

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

July 10, 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 7:32 p.m.

Roll call: Supervisor Grasso, Councilman Glavin, Councilman Robbins, Councilman St. John, Councilman Tasse.

Also present: Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney Craig.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

MOTION #141

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Tasse
Seconded by Councilman Glavin

BY MOTION the Town Board approved the minutes of the Town Board Meeting on June 26, 2023.

Vote: 3 Ayes, Robbins and St. John Abstained, 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 June, the Town Clerk's office took in \$748.50. \$543.74 was paid to the Supervisor's office as revenue, and \$204.76 was paid to other Governmental agencies

SUPERVISORS REPORT

Announcements:

Saratoga County DPW has finished the road milling and will be paving Charlton Road from the Ballston town line to Jockey Street. The work is in progress and should be completed by the end of summer. He thanked residents for their patience while the work is in progress.

Communications:

Supervisor Grasso said that the Town has received disappointing news that Charlton was not selected for a BridgeNY grant award to replace the Maple Avenue culvert. This was the second time that Charlton has applied and was not selected for this very competitive grant award.

The Town has received a notification from New York State of the franchise values assigned to the utility companies servicing Charlton, which are National Grid, Verizon and Time Warner. The information has been passed on to the Town Assessor.

The Town has received notice from Highmark regarding a proposed 21.8% increase in employee's health insurance plans for 2024.

Town Updates:

The Charlton Historical Society has posted their summer hours for their museum, which are Saturdays and Sundays from 2pm until 4pm from July 8th until August 27th. Entrance to the museum is free of charge.

Financial Updates:

The 6-month Mortgage Tax distribution amount received in May was \$134,842.00. The year-to-date Sales Tax received is \$647,043 which is line with the budgeted amount of \$645,835.00.

The Court fines collected for May were \$12,771, of which Judge Hart collected \$11,696 and Judge Piasecki collected \$1,015.00. The Town retained \$5,116.00 of the fees.

The Town has found a new accountant, Brian MacElroy to prepare the AUD Annual Update Document for a price which is about half of what the former CPA was charging. Supervisor Grasso thanked Bookkeeper Tammy Pudney and Secretary Lisa Grasso for working on finding the replacement.

County Updates: There is sad news from the County at the passing of Town of Saratoga Supervisor Tom Wood. Supervisor Grasso said he was a friend and he had worked with him for many years. Mr. Wood was very passionate about preserving rural character. Our thoughts and prayers go out to the Wood family.

DEPARTMENT, COMMITTEE & COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Tasse, Liaison:

Town of Ballston Library - report read by Director Rebecca Verhayden:
Bill A07082 to update the Library's Charter was unanimously passed by the New York State Assembly on June 21. The legislative effort was co-sponsored by Assemblywoman Walsh and Senator Tedisco. The bill will now be referred by the Senate to Governor Hochul for signature. • The Summer Reading Program is ongoing at the library. Kids and adults can register for the chance to log their reading, earn prizes and attend programs. We have programs coming up with several community partners including Little Troy Park, Ballston Lake EMS, Cupola Coffee and Gil's Garage. Program registration can be done online or by calling the library at 518-399-8174.

Information Technology – Councilman Tasse said that he met with Mike Brehm from Enable and technicians from Massive IT to discuss cyber security issues for insurance purposes.

Councilman Robbins, Liaison:

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

1. Cleaned up from party in the park
2. Cleaning ditches on Old Route 67
3. Mowing the road sides with the arm mower
4. Mowing the town lawns
5. Helped the Town of Providence pave roads
6. Truck # 10 got inspected
7. Did maintenance on trucks 1 & 26
8. Helped the Town of Greenfield pave roads
9. Hauling / stock piling gravel
10. Dig Safe Locations were 22
11. Returned the light towers to the County DPW
12. Returned a light tower to Town of Stillwater Highway
13. Community Center removed the cover off the air conditioner

Councilman Robbins thanked the Highway Department for all of their help and hard work in getting the park ready for Party in the Park. He thanked Jeremy Almy from the Highway crew for his extra assistance.

Councilman Robbins said that the donations received this year for Party in the Park are at \$7,100 and donations are still coming in. The expenses for entertainment, etc. this year were \$8,175.00, so the cost to the Town for the event is about \$1,100.00. He gave a big thank you to all of the individuals and businesses that donate to make the event possible.

Councilman Glavin, Liaison:

Assessment – Councilman Glavin and Supervisor Grasso met with Assessor Kim Caron to discuss the possibility of a property revaluation for the Town. They are going to look into what the contracted cost would be to reevaluate the entire Town, and also the cost to do just a sampling portion of properties to understand potential impacts on the average property. They are looking at the pros and cons of doing a revaluation and no commitment has been made yet. The last revaluation of the Town was done 16 or 17 years ago.

Councilman St. John, Liaison:

ZBA – 06/13

Kondrat lot line change – 2304 Rt 67, Public hearing – no speakers. Unanimous vote to approve variance. Special Exception Use Permit – Tammy Johnson, Training Dogs in home, Public hearing – 07/11/2023.

Planning Board – 06/19

Ellms lot line change – Charlton Road, Unanimous vote to approve.

Kondrat lot line change – 2304 Rt 67, ZBA approved variance, waiting on Saratoga County approval before vote can take place.

Special Exception Use Permit - Tammy Johnson, board and train dogs in home, sent to ZBA.

Constables – In June, there were 3,784 miles traveled, 37 patrols, 25 complaints, 14 911 calls and 6 EMT Fire calls were responded to, and 43 tickets were issued (13 on Route 67).

Dog Control – In June, there were 12 calls received of which 4 were related to other animals, and 2 dogs seized.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

MOTION #142

Approval of Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Tasse

BY MOTION, the Town Board approved the processing of Abstract 113, voucher numbers 367-397 in the amount of \$50,366.08 which was audited by Town Board members.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one chose to speak.

MOTION #143

Motion to adjourn the meeting

Motion by Councilman Glavin

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

BY MOTION the Town Board adjourned the meeting at 7:55 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk