

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

January 9, 2023

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was held at the Charlton Town Hall, 758 Charlton Rd, Charlton NY and called to order by Supervisor Grasso at 7:30 p.m.

Present: Supervisor Grasso, Councilman Glavin, Councilman Robbins, Councilman St. John, Councilman Tasse.

Also present: Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney Craig.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #59

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Glavin

BY MOTION the Town Board approved the minutes of the Town Board Meeting on December 27, 2022.

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

MOTION #60

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman St. John

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

BY MOTION the Town Board approved the minutes of the Town Board Organizational Meeting on January 3, 2023.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Town Clerk – Clerk Mills said for the month of December, her office took in \$334.75. \$237.28 was paid to the Supervisor as revenue, and \$97.47 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

Town Clerk's Annual Report: The Town Clerk's Office took in \$11,301.75 in 2022, of which \$6,413.28 was paid to the Supervisor's Office as revenue. \$3,977.97 was paid to DEC for 141 Hunting and Fishing licenses. \$573.00 was paid to NYS Animal Control Population Fund for 514 dog licenses, and \$337.50 was paid to NYS Dept of Health for 15 marriage licenses. The Town Clerk's office also issued 108 Handicap parking tags, 26 Certificates of Residency, 190 certified copies of Vital Records, 3 Birth Certificates, 16 Death Certificates and 16 Burial Permits.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Announcements:

The Town offices will be closed January 16th in observance of Martin Luther King Day.

The Planning Board will meet on January 16th.

The Charlton Water Commissioners Meeting will be held on January 23rd at 6pm at Town Hall.

Annual Insurance Policy Review Workshop – date to be determined for February 2023.

Communications:

The Supervisor has received a letter from NYMIR (Town's insurance carrier) regarding risk mitigation strategies of the Town's facilities, and offers positive recommendations for risk reductions.

Town Updates:

The Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Business Professionals Association held their annual Talk of the Towns meeting last week. It was hosted at the Town of Ballston. The Supervisor's of the Towns of Glenville, Clifton Park, Ballston and Charlton all have the opportunity to report on the past year's happenings in their Towns and their focus for the new year.

Financial Updates:

The Town is preparing a soft close of the December books. Carol Golden, CPA, recommended that the Town do a year-end review of our accounting before the processing of our AUD (annual update document). Supervisor Grasso hopes to have the reports to the Town Board in a couple of weeks. The goal is to get the AUD done by the end of March.

County Updates:

The Town of Moreau Supervisor Ted Kusnierz has been reappointed as Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors for a 3rd term. John Schopf has been appointed as Chairman of the Law and Finance Committee. Supervisor Grasso has been re-appointed as a member of the Law and Finance Committee.

DEPARTMENT, COMMITTEE & COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Land Use Committee - Jim Sevinsky said that at their January 5th meeting, the topic was solar farms. Genevieve Trigg, a lawyer for Barclay Damon representing a developer of solar farms, was invited to the meeting, and she answered a lot of questions about solar and the way that solar siting in NYS works. Mr. Sevinsky said that the Committee has websites that they use to get information about solar issues and how to protect farmland from being overdeveloped by solar. There are model ordinances of which one is done by New York State and some from other Towns in our area. Supervisor Grasso said that the Town Board will need to make a decision in the next month or so, whether or not they want to charge the Land Use Committee with putting more effort into the solar topic. He feels that the Board needs to give the Committee clearer direction on areas of focus.

Councilman Tasse, Liaison:

Town of Ballston Library – Rebecca Darling reported that the library is very busy with story time, craft programs. They are working on their charter update. The Library received \$1,000 of ARPA funding for e-books.

Technology Committee – Councilman Tasse that the FCC is doing a survey to update internet coverage areas. All residents are encouraged to look update their information by the January 13th deadline. This information will be used to provide funding to underserved broadband areas. Councilman Tasse said that he is reviewing our IT changes from 2022 and options for the current year.

Councilman Robbins, Liaison:

Highway – Superintendent Marshall Heritage submitted the following report for the month of December:

1. Cleaning up downed trees and branches from high winds
2. Ditching on Jolly Road
3. Mowing with the arm mower
4. Plowing and sanding roads
5. Repaired truck 14 sander
6. Assisted with the furnace work at the Community Center
7. Town hall replaced blown light bulbs throughout the building
8. Troubleshooting the boilers at the town hall
9. Removal of many dead trees on Maple Ave
10. Picking up Christmas trees
11. Dig safe locations were 21
12. Oil change on trucks 1,9

Historian – Marv Livingston said that he has been very busy working on the Town genealogy and has over 24,000 names in the database. He has created a Charlton tree on Ancestry.com. He reported on his personal family tree and found that he is related to a lot of people in Charlton. Anyone interested in looking at the genealogy on Ancestry can access it under: charlton ny tree.

Councilman Glavin, Liaison:

Water – Councilman Glavin reported that the Town Engineer's Water System Study report has been fully reviewed and a mark-up was provided to the Supervisor prior to today's meeting for his review and comment. Councilman Glavin would like to get the Town mark-up comments back to the Town Engineering by 1/16/23. Councilman Glavin reported that a water commissioners meeting will occur on 1/23/23 from 6PM-7:15PM prior to the scheduled Town Board Meeting. All members of the Town Board are invited, as well as the Water Superintendent, Water Clerk, the Town Engineer, Mr., Charlie Baker, as well as members of the public. Draft Agenda will be circulated for comment by end of day Wednesday, 1/11/23.

Town Electrical Costs of Electricity:

Councilman Glavin requested that a resolution be drafted, to be presented at the next Town Board meeting, to enter into an agreement with Omni Renewables/OYA Renewables, to provide Solar Energy Credits from a Solar farm in Western NY for which an approximate 10% electrical cost savings (\$1500) would be realized annually to the Town.

Councilman St. John, Liaison:

Constables – In December, there were 3,488 miles traveled, 28 patrols, 12 complaints, 9 911 calls and 2 accident/7 EMT Fire calls were responded to, and 40 tickets were issued (8 on Route 67).

Dog Control – In December, there were 5 calls received, 3 dogs were seized and returned to owners.

Planning Board – the Board did not meet in December.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

MOTION #61

MOTION TO APPOINT SUPERVISOR AS VOTING DELEGATE AT ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS MEETING

Motion by Councilman Tasse

Seconded by Councilman Glavin

BY MOTION, the Town Board appointed Supervisor Grasso as the voting delegate for the Town of Charlton at the annual Association of Towns meeting in February.

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

Supervisor Grasso said that the Town had previously applied in 2021 for a BridgeNY grant from New York State to replace the culvert on the Route 67 end of Maple Avenue. The Town was not successful that year in being awarded the grant. The State has another grant program for 2023. He would like to tweak the previous application and is suggesting that the Town re-apply this year. He would love to see the end of the road widened when the culvert is replaced, and he estimates that the project will cost around 1.5 million dollars. If awarded, the grant covers 100% of the cost with no cost to the Town. The Town would have to upfront the costs and be reimbursed by the State.

MOTION #62

MOTION TO APPROVE SUBMISSION OF BRIDGENY GRANT APPLICATION FOR CULVERT PROJECT

Motion by Councilman Tasse

Seconded by Councilman Glavin

BY MOTION, the Town Board approved the Town to move forward with a BridgeNY 2023 grant application for the replacement of a culvert on Maple Avenue.

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

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

MOTION #63

Approval of Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Glavin

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

BY MOTION, the Town Board approved the processing of Abstract 101, voucher numbers 1-26 in the amount of \$90,448.37 which was audited by Town Board members.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Bob Delaney, resident, said that he feels that 5G will take over. He is interested in solar information. He looked at a study done in California which said that you would need land twice the size of New York State in order to power the country with solar.

Suzanne Voigt, resident, said that she is hearing about a lot of abandoned houses in Charlton and in particular, on Jockey Street. She would like the Board to look into the issue.

MOTION #64

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Councilman Tasse

Seconded by Councilman Glavin

BY MOTION the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m.

Roll Call: Councilman Glavin: Aye, Councilman Robbins: Aye, Councilman St. John: Aye, Councilman Tasse: Aye, Supervisor Grasso: Aye. **CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk