

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

March 14, 2022

The Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was held at the Town Hall, 758 Charlton Road, Charlton, NY and called to order by Supervisor Grasso at 7:35 p.m.

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

Roll Call: Supervisor Grasso, Councilman Robbins, Councilman St. John, Councilman Tasse.

Excused: Councilman Glavin

Also present: Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney Craig.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #77

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman St. John

Discussion: Councilman Robbins clarified that what he meant about the ECC not doing roadside clean-up last year, was not that there could not be a clean-up but because of COVID, the ECC members were not comfortable participating. Jenna Smith headed the event and it was a great event.

BY MOTION the Town Board approved the minutes of the Town Board Meeting on February 28, 2022.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Supervisor Grasso shared the sad news of the passing of Dorothy Mitchell. He said that Dorothy was very involved in the farming community and had a passion for community service. He sent thoughts and prayers to her family.

Supervisor Grasso said that the Town is working on the plans for Founder's weekend.

Supervisor Grasso said that the County has a Saratoga Economic Development Committee and a few years ago added a Prosperity Partnership Committee. Having the two committees caused a lot of confusion. The County has disbanded the Prosperity Partnership Committee to lessen the confusion.

The Town's Insurance carrier has asked the Town to complete a cyber assessment. Supervisor Grasso asked Chris Tasse to work with Enable to get this done.

Supervisor Grasso said that the Town has received a work permit to hook up a generator at the intersection of Routes 67 and 147, which will keep the traffic light operational in the case of a power outage.

The Town Hall has had the completion the of an internet speed upgrade this past week.

The Board is continuing with investigations at the Community Center. The mold investigation is scheduled for this Thursday.

Supervisor Grasso said that he was invited last weekend to attend the West Charlton Fire Department's annual membership dinner. Three new members were installed. Their names are Greg Johnson, Olivia Despres and Erik Reekie. He noted that it is difficult for Fire Departments to recruit volunteers so it was great to see these younger people get involved.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Covid test kits are still available at the Town Clerk's office.

Spring Brush pick-up will be done the week of April 25th to the 28th. Brush should be curbside by April 24th.

The Roadside Cleanup event will be held April 23rd from 9 a.m. until noon. Volunteers will be provided with gloves, vests and trash bags. Interested volunteers should sign up by contacting Bob Killeen at (518)882-1283.

Bulk-Item Drop-off has been scheduled for October 24th through October 29th at the Highway garage. More information about the event will be made available as the time gets closer. The information will be posted on the Town website.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Grasso said that the Dodge Durango that was ordered by the Charlton Police does not have a delivery date yet because of order backlogs. There is a possibility that the Police will order a Ford Explorer for a similar price in place of the Durango.

The February Mortgage Tax was \$10,676.00.

DEPARTMENT, COMMITTEE & COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Town Clerk – Clerk Mills reported that her office took in \$421.50 for the month of February. \$368.00 was paid to the Supervisor's office as revenue, and \$53.00 was paid to other Governmental agencies. Clerk Mills noted a change in the total of Abstract #104 dated 2/28/22. The bookkeeper included a few payroll Trust and Agency Fund payments on the same abstract number bringing the total to \$42,273.05.

Town of Ballston Library – Rebecca Darling said that the library has an Ancestry.com membership and it is available to members to use for free. They will have their summer kick-off event on June 27th. Construction of their local history room has been delayed.

Constables – In February, there were 3,405 miles traveled, 26 patrols, 7 complaints received, 6 911 calls and 8 EMT Fire calls were responded to, and 27 tickets were issued (12 on Route 67).

Dog Control – In February, there were 4 calls received of which 1 was related to other animals.

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

1. Safety training
2. Plowing / sanding roads
3. Shoveling walks at the Town Hall and Community Center
4. Patching pot holes
5. Dig safe locations were seven
6. Bucket truck inspection
7. We had our MS4 meeting with EDP
8. Mixing sand/salt

9. Cutting Brush
10. Truck 16 replaced oil pan

Councilman Robbins said that he and Jay Wilkinson completed the hanging of the acoustical panels in the Town Hall meeting room. They also plan to replace the window blinds with fabric honeycomb blinds for sound absorption.

Community Center – The septic system pump alarm alerted the Town to a problem with the pump. The pump is under warranty and will be replaced.

Founders Day – Councilman Robbins said that planning is under way for the Founder's weekend activities including Party in the Park. If anyone would like to volunteer to help, they can contact Councilman Robbins.

Technology Committee – Councilman Tassè said that there are webinars regarding the National Telecommunications & Information Administration and broadband grant programs that were included as part of the recently-passed Infrastructure Law. Locally, the Town Hall has completed the addition of new IP addresses. He will be working on the cyber assessment for the Insurance broker.

Historian – Marv Livingston said that the 1950 census will be made available this week. He talked about where Charlton got its name, and it is believed that it came from a squatter with the last name Charlton.

Planning Board – Councilman St. John read the following report:

- Heflin Public Hearing (new application is for 4 lots total, not 7) Held and closed
- Bagden Public Hearing closed without comment
- Application accepted contingent upon merger of adjacent land locked property
- Davidson application moves forward to a public hearing on March 21
- KORE Development application deferred until updated application is received

Zoning Board of Appeals – Councilman St. John read the following report:

- Kore Development requested a variance for number of required feet of road frontage
- Public hearing scheduled for April 12

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

MOTION #78

Approval of Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Tasse

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

BY MOTION, the Town Board approved the processing of Abstract 105, voucher numbers 123 - 156 in the amount of \$42,719.67 which was audited by Town Board members.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one chose to speak.

MOTION #79

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

BY MOTION the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk