

**Town of Charlton
Saratoga County**

**Town Board Meeting
November 28, 2022
7:30 PM**

The 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 Grasso at 7:32 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilman Glavin, Councilman Tasse, Supervisor Grasso.

Excused: Councilman Robbins, Councilman St. John.

Also present: Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney Jim Craig.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #175

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Glavin

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

BY MOTION the Town Board approved the minutes of the Town Board Meeting on November 14, 2022.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a Christmas tree lighting event at the Gideon Hawley Park on Sunday, December 4th at 5:00 p.m. The event will include caroling and free refreshments.

DISCUSSION

Mike Siiss and Herb Jackson from the Ballston Lake Emergency Squad (BLES) gave an overview of changes at BLES. Mr. Siiss said that BLES was formed 71 years ago, and he noted that Mr. Jackson has served for 41 years. For 61 years the squad was manned by volunteers, but 10 years ago, BLES started using an agency to staff the squad, because of New York State requirements and the additional education time and advanced education requirements. It worked well for the first seven years, but then service began to suffer. A committee was formed to find a solution. Because of Mr. Siiss business and EMS background, he was appointed as the new Director this year. He has worked on getting out of the contract with the staffing agency. Now that they are independent, he has brought on 28 employees, and as a result in the first 28 days, they have answered 100% of their first calls. They are working with Saratoga County to find when the maximum number of calls come in and they may put on a second crew to help with mutual aid calls.

Supervisor Grasso said that the Charlton has three Ambulance companies that service Charlton. BLES serves about half of Charlton, with Galway and Community Corp serving that rest of Charlton. A few years ago, an ambulance tax was passed to fund them. The Supervisor stressed that how we handle tax increases is very important to residents. He said that providing financial statements to the Town Board at budget time would be very helpful to show that they are fiscally in good standing. Mr. Siiss said that due to the good foresight of previous members, they are in good financial condition and have not debt. Mr. Siiss said that they have a 3rd

party firm that handles all of their billing and collections. Attorney Craig asked Mr. Siiss if they have any litigation from the previous staffing company. Mr. Siiss said that they have not heard anything.

Mr. Siiss said that an ambulance ride costs upwards of \$1,200 depending on the level of support needed. Mr. Jackson said that BLES has saved about \$400,000 by having ambulances re-chassised rather than purchasing new ambulances.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

MOTION #176

Approval of Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Tasse

Seconded by Councilman Glavin

BY MOTION, the Town Board approved the processing of Abstract 122, voucher numbers 617-647 in the amount of \$37,349.00 which was audited by Town Board members.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one chose to speak.

MOTION #177

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Councilman Glavin

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

BY MOTION the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 8:13 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk