

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

May 29, 2018

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 June 11th meeting.

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

RESOLUTION #108

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in **Abstract #110**, voucher numbers 331 - 358, in the amount of \$15,768.75.

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

RESOLUTION #109

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 May 14, 2018.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Founders Weekend is June 2nd and 3rd. The Board thanked the donors who donated for Party in the Park and the fireworks. The event is paid for each year by donations and Town money is not used to pay for it. This year the skydiver has had to cancel due to his lack of liability insurance.

Supervisor Grattidge thanked Gadsden & Culpepper and Townley & Wheeler Funeral Home who donated flags and money for the annual marking of Veteran graves in Charlton. Historian Marv Livingston said that 51 BHBL Middle School students assisted in placing the flags.

The annual Memorial Day Ceremony at the Gideon Hawley Park gazebo was very nice. Supervisor Grattidge thanked Chuck Latham, the Veterans Memorial Committee and the Charlton Historical Society for putting together the ceremony. He also thanked Dave Robbins for refurbishing the eagle on the Memorial Board. The eagle was hand carved by former Charlton resident John Kasa.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Sales Tax received this month was \$107,810.00 and the Mortgage Tax was \$2,049.00.

Charlton Fire District #1 will be holding a Community Forum on May 31st at 7pm to inform the public of their intentions to begin the process of looking into replacing the existing firehouse.

DISCUSSION

Water Superintendent Doug Flynn reported that a couple of weeks ago, there was extensive storm damage at the pump house. The back-up generator was destroyed, and the roof and fence were damaged due to a large tree falling on them. The tree has been removed and cleaned up. He has a meeting with the insurance company tomorrow and hopes to get the okay to order a new generator. It will take 6 to 8 weeks for delivery of the generator. In case of a power long power outage during that time, a generator would have to be rented if needed. They are talking to a contractor about the possibility of a peaked roof instead of a flat roof, and there would still need to be skylights so that if the pumps needed to be removed they could be lifted out through the skylights.

Councilman Grasso said that currently the Town does not have a way to notify water customers of a water restriction or water emergency. He suggested collecting customer e-mail addresses on water reading cards next year and starting an email database for notifications.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he attended a meeting with Galway Emergency Services and they are having a hard time meeting their payroll costs. Staffers are no longer volunteers and the payroll costs are more than they currently receive from Towns and insurance reimbursements. They currently service the Towns of Providence, Galway and part of Charlton. Each of the Towns has been funding them by using money from their General Funds, and the requests have increased each year. There is currently talk of making the ambulance service a taxing district. Supervisor Grattidge said that the rest of the Town of Charlton is covered by Ballston Lake Emergency Medical Services and they are also having financial shortages. The Town of Ballston and the Town of Clifton Park which they serve already have taxing districts. The Supervisor suggested that the Town consider making a taxing district for both of the ambulance services, which would include all property owners in the Town. He estimates that the tax would be about \$.30 per \$1,000 of assessed value. He will have the Assessor get more exact figures. In order to create the taxing districts, there would first need to be a public referendum. Galway Ambulance will be coming to Town Hall to do a public presentation on June 11th at 7pm.

Torben Aabo asked the Board to authorize payment of \$200 for a Dixie Land Band for a Summer Concert at Gideon Hawley Park on July 25th.

RESOLUTION #110

A resolution authorizing the payment of \$200 for the Dixie Land Band for a summer concert

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilwoman Heritage

Be It Resolved that the Town Board hereby authorizes the expenditure of \$200 for a Dixie Land Band to perform at a summer concert at the Gideon Hawley Park on July 25th.

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

The Saratoga County Public Health Services sent a packet of information about tick and mosquito borne diseases, and prevention tips. The flyers and tick removal kits are available at the Town Clerk's office, and information will be posted on the website.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he received the new proposed Charter Communications Franchise Agreement today. It is for 10 years, not 15 like in the past. He said unfortunately, it does not help the Town with the last mile wiring that the Board would like to have done. Part of the process of entering into a new agreement is to hold a Public Hearing. A representative from Charter Communications will be at the Hearing to answer questions. The Consultant that we hired is working on language changes in the agreement. A resolution will be done at the June Board meeting to set a Public Hearing for June 25th at 7pm. Supervisor Grattidge said that we are still working with Charter to see whether there are ways that we can partner with landowners, Charter and the Town to get some more wiring done. There is a small wiring project being done on upper Cook Road. There are certainly more areas that we have been trying to get them to pay attention to, and we will continue to do so. Basically, they will run wire if we have 20 houses within a mile. These last sections of Town do not have

20 houses. Councilman Grasso said that he thinks that there are provisions in the new agreement that may factor into the last mile wiring. He said that the 20 houses is less than the standard of 35. The franchise fee that we collect is something that the Board can look at, and see whether or not we can put that towards it. There is language about how the cost sharing gets broken down between Charter and those houses that are less than 20 houses per mile. He thinks that it is an important agreement and he hopes people will read it and understand it. He asked that it be placed on the Town of Charlton website for residents to read.

Supervisor Grattidge said that some Board members have met with the new director of the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Summer Rec program and the Board has agreed to provide them funding of \$1,000 this year. The money will come from the contingency fund.

RESOLUTION #111

A resolution authorizing the payment of \$1,000 for the BHBL Summer Recreation Program

Motion by Councilwoman Heritage
Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

Be It Resolved that the Town Board hereby authorizes the payment of \$1,000 to Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Summer Rec for their summer 2018 program.

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

Highway Superintendent Heritage thanked Tammy Anderson and the 4-H Galway Growers for doing roadside clean-up in Charlton as a community service project. He also stated that he has an opening for a Motor Equipment Operator. He will post the job position at the County.

Councilman Grasso said that he has received information about a Saratoga County Trail Grant Program, and he wonders if the footpath to the gazebo would qualify. The maximum grant is \$10,000.00 and it is a 50/50 match. Councilwoman Heritage said that Parks Committee is working on getting quotes and believes that it is around \$10,000.00. She will work on getting a written quote for Councilman Grasso.

Councilwoman Heritage said that the BHBL Junior Baseball and the Highway Superintendent have tilled the base paths and the pitcher's mound at the Elmer Smith Park. It is much safer and nicer now. The Supervisor said it was above and beyond the call of duty for Mr. Heritage to bring his own tractor and roto-tiller to the park to do the work.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

RESOLUTION #112

Founder's Day Resolution to honor First Families and Early Settlers of the Town of Charlton

Motion by Councilman Grasso
Seconded by Councilman Ranaletto

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

TOWN OF CHARLTON

Founder's Day Resolution #112 to Honor

**FIRST FAMILIES AND EARLY SETTLERS
OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON**

May 29, 2018

WHEREAS, the Charlton Historical Society is pleased to acknowledge and recognize the contributions made by the First Families and Early Settlers of what is now the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York, and

WHEREAS, in 1792, the year after Saratoga County was created from Albany County, the New York State Legislature divided “Balls Town” into four parts, including the formation of three new towns, namely, Galway, Milton and Charlton, and

WHEREAS, previous to 1792, the Charlton area had been called “New Freehold” by its settlers who were mostly immigrants from Freehold, New Jersey, and

WHEREAS, the First Families and Early Settlers of Charlton were predominantly of Scottish, Irish and Dutch descent, who also came from downstate New York, New England and Europe, and

WHEREAS, one of the first descendants of the Town was Hezekiah Watkins who, according to W. Bronson Taylor, settled in Charlton immediately following the Revolutionary War and whose descendant, Glen Watkins, has been designated as the Grand Marshall for this year's Founder's Day, and

WHEREAS, another early family was Nathaniel Cook and his wife Margrett, who came from northern New Jersey, settled in the Town sometime between 1775 and 1778, established their homestead on Jockey Street and whose descendants Alan and Bonnie Cook visited the Town from Palos Alto Verde, California in 2017, and

WHEREAS, two other early settlers in the Town were John Holmes and the Rev. William Clark, with John Holmes arriving in 1774, who erected a saw mill and who brought his family to Charlton in 1775, and who was elected as an Elder of the Freehold Presbyterian Church in its first election of elders in 1787, and

WHEREAS, the Rev. William Clark was also elected as an Elder of the Freehold Presbyterian Church, who lived in the home currently owned by Gail and Joyce Harkness which is located in the Town of Charlton historic hamlet, and

WHEREAS, in 1773 a number of Scotch Irish families who had fled from or who had been banished from Great Britain for their religious opinions came to the United States hoping for a better life, one of which, John Cavert, was sent to select a good location for these Scotch Irish families, which eventually resulted in his settling upon a portion of land near the present Town of Ballston town line as being the best suited location for his purpose, at which time he stuck a willow stick he held in his hand into the ground to mark the location of this property, which action is displayed on the logo of our current Charlton Historical Society, and

WHEREAS, following the settlement of John Cavert, Thomas Sweetman, accompanied by his wife Sara, his four children and his brother-in-law David Maxwell, left Freehold, New Jersey as many others had done and came north to settle in the Town of Charlton, where he purchased 700 acres of land from the Kayaderosseras Patent which was located north of the lands previously purchased by his brother-in-law, David Maxwell, and

WHEREAS, Joseph LaRue and John E. McKnight also settled their families in the Town of Charlton during this period of time in the mid-1770s, and

WHEREAS, these first and early families who came to settle in the Town principally pursued agriculture as their primary occupation and the history of the Town of Charlton reflects such agricultural heritage and values, and

WHEREAS, due to the significant and unique contributions of these First Families and Early Settlers, the Charlton Historical Society is pleased to recognize their contribution to the Town by designating the descendant of one of the early settlers, Glen Watkins, as Grand Marshall of the 2018 Founder's Day Parade.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Charlton hereby

designates June 3, 2018, as

“FIRST FAMILIES AND EARLY SETTLERS OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON DAY”

in grateful appreciation of the contributions these First Families and Early Settlers have made to the history of the Town of Charlton, particularly to the development and enhancement of the Town’s agricultural heritage.

So moved and approved by the Town Board on May 29, 2018.

Moved by	Councilman Grasso	Voting: Councilman Grasso	Aye
		Councilwoman Heritage	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Ranaletto	Councilman Ranaletto	Aye
		Councilman Robbins	Aye
		Supervisor Grattidge	Aye

I certify that this is a true and exact copy of this original as passed by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton on

Dated: May 29, 2018

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION #113

A resolution to approve the Standard Work Days and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials RS 2417-A

Motion by Councilman Ranaletto
Seconded by Councilman Robbins

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. 113

May 29, 2018

A RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE STANDARD WORK DAYS AND REPORTING RESOLUTION FOR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS RS 2417-A

WHEREAS, through NYCRR 315.4, the Office of the New York State Comptroller requires municipalities to establish a standard work day for each elected or appointed official who participates in the New York State and Local Employees Retirement System, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Charlton is dedicated to open government and fiscal responsibility in order to ensure that Town Funds are utilized in an efficient and effective manner, and

WHEREAS, elected and appointed officials work for the residents of the Town of Charlton and are accountable to those same residents, and

WHEREAS, the aforementioned regulation of the New York State Comptroller’s Office requires that the Town Board of the Town of Charlton establish standard work days for elected and appointed officials, and

WHEREAS, attached to this resolution is a document entitled “Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution RS 2417-A” which is in the form requested from and required by the New York State Employees Retirement System Examiner V, Pension Integrity Bureau and which document now sets forth Town of Charlton employee titles, names, standard work days, terms and other required data which needs to be approved by the Town Board and be submitted to the Employees Retirement System Examiner V, Pension Integrity Bureau.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that Town Board of the Town of Charlton hereby approves Form 2417-A for the required officials and in the format requested by the New York State Employees Retirement System Examiner V, Pension Integrity Bureau, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the attached document entitled “Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution ” dated May 29, 2018 shall be posted on the Town of Charlton website for a minimum of 30 calendar days, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of the attached resolution be submitted to the New York State Comptroller’s Office Elected & Appointed Officials Reporting (EAOR) Program.

Moved by	Councilman Ranaletto	Voting: Councilman Grasso	Aye
		Councilwoman Heritage	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Robbins	Councilman Ranaletto	Aye
		Councilman Robbins	Aye
		Supervisor Grattidge	Aye

I certify that this is a true and exact copy of this original as passed by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton on

Dated: May 29, 2018

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Suzanne Voigt said that she feels that the intersection of Crane Street and Dawson Road is a safety issue because of bushes that are blocking the view. Highway Superintendent Heritage said that the hedges that are blocking the view do not have enough green on them to be trimmed back or they would just be sticks. Councilman Grasso said that he requests each Board member visit the intersection and then the Board will discuss how they think that it should be handled. He said that the Board would follow the process of having public notification or a public hearing so that residents could have a say and understand why this is happening. Mrs. Voigt asked if mosquito dunks could be used in Mill Pond. The Board discussed it, and the Highway Superintendent will look into it.

The meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk