2,831.82

Supervisor Grattidge said that he would like to have a 6 hour Driver Safety Course on February 17th at 8:30 am. All Town employees using Town vehicles are required to attend, as mandated by the Town's insurance carrier. A light lunch will be provided.

A ***motion*** was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola to authorize the Supervisor to set up the Driver Safety Course on February 17th.

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

The Board agreed that the Official Job Descriptions received from the Consulting Company should be sent to the employees to review. Supervisor Grattidge said he would send them out this week.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town offices will be closed January 18, 2010 in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day.

The Saratoga County Planning & Zoning Conference will be held January 25, 2010.

COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Grattidge stated that the Town received a letter from New York State Department of Ag & Markets giving their approval of the Town's Farmland Protection Plan. The Board discussed options for the final SEQR completion and Farmland Protection Plan adoption as suggested by Behan. The Board agreed to have Behan Planning prepare the EAF (Environmental Assessment Form). A resolution will be presented at the January 25th meeting and a Public Hearing for February will be scheduled.

Supervisor Grattidge said a letter was received from the West Charlton Fire Department permitting the Fire Department's Treasurer to pick up their check for tax receipts when it is ready.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning – Zoning reported taking in \$185 for building permits in December, and issued 19 CO's and CU's.

Highway – No written report submitted.

Dog Control – Lee Bramer said things have been slow. He picked up one dog in December and has recently begun working on past due licenses.

BHBL Library – Tom Schottman thanked Bob Lippiello for his volunteer contributions to the library, and gave a brief report which included: the library has received a \$916 grant that will be used to fund 2 felting programs with fiber artist Linda VanAstyne, the library will replace all toys with lead-free toys, and a thank you to Fred Baum for naming the library as a recipient of donations in the name of his wife Helen.

Zoning Ordinance Review Committee – They are currently looking at the Farmland Protection Plan to see what information needs to be integrated into the Zoning Ordinance.

Seniors – The Charlton Seniors are planning a trip to Ireland in April and asked the Board if a few cars could be left in the back of the Town Hall parking lot while they are away. The Board had no objection. Attorney VanVranken said he did not see any liability issues.

Technology Advisory Board – Mr. Aabo said they are working on details for a server for the Town. An inventory of current equipment is being done. Their next meeting is January 21.

Historian – Mrs. Linder said that Howard Eskin has put together a powerpoint presentation of pictures from Charlton events and she would like to show it as soon as a projector is available. She said that a documentary was done for the Public Broadcasting channel regarding the French and Indian War, and some Charlton residents are appearing in it.

The Historian put together recommendations for the Town regarding artwork in the Town Hall. The Board will review the information and discuss it at the next Agenda Meeting.

Constables – In December there were 28 patrols, and they responded to 19 complaints, 9 911 calls, 2 accidents, and issued 17 tickets. They reported that 7 mailboxes were damaged on Rocky Ridge Road.

Planning Board – The next meeting will be January 18th at 7:30pm.

Communications Committee – Bob Lippiello said that this is a new committee being formed to better the Town communication with residents. He is looking for volunteers to serve on the committee.

Councilman Salisbury said that he will be conducting the annual audits for the Town, and he will be setting up appointments with departments.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMTIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Salisbury that Resolution No. 52 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 20 WHICH WAS APPROVED AT THE TOWN BOARD'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 4, 2010 be approved.

Roll call vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Nay, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye *Approved*

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 53 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ATTEND AND VOTE AT THE ANNUAL BUSINESS SESSION OF THE ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS OF THE STATE OF NEW YORK be approved.

Roll call vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye *Approved*

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

None were given.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dwayne Rabideau, a representative from the Charlton Fire District gave a reminder that there will be a vote at the Fire House on January 19th from 4pm to 9pm. The people will be voting to authorize a bond for the construction of a new fire station.

Councilman Verola thanked the Fire Department for scaling back the costs of building the new Fire Station.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the next meeting will be the Agenda meeting on January 25th.

A ***motion*** was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to adjourn the meeting and go into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:24pm and the Board went into Executive Session.

The Board came out of Executive Session at 9:30 pm. No action was taken.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk