

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

**April 22, 2019**

The Agenda 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 Grattidge at 7:30 p.m. to set the agenda for the April 8th meeting.

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

**RESOLUTION #96**

**Abstract of Claims**

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilwoman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract #108, voucher numbers 247 - 285 in the amount of \$28,692.48.

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

**RESOLUTION #97**

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes from the Town Board Meeting on April 8, 2019.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town is accepting donations for Party in the Park and the Fireworks show being held June 1<sup>st</sup>.

Spring brush pick-up will be held the week of April 29<sup>th</sup> through May 2<sup>nd</sup>.

ECC has scheduled roadside clean-up for April 27<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. until noon. Volunteers are needed, and should sign up with the Highway Superintendent. The free tree seedling give away will be immediately following the clean-up from noon until 1p.m.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

A letter was received from Craig Hayner, County Clerk, thanking the Town for their participation in Yellow Ribbon Day on April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2019. Three trucks of donations for "Freedom Boxes" were collected and will be sent to deployed troops.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Dept of Health has always monitored the levels of residual chlorine in the Town water lines. The levels are okay and tend to be higher near the pump house and lessen as it gets to the north end of Town. The State would like the Town to install a chlorine booster system. The Town Engineer had sent a letter to the State requesting that they allow the Town to research the design in 2019 and do the installation in 2020. The State has approved the request. The Town Engineer is looking into systems for Charlton.

## **DISCUSSION**

The Sales Tax received this month was \$109,127.00 and the Mortgage Tax was \$5,703.33.

The Cell Advisory Committee met on April 13<sup>th</sup>. Councilman Grasso said that the meeting was well attended. The Committee is focusing their attention on cell coverage right now. Joe Tassone from Glenville attended the meeting and shared some of his expertise and perspectives on the subject. Councilman Grasso said that he and Supervisor Grattidge met with Verizon on April 8<sup>th</sup>. Verizon showed some interest in reopening their application for a cell antenna in Charlton. They agreed to come back before the Town Board, probably at the May 13<sup>th</sup> or May 28<sup>th</sup> meeting. The Committee discussed the issues raised regarding the Charlton Historic District. The driveway to the tower would be in the Historic District but not the tower. The Committee also discussed the Attorney Bowitch letter and suggestions that the Town should take. The next meeting is scheduled for May 11<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. and the public is welcome.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he talked with Ken Egan, Government Relations for Spectrum Cable. Mr. Egan has been invited to a workshop with the Town Board on May 28<sup>th</sup> at 6:15 p.m. to discuss the Town's request for cable to the rural areas of Charlton.

The Highway Superintendent notified the Town Board that the walk-behind mower needs replacing. He has gotten quotes for a new mower. The money to pay for the mower would come from the Parks Repair Reserve Fund, and a Public Hearing needs to be held before the money can be spent.

Supervisor Grattidge said that last month the Board discussed changing some of the elected official's terms from 2 year terms to 4 year terms. They had asked the Town Attorney to look into the steps to do this. Attorney Craig said that if can be done by Local Law, and then approved by referendum vote, and needs to be filed with the Board of Elections at least 60 days prior to the election. The Board had no objection to proceeding with the steps toward changing the terms to 4 year terms for the Tax Collector and the Town Clerk. Each would be done by separate Local Laws and would be on the ballot in November. They will do a Local Law in June.

Supervisor Grattidge said that there has been unfavorable activity at the AIM Services house at 9 Vines Road. There have been many cars parking on the lawn which has damaged the lawn and created landscape issues, as well as many cars parked on the roads. Supervisor Grattidge said that this goes against what AIM Services had said when they were seeking approval to purchase the property. They are not keeping up the property and have damaged the road. Neighbors are concerned about property values and safety issues. Councilman Grasso is going to reach out to the Attorney for AIM Services again, and try to get some resolution to the issues.

Councilman Grasso said that he has spoken with Dan Carpenter from BBL Construction, who is handling the St. Mary's Urgent Care construction project. When reviewing the dimensions for the proposed columns on the front of the building, they found that they could not make them fit and still have proper access to the building. They have proposed a new drawing to the Town Board without columns. The signage would also be different. They asked the Board to acknowledge the changes. The Board had no objections to the proposed changes.

Councilman Robbins said that the Parks Committee has decided to wait until after the Town's spring activities to begin the work on the new pathway at the gazebo. There will need to be a public hearing in order to expend the money from the Reserve Fund.

Councilman Ranaletto asked if the people from Verizon are the same people that dealt with the Town in the past. Councilman Grasso said that Attorney Dave Brennan is still representing Verizon and they also met with Chip Lawrence, Government Relations for the first time.

Councilwoman Heritage said that there is the final planning meeting for Party in the Park on April 30<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Anyone wanting to help with the event is welcome to attend.

**MOTIONS, AUTHORIZATIONS AND RESOLUTIONS**

**RESOLUTION #98**

**RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE PARKS REPAIR RESERVE FUND FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLTON**

Motion by Councilman Robbins

Seconded by Councilman Grasso

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

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

**RESOLUTION NO. 98  
April 22, 2019**

**RESOLUTION TO SET A PUBLIC HEARING REGARDING THE  
EXPENDITURE OF FUNDS FROM THE PARKS REPAIR  
RESERVE FUND FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLTON**

**WHEREAS**, on September 9, 2013, the Town Board established a Repair Reserve Fund to be known as the “Parks Repair Reserve Fund of the Town of Charlton”, used to finance the costs of maintaining the land, equipment and structures in Town parks; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal law of New York State, the Town Board is required to 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 appropriate the sum of \$4,830.15 from the Town of Charlton Parks Repair Reserve Fund to be used to purchase a lawn mower to maintain the Town parks, and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board desires to set and hold a public hearing with respect to the expenditure of such funds.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board with respect to the expenditure of the sum of \$4,830.15 from the Town of Charlton Parks Repair Reserve Fund to purchase a lawn mower; said hearing to take place at 7:15 P.M., on May 13<sup>th</sup>, 2019, at the Town Hall, 758 Charlton Road, Charlton, New York, 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 Robbins	Voting:	Councilman Grasso	Aye
			Councilwoman Heritage	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Grasso		Councilman Ranaletto	Aye
			Councilman Robbins	Aye
			Supervisor Grattidge	Aye

The resolution was duly adopted on April 22, 2019.

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Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION #99**

**Adjournment of Meeting**

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills  
Town Clerk