

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

February 27, 2023

**PUBLIC HEARING regarding proposed Local Law #1 of 2023 regarding real property tax exemptions
for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers and
Town Board Meeting**

The Public Hearing regarding the proposed Local Law #1 of 2023 regarding real property tax exemptions for volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance worker for the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was held at the Charlton Town Hall 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.

Town Clerk Mills read the following Legal Notice and confirmed that it was published in the official newspaper, The Daily Gazette on Wednesday February 15th, 2023:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PROPOSED LOCAL LAW**

Town of Charlton
Saratoga County, NY

PUBLIC NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that the Town Board of the Town of Charlton will hold a public hearing concerning a proposed local law regarding Volunteer Firefighter and Volunteer Ambulance workers real property tax exemption, and replacing Local Law No. 2 of 2006. The hearing will be held on February 27 at 7:30p.m at Town Hall, 758 Charlton Road, Charlton, New York.

A copy of said proposed local law has been posted on the website: townofcharlton.org and is available at the Town Clerk's Office.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk
February 13, 2023

Supervisor Grasso said that the Town currently has a similar Local Law from 2006 that mirrored the County's Local Law. New York State came out with new guidance at the end of last year and asked that all Towns and Counties adopt a new Local Law by March 1st of this year. Saratoga County adopted their new Local Law last week. The Town desires that our Local Law match the County's, so the new revised Local Law is being presented tonight and voted on later this evening. One change made to the wording in the last month is regarding recordkeeping by the fire departments and this change came because of feedback received. On the Town level, the exemptions do not currently pertain because we do not have a Town tax or Highway tax. If we did, then it would.

The floor was opened for public comment:

Josie Jackson, resident, asked if a person signed up for the exemption, could they later revoke it? Supervisor Grasso said that you can withdraw the exemption at any point. People can take the exemption or the tax credit depending on which is most beneficial.

Dawn Szurek, resident, said that she thought that this was a great idea to help increase volunteerism, but since we don't have a Town tax, it really doesn't pertain.

Rick Jackson, resident, asked if there were exemptions on special districts because he was looking at the state website and it said that they could be included. Attorney Craig said that the State law may say that their can be an exemption on special districts but the County and Town did not opt to include that. Mr. Jackson said that for the 20year lifetime exemption, he does not think that you have to file annually. Mr. Jackson also asked about the exemptions being for just active members and could it be for inactive members. Supervisor Grasso said that he would look into this.

No one else chose to speak.

MOTION #78

Motion to close public hearing

Motion by Councilman Tasse

Seconded by Councilman Glavin

BY MOTION the Town Board closed the public hearing at 7:50 p.m.

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

The Board continued with the regular scheduled Town Board meeting.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #79

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Glavin

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

BY MOTION the Town Board approved the minutes of the Town Board Meeting on February 13, 2023.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

Wayne Terwilliger of Saratoga Plan, said that he is here to seek the Town's endorsement of the Arnold and Bramer farmland preservation projects. He read the following report:

General Info:

Saratoga PLAN has 2 projects to present to the board this evening for farmland preservation.

We would like to seek state funding for a purchase of development rights for each of these projects via an FPIG grant and we are asking for the town's endorsement.

BLUE CORNERS Farm – Mary & Lee Bramer and Mary Opalka

75 Acres – Located at 1068 Westline Rd in the Town of Charlton

Approximately 33 ac (44%) of the farm is in active production.

A 3-acre lot with the original farmhouse and silvipasture lands is owned by Mary Opalka who is 104 yrs old and has lived on the farm her entire life. The house is one of the oldest in Charlton. The property includes a newer home, several pole barns, sheds and hay pastures for livestock. The southern portion of the property includes a stream actively dammed by beavers resulting in some flooding. Part of the western portion was previously pasture for dairy cows and there are plans to reclaim these areas. The property is a three-generation farm with all three generations currently living on the property. Blue Corners is a historic site which was noted to have been land first deeded from native Indians in the 1700s. 1708 – stage route through busy hamlet 1700s. The Saratoga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board endorsed the project at their meeting on 1/10/23.

SCOTCH RIDGE FARM – Kathy & David Arnold

44.5 ACRES located at 36 Jersey Hill Rd in Charlton.

About 29 acres are active farmland and are currently planted with corn. There are no structures on this parcel. The Arnolds own about 200 acres of adjacent land including a 156.3-acre parcel to the east. A PDR on the eastern parcel is being funded via a county grant which is contingent on securing state FPIG grant funding on the 44.5 acre parcel which we are seeking the town's endorsement for this evening. There is a state snowmobile trail that runs through the property and could become a linkage in the long-distance Long Path from NYC to the Adirondacks. The Saratoga County Agriculture and Farmland Protection Board endorsed the project at their meeting on 1/10/23

Jim Sevinsky, resident said that recently, two Charlton residents, Dawn Szurek and Jason Arnold went to the State legislature on Farm Lobby Day to lobby for the continued funding of the Environmental Protection portion of funding for protecting farmland. He noted that there are many people willing to preserve their farmland but there is not enough money to fund it.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Communications:

Supervisor Grasso said that he received a flyer from Bike-a-toga which is a nonprofit association that offers free bikes and helmets to anyone that requests one. They also repair bikes free of charge. The Supervisor asked the Town Clerk to put this information on the Town website.

Supervisor Grasso said that he received a request from Andrew Haluska for the Town's continued financial support of the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Summer Recreation program. The Town has budgeted support.

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Robbins – Party in the Park – the first planning meeting will be Tuesday, March 14th at 7:00pm at the Town Hall. Volunteers are needed for the event and welcome to attend the meeting.

Councilman Glavin - Water:

1. Town Engineering Firm EDP (C Baker) contacted the Town to report they are finishing up the water report.
2. Later this evening we will be presenting a resolution for a public hearing to enter into the next 10-year agreement for water supply from the Town of Glenville.

Councilman St. John – Planning Board:

The Planning Board met on Presidents Day, February 20th, and the following was on the agenda:

Ward Subdivision – 31.85 acres corner of Route 67 and Maple Ave

1. 5.5 acres
2. 17.6 acres
3. 8.7 acres

Public hearing being continued to April 17th

Finkle Subdivision – 18.1 acres 2136 Jockey Street previously approved but incomplete application

1. 14 acres
2. 2 acres

3. 2 acres

Public hearing March 20th

Kondrat – 2304 – 2306 Route 67 lot line change concerns property less than 2 acres with less than 200 feet frontage – going to ZBA

Lachtrupp subdivision – 10.43 acres 1287 Sacandaga Road

1. 7 acres
2. 3 acres

Holbrook 87.35 acre subdivision pre-application conference

1. 6 acres
2. 9 acres
3. 71 acres

On March 20th, the Charlton School will be presenting their long term plan for their property – Jay Wilkinson invites the Town Board members to attend.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND PROCLAMATIONS

MOTION #80

MOTION TO AUTHORIZE THE SEASONAL USE OF THE VOLLEYBALL COURT BY TRY-ATHLETES

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

BY MOTION, the Town Board approved the Park application from the Try-Athletes to use the volleyball court in Elmer Smith Park on Tuesday evenings from 6:00pm until dark, beginning May 2nd until August 29th, 2023.

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

RESOLUTION #81

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF A SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT APPLICATION FROM CARRIE SHEA REQUESTING APPROVAL TO OPEN AND OPERATE A SMALL ANTIQUE AND HOME GOODS STORE AT 2022 MAPLE AVENUE IN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON, AND REFERRING SAME TO THE ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS TO EXERCISE PRIMARY JURISDICTION ON SUCH APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLTON

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman St. John

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

**TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. 81

February 27, 2023

**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF A SPECIAL EXCEPTION
PERMIT APPLICATION FROM CARRIE SHEA REQUESTING APPROVAL TO OPEN
AND OPERATE A SMALL ANTIQUE AND HOME GOODS STORE AT 2022 MAPLE
AVENUE IN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON, AND REFERRING SAME TO THE ZONING**

**BOARD OF APPEALS TO EXERCISE PRIMARY JURISDICTION ON SUCH
APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF
CHARLTON**

WHEREAS, the Town Board has received an application dated January 21, 2023, from Carrie Shea, owner of 2022 Maple Avenue, in the Town of Charlton, applying for a special exception permit to open and operate a small antique and home goods store out of her home, at 2022 Maple Avenue, with no new or additional buildings or modifications requested or anticipated, under provisions contained in Article VII, Section 3.B of the Zoning Ordinance for the Town of Charlton; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has reviewed such application, consulted with the Town of Charlton Zoning Enforcement Officer and the Attorney for the Town regarding issues which need to be considered in processing this application and as set forth in the aforementioned Article VII; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Article VII, Section 3.B of the Zoning Ordinance, the Town Board may refer said application to the Zoning Board of Appeals, subject to the conditions set forth in Section 6 of Article VII of said Ordinance, to review, process, and provide a determination on the application after due public notice, hearing and a vote of a majority plus one of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and subject to all relevant provisions of said Ordinance as to whether such permit should be granted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Charlton hereby refers to and directs the Town of Charlton Zoning Board of Appeals to review, process and provide a determination with respect to the application of Carrie Shea for a special exception permit to open and operate a small antique and home goods store at 2022 Maple Avenue, in the Town of Charlton, subject to the provisions set forth in Article VII of the Town of Charlton Zoning Ordinance.

Moved by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman St. John

Voting: Councilman Glavin	Aye
Councilman Robbins	Aye
Councilman St. John	Aye
Councilman Tasse	Aye
Supervisor Grasso	Aye

The resolution was duly adopted on February 27, 2023.

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #82

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING ENDORSEMENT OF SARATOGA PLAN APPLICATION FOR NEW YORK
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS FARMLAND PROTECTION
IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR THE SCOTCH RIDGE FARM ON JERSEY HILL ROAD IN THE TOWN OF
CHARLTON**

Motion by Councilman St. John

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

Discussion: Supervisor Grasso said that a while back, the Board endorsed an application from the Arnolds for a conservation project of 156 acres at the County level, and this parcel was mentioned. The County grant was contingent on this parcel being approved at the State level.

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

**TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. 82

February 27, 2023

**PROVIDING ENDORSEMENT OF SARATOGA PLAN APPLICATION FOR
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
FARMLAND PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR THE SCOTCH RIDGE
FARM ON JERSEY HILL ROAD IN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON**

WHEREAS, Kathryn and David Arnold are the owners of certain real property, known as the Scotch Ridge Farm (the “Property”) consisting of approximately 44.5 acres, which includes parcel numbers 223.-1-11.2 and a portion of 223.-1-13.12 and 223.-1-12, located on Jersey Hill Road in the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York. The Grantors (Arnolds) desire to protect the Property for agricultural purposes by conveying a permanent conservation easement on the land and leverage the protection of an additional 156.3 acre owned adjacent parcel under a separate conservation easement; and

WHEREAS, the Property is in active agricultural production as the Scotch Ridge Farm and features productive agricultural soils, including 79% Prime Soils and 1% Soils of Statewide Importance as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located within Saratoga County’s Agricultural District #2, created pursuant to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law (the “AML”). Section 300 states: “It is hereby found and declared that many of the agricultural lands in New York State are in jeopardy of being lost for any agricultural purposes. When nonagricultural development extends into farm areas, competition for limited resources results... it is, therefore, the declared policy of the state to conserve, protect and encourage the development and improvement of its agricultural land for production of food and other agricultural products... It is the purpose of this article to provide a locally-initiated mechanism for the protection and enhancement of New York State’s agricultural lands as a viable segment of the local and state economies and as an economic and environmental resource of major importance.”; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County adopted an *Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan* in December 1997 that recommends supporting local farmland conservation projects by encouraging: “partnerships between landowners, local governments, private organizations, and county to leverage access to existing state and federal funds for purchase of development rights;” and by encouraging “landowners to learn more about private conservation options like conservation easements and promote public-private partnerships to expand these efforts”; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County adopted a *Green Infrastructure Plan* in November 2006 that recommends the County to “Help County municipalities and other partners create protection priorities, goals, and strategies for the conservation of natural heritage” and create farmland core areas, which this Property is located within and contributes to; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlton adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 2007 which states: “Encouraging farmers to continue working the land is recognized as the most effective and lowest

cost method of preserving open space”, and “Consider establishing a Purchase of Development Rights program where appropriate, and make use of state, county and other programs to minimize local costs.”; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlton adopted a Farmland Protection Plan in February, 2010 which states: “The town should actively promote farmland protection through voluntary conservation easements...to ensure land stays open and available for farming.”; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga PLAN is a New York not-for-profit corporation within the meaning of Article 49, Title 3 or the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York (together with any successor statute, the “ECL”), is organized for, among other purposes, conserving real property, is a tax exempt and qualified organization within the meaning of Sections 501(c)(3), 509(a) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”), and is a “qualified organization” to accept, purchase, and hold conservation easements under Section 170(h) of the Code of Treasury Regulation Section 1.170A-14(c); and

WHEREAS, Saratoga PLAN determined that accepting an Easement on the Property will enhance the long-term agricultural values of the Property and promote the use of soil conservation practices, which will further Saratoga PLAN’s charitable purposes of protecting the distinctive rural character of Saratoga County and its lands and waters of a significant historic and ecological value; and

WHEREAS, the Grantors and Saratoga PLAN agree that the purpose of the agricultural conservation easement will be to conserve viable agricultural land by preventing the conversion of the Property to non-farm uses. In achieving such prevention, the Property shall be forever reserved for continued agricultural use; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Charlton Town Board endorses the submission of an application from Saratoga PLAN to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for funding to Purchase Development Rights on the Scotch Ridge Farm Property and for Saratoga PLAN to hold and uphold a perpetual conservation easement on the land.

Moved by Councilman St. John

Voting: Councilman Glavin Aye

Councilman Robbins Aye

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

Councilman St. John Aye

Councilman Tasse Aye

Supervisor Grasso Aye

The resolution was duly adopted on February 27, 2023.

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #83

RESOLUTION PROVIDING ENDORSEMENT OF SARATOGA PLAN APPLICATION FOR NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS FARMLAND PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR BLUE CORNERS FARM ON WESTLINE ROAD IN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Glavin

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

**TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 83
February 27, 2023**

**RESOLUTION PROVIDING ENDORSEMENT OF SARATOGA PLAN APPLICATION FOR
NEW YORK STATE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND MARKETS
FARMLAND PROTECTION IMPLEMENTATION GRANT FOR BLUE CORNERS FARM ON
WESTLINE ROAD IN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON**

WHEREAS, Mary and Leland Bramer and Mary Opalka are the owners of certain real property, known as the Blue Corners Farm (the “Property”) consisting of approximately 75 acres, which includes parcel numbers 223.-1-34.2 and 223.-1-34.1, located on Westline Road in the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York, which said owners desire to protect the Property for agricultural purposes by conveying a permanent conservation easement on the land; and

WHEREAS, the Property is in active agricultural production as Blue Corners Farm and features productive agricultural soils, including 44.7% Prime Soils and 38% Soils of Statewide Importance as defined by the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Services; and

WHEREAS, the Property is located within Saratoga County’s Agricultural District #2, created pursuant to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agriculture and Markets Law (the “AML”). Section 300 states: “It is hereby found and declared that many of the agricultural lands in New York State are in jeopardy of being lost for any agricultural purposes. When nonagricultural development extends into farm areas, competition for limited resources results... it is, therefore, the declared policy of the state to conserve, protect and encourage the development and improvement of its agricultural land for production of food and other agricultural products... It is the purpose of this article to provide a locally-initiated mechanism for the protection and enhancement of New York State’s agricultural lands as a viable segment of the local and state economies and as an economic and environmental resource of major importance.”; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County adopted an *Agricultural and Farmland Protection Plan* in December 1997 that recommends supporting local farmland conservation projects by encouraging: “partnerships between landowners, local governments, private organizations, and County to leverage access to existing state and federal funds for purchase of development rights,” and by encouraging “landowners to learn more about private conservation options like conservation easements and promote public-private partnerships to expand these efforts”; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga County adopted a *Green Infrastructure Plan* in November 2006 that recommends the County to “Help County municipalities and other partners create protection priorities, goals, and strategies for the conservation of natural heritage” and create farmland core areas, which this Property is located within and contributes to; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlton adopted a Comprehensive Plan in 2007 which states: “Encouraging farmers to continue working the land is recognized as the most effective and lowest cost method of preserving open space”, and further states “Consider establishing a Purchase of

Development Rights program where appropriate, and make use of state, county and other programs to minimize local costs.”; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlton adopted a Farmland Protection Plan in February, 2010 which states: “The town should actively promote farmland protection through voluntary conservation easements...to ensure land stays open and available for farming.”; and

WHEREAS, Saratoga PLAN is a New York not-for-profit corporation within the meaning of Article 49, Title 3 or the Environmental Conservation Law of the State of New York (together with any successor statute, the “ECL”), is organized for, among other purposes, conserving real property, is a tax exempt and qualified organization within the meaning of Sections 501(c)(3), 509(a) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi) of the Internal Revenue Code (the “Code”), and is a “qualified organization” to accept, purchase, and hold conservation easements under Section 170(h) of the Code of Treasury Regulation Section 1.170A-14(c); and

WHEREAS, Saratoga PLAN determined that accepting an Easement on the Property will enhance the long-term agricultural values of the Property and promote the use of soil conservation practices, which will further Saratoga PLAN’s charitable purposes of protecting the distinctive rural character of Saratoga County and its lands and waters of a significant historic and ecological value; and

WHEREAS, the Grantors and Saratoga PLAN agree that the purpose of the agricultural conservation easement will be to conserve viable agricultural land by preventing the conversion of the Property to non-farm uses. In achieving such prevention, the Property shall be forever reserved for continued agricultural use.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town of Charlton Town Board endorses the submission of an application from Saratoga PLAN to the New York State Department of Agriculture and Markets for funding to Purchase Development Rights on the Blue Corners Farm Property and for Saratoga PLAN to hold and uphold a perpetual conservation easement on the land.

Moved by	Councilman Robbins	Voting: Councilman Glavin	Aye
		Councilman Robbins	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Glavin	Councilman St. John	Aye
		Councilman Tasse	Aye
		Supervisor Grasso	Aye

The resolution was duly adopted on February 27, 2023.

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #84

RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING OF TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES

Motion by Councilman Glavin

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

Discussion: Supervisor Grasso said he appreciates the efforts of the Town Board to get these audits done and he commended the staff for good recordkeeping.

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

**TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 84
February 27, 2023**

**RESOLUTION APPROVING THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING
OF TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 123 of the New York State Town Law, each person who as a Town officer or employee received or disbursed any monies in the previous fiscal year, shall account to the Town Board for such monies and shall produce all supporting books, records, receipts, warrants, vouchers and cancelled checks or check images as authorized by Section 99-b of the General Municipal Law, and

WHEREAS, following a review by the members of the Town Board, it was determined that the information provided regarding the financial records of the Town Court, Town Supervisor's Office, Building and Zoning Departments, Town Clerk, Town Tax Collector, and Town Water Department for the Town of Charlton for the year 2022 are in proper order, and that all funds have been properly accounted for and disbursed.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Charlton hereby does accept and approve the audit information for fiscal year 2022.

Moved by Councilman Glavin

Voting: Councilman Glavin Aye
Councilman Robbins Aye
Councilman St. John Aye
Councilman Tasse Aye
Supervisor Grasso Aye

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

The resolution was duly adopted on February 27, 2023.

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #85

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2023 REGARDING THE PARTIAL TAX
EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS**

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

Discussion: Councilman Glavin asked if the Board wanted to hold off on voting on this resolution this evening based on the public comment. Supervisor Grasso said that the resolution had to be passed by March 1st in order to be effective this year. Since the Town does not have a Town tax that applies, a decision was made to move forward with the resolution.

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

**TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK**

**RESOLUTION NO. 85
February 27, 2023**

**RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING LOCAL LAW #1 OF 2023 REGARDING THE PARTIAL
TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER
AMBULANCE WORKERS**

WHEREAS, the Town recognizes the roles of volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers in securing the safety and well-being of the community, and finds it to be in the best interests of the Town residents to encourage volunteerism for such purposes; and

WHEREAS, the Town's intent is to provide a partial real property tax exemption to qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers as set forth in Real Property Tax Law §466-a and for the un-remarried spouses of qualifying enrolled volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board caused to have drafted a local law to provide a partial real property tax exemption of up to ten (10%) percent of the assessed value of real property owned by qualifying volunteer firefighters and ambulance workers, and the un-remarried spouses of enrolled volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Law, the Town Board scheduled and held a Public Hearing on said local law on February 27, 2023, wherein the Public was invited to attend and provide comment thereon.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Charlton, after due deliberation, hereby authorizes the Town to adopt and does hereby adopt Local Law #1 of 2023, entitled "A LOCAL LAW REGARDING THE PARTIAL TAX EXEMPTION FOR VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTERS AND VOLUNTEER AMBULANCE WORKERS", allowing volunteer firefighters and volunteer ambulance workers to apply for said exemption, a full and complete copy of which is annexed hereto; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and she hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Charlton and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the Secretary of State of the State of New York, and publish same as is required by Law.

Moved by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

Voting: Councilman Glavin Aye
Councilman Robbins Aye
Councilman St. John Aye
Councilman Tasse Aye
Supervisor Grasso Aye

The resolution was duly adopted on February 27, 2023

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #86

RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE WATER AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON AND THE TOWN OF GLENVILLE

Motion by Councilman Glavin

Seconded by Councilman St. John

Discussion: Councilman Glavin said that the new agreement follows the same language as the previous agreement. The rates will be same as what the Town of Glenville charges their residents. The hook-up fee will be paid to Glenville.

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

**TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK**

RESOLUTION NO. 86

February 27, 2023

**RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE WATER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON AND TOWN OF GLENVILLE**

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlton has within it the Charlton Water District No. 1, which obtains its water supply from the Town of Glenville pursuant to a contract for the supply of water between the Town of Charlton and the Town of Glenville; and

WHEREAS, the current contract is soon to expire, and the respective Towns have negotiated and agreed to extend same for an additional ten (10) years under certain terms and conditions; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law of New York State, the Town Board is required to hold a public hearing on said Agreement and publish in the official newspaper of the Town of Charlton, namely, the Daily Gazette, a notice stating in substance that the Town Board proposes to enter into a water agreement with the Town of Glenville, which shall commence on April 1, 2023 and terminate in the tenth (10th) year thereafter on March 31, 2033; and

WHEREAS, the Town Board is required to and desires to set and hold said public hearing with respect to the aforesaid agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board with respect to the water agreement between the Town of Charlton and Town of Glenville, allowing the Town of Charlton to purchase water to supply Charlton Water District No. 1, and its customers, which said agreement shall commence on April 1, 2023 and terminate in the tenth (10th) year thereafter on March 31, 2033; said hearing to take place at 7:30 p.m., on March 13, 2023, at the Town Hall, at 758 Charlton Road, Charlton, New York, where all interested persons are invited to attend and be heard; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of said hearing to be published and given as provided by law.

Moved by Councilman Glavin

Voting: Councilman Glavin Aye
Councilman Robbins Aye
Councilman St. John Aye
Councilman Tasse Aye
Supervisor Grasso Aye

Seconded by Councilman St. John

The resolution was duly adopted on February 27, 2023.

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

MOTION #87

Approval of Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

BY MOTION, the Town Board approved the processing of Abstract 104, voucher numbers 110-132 in the amount of \$30,142.37 which was audited by Town Board members.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one chose to speak.

MOTION #88

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Glavin

BY MOTION the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk