

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

May 26, 2020

The Agenda Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was conducted on zoom and called to order by Supervisor Grattidge at 7:30p.m to set the agenda for the June 8th Town Board meeting.

Roll Call: Councilman Grasso, Councilwoman Heritage, Councilman Ranaletto, Councilman Robbins, Supervisor Grattidge.

Also in attendance: Attorney Craig.

Town Clerk Mills hosted and recorded the zoom meeting, but was unable to participate.

RESOLUTION # 106

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves the minutes from the regular Town Board Meeting on May 11, 2020.

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

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

RESOLUTION #107

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilwoman Heritage

Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract #110, voucher numbers 311 –345 in the amount of \$9,857.87.

Roll Call: Councilman Grasso: Aye, Councilwoman Heritage: Aye, Councilman Ranaletto: Aye, Councilman Robbins: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye. **CARRIED**

DISCUSSION

The Sales Tax revenue for the month was down 28% over last year's revenue. The April 2020 amount was \$83,471 as opposed to \$117,000 in 2019. April was the month that the Board anticipated would take the biggest hit, as well as next month. The Supervisor said that there seems to be more activity in the area, people getting out more, shopping more and he is hoping by June's report, we will be back to a better mode. The Mortgage Tax was \$10,941.00 and the six month distribution amount was \$68,345.94.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Town Engineer has notified him that the annual MS4 report is ready to be signed, and then it will be put on the Town's website for the public to view.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he has received notice from Andy Haluska, Director of the BHBL Summer Rec program, that the program has been cancelled for this summer. Councilman Ranaletto added that parents were nervous about having their children participate, and it would also be difficult to expect teenage leaders to practice social distancing.

The Board agreed that the summer concert normally scheduled in August will be cancelled this year. He asked Councilman Robbins to notify Torben Aabo.

The Office of Real Property has notified that Town that the 2020 Equalization Rate is 68%, up one percent from last year.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he received a report from the County regarding the 2020 Census. Not surprisingly, Charlton had the highest participation rate in the County at 77.9% responding. Once again the people of Charlton are doing their civic duty, filling out their census cards.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he received notice from the Zoning Administrator about a couple of issues that he is working on. One is regarding a single family home that is advertising an apartment for rent in the home. He is pursuing that and will let the homeowner know that that is not allowed in Charlton. He also received notice that someone was advertising a seasonal campground on Maple Avenue, which is not legal in Charlton. The Supervisor said that he feels that Mr. Anthony is doing a great job in his new position as Zoning Administrator.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he walked around the exterior of the Town Hall recently, and he is concerned about the condition of the exterior if they postpone the painting this year and possibly next year. He said that Councilman Grasso had already gotten quotes and approval to have the power washing of the exterior done this year prior to the painting. He does not feel that the condition of the siding can handle the wait and asked the Board for their opinions. Councilman Ranaletto said he feels that it makes sense to do it this year so that additional costs are not incurred if the wood starts rotting. Councilman Grasso agreed. He said that this is a project that they had identified that needed to be done. The Board has received good economical costs to get the work done, and waiting another year or two would only jeopardize the integrity of the wood siding. It is an investment and we have to find the money to move forward with it this year. Attorney Craig asked if the Board had already authorized this project. Supervisor Grattidge said that the Board had approved the project with the prices that we had earlier in the year. Once the State of Emergency was declared, the Board had talked about postponing it, but it had been approved. He asked Councilman Robbins to contact the painting contractor to see about the scheduling. We can move ahead with the power washing.

Supervisor Grattidge said that there was some interruption with our lighting system in the Gideon Hawley Park when the walkway was put in. He has talked to our electrician and asked him to identify where he thinks the lines run from one side of the driveway to the other, and mark where he thinks they could have been disrupted. The lights are working temporarily basis from a run from the gazebo, but they need to be fixed so that they are all working off of the same timer. He asked Councilman Grasso and Robbins to handle working with the parties involved to get the problem resolved.

Supervisor Grattidge said he spoke with Councilman Grasso about the recurring problems with the plumbing/toilets at Town Hall. They have discussed replacing a couple of the toilets. Councilman Grasso will look into prices to get them replaced.

Highway Superintendent Heritage said that he is working on a FEMA claim from the October 31, 2019 storm damage. The Highway Department crew has been working on prepping Cook Road for the paving project. He believes that it will be done at the end of June and he will let residents know prior to the paving.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Town has still not received the final paperwork for the Peaceable Street bridge project, but he has heard that things are still moving forward on the project and he has heard that the plan is still to have it completed by Labor Day.

Councilman Grasso said that he spoke with the Town Engineer and he has completed the plans for the small expansion to the pump house that will eventually house the chlorination system. They will get the plans ready so the Town can send the plans out to get pricing for the construction of the expansion. The Department of Health has approved the project being done in 2 phases. The first phase, to be done this year, will be the build out of the expansion. The second phase would be to obtain the new chlorination equipment at a later time, as

long as our water quality levels continue to moderate. If there is a rise in the water supply contaminants, we could quickly add a chlorination system if needed at some point in the future.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he has not heard back from Glenville about our long term contract for water. He will call and see if they are working on that. Earlier this year they said that they would rewrite the contract with the same terms and conditions that we have and send it to us.

RESOLUTION #108

Motion to adjourn

Motion by Councilwoman Heritage
Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk