

**Town of Charlton
Saratoga County**

**PUBLIC HEARING
For 2020 Preliminary Budget
October 28, 2019
7:00 PM**

The Public Hearing for the 2020 Budget of the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was held at the Charlton Town Hall and called to order by Supervisor Grattidge at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Councilwoman Heritage, Councilman Ranaletto, Councilman Robbins, Supervisor Grattidge, Attorney Craig, Town Clerk Brenda Mills.

Excused: Councilman Grasso

Town Clerk Mills read the following Legal Notice which was published in the official newspaper, The Daily Gazette on Friday October 18th, 2019:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Town of Charlton
Saratoga County, NY

NOTICE is hereby given that the preliminary budget of the Town of Charlton for the fiscal year beginning January 2020 has been filed in the office of Town Clerk, where it is available for inspection during business hours. Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Charlton Town Hall, 758 Charlton Rd, Charlton, NY at 7:00pm, on October 28th and that at such hearing any town resident may be heard in favor or against any item therein contained. Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following town officers are hereby specified as follows:

Town Supervisor \$12,000.00
Town Councilman (4) \$6,000.00
Town Clerk \$41,500.00
Highway Superintendent \$60,000.00

BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk
10/15/19

Supervisor Grattidge provided the following highlights of the budget:

- 2020 budgeted spending for General Fund and Highway is \$10,000 less than 2019 budget.
- The budgeted spending for the General Fund and Highway combined is \$2,026,776.00.
- The 2020 General Fund spending is down \$120,384.00.
- The 2020 Highway spending is up \$110,482.00.

The big difference for the 2020 budget is that no money is being used from the unexpended fund balance to balance the budget. We are again able to balance our expenditures with our revenues.

- Adjustments to salaries are included in the budget, which had been held off for the past several years, in attempt to meet the labor market.

- Money is budgeted to upgrade the Town's computer system. A new server will be needed at some point, as well as upgrading from Windows 7.
- Money is included for the exterior painting of the Town Hall which is now 12 years old. Councilman Robbins has been working on getting prices for the painting.
- Increased the funding of the contingency account.
- Restored the funding to the Town of Ballston Library.
- Increased funding for Highway machinery to \$100,000 per year for new equipment. However, many pieces of equipment cost in excess of \$100,000. Some short term bonding may be necessary.
- Additional money has been added for road construction projects. We do try to redo 4-5 miles of roadway each year.

John Boyd and Brian Merchant from Ballston Lake Ambulance were present as well as Mike Jaszewski from Galway Ambulance. Copies of their budgets were also available.

Supervisory Grattidge said that the Ambulance Advisory Committee and some Town Board members met several times this year to discuss their budgets. The Ambulance Advisory Committee Commissioners submitted a letter to the Town Board in which they recommended a tax levy of no more than \$91,088 for the 3 Ambulance Districts; \$49,870 for Galway Ambulance, \$39,218 for Ballston Lake Emergency, and \$2,000 for Community Ambulance. There is a small increase per thousand, going to \$.26.5 per thousand from \$.23 per thousand. The Commissioners also recommended going forward that Ballston and Galway Ambulances provide the actual amounts of reimbursements from the 3rd party billing as it pertains to the Town of Charlton, and the actual expenses reported for the previous year be included in next year's budget presentation. Also, requested was the actual amount of moneys being held in reserves be accounted for in the presentation spreadsheets. They also recommended that the Board require that Ballston and Galway Ambulances provide an audited report on a bi-annual basis.

Supervisor Grattidge thanked the Commissioners for their work on the Ambulance Advisory Committee.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Torben Aabo, resident, asked if the Seniors, Historical Society and summer concert were included in the budget. A: yes. Mr. Aabo mentioned that the Community Center is over 100 years old and could use painting. He asked if specific money was set aside for projects at the Community Center. A: Nothing specific, but the Board is always watching out for projects.

RESOLUTION #178

Adjournment of Public Hearing

Motion by Councilwoman Heritage
Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, CARRIED.

The Public Hearing adjourned at: 7:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk