

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

**August 27, 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 8:20 p.m. to set the agenda for the September 10th meeting.

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

Excused: Councilman Ranaletto

**RESOLUTION #145**

**Abstract of Claims**

Motion by Councilwoman Heritage  
Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in **Abstract #116**, voucher numbers 507-522, in the amount of \$48,456.50.

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

**RESOLUTION #146**

**Approval of Minutes**

Motion by Councilman Robbins  
Seconded by Councilwoman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes from the Town Board Meeting on August 13, 2018.

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

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town offices will be closed Saturday, September 1 and Monday, September 3 for the Labor Day weekend.

Bulk Item Drop-off dates will be Monday through Saturday, October 15<sup>th</sup> through October 20<sup>th</sup> from 8 a.m. until 3 p.m. The Town Clerk will post a list of acceptable items on the Town's website.

The Highway Department will conduct town-wide Brush Pick-Up the week of October 22<sup>nd</sup> through the 26<sup>th</sup>.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

The Sales Tax received this month was \$125,147.00 and the Mortgage Tax was \$3,391.00.

The Town has received a verification letter from the NYS Division of Criminal Justice Services that the Town has been awarded a \$5,000.00 grant to be used towards the purchase of a new police car. The Town will be reimbursed the grant money once the car is bought and paid for.

## **DISCUSSION**

Constable Tom Parks gave the Board a quote for a 2019 Dodge Charger PPV police car with a price of \$24,520.00. He also has a quote for a radio console for \$742.80 and a mounted computer stand for \$600.00. Signs for the car will cost \$425.00.

Follow-up to Public Hearing re: Creation of Ambulance District:

The Town Clerk said that resident David Lis approached her after the Public Hearing tonight, and asked that his e-mail that was read at the Public Hearing, be retracted. He said that after attending the Hearing, and hearing the facts presented, he is no longer opposed to the Ambulance District.

Councilman Grasso is supportive of moving forward with the Ambulance District. He likes the level of questions and involvement from the residents tonight and the level of awareness that was brought to the issue. He feels that this is the best path for where we are right now, and where we are going in the future as far as ambulance funding. If petitions come out and we are forced to do a public referendum, there is a process for that to. This gives us a chance to put this in place for the 2019 budget year which is a critical budget year given the Town's financial situation.

Councilwoman Heritage agrees with what Councilman Grasso stated and feels that we should move forward. Councilman Robbins also agrees. He understands the concerns over not voting for it, but after talking to people tonight, he feels it needs to be done.

Councilman Grasso said that he understands the fragileness of the Ag industry in the Town and the impact of taxation on farmers and farm land owners. He is a steadfast supporter of granting the Ag Exemptions for this tax. The Ag Exemption total is 4.4 million dollars and the total assessed valued is 346 million in Town, so the tax rate is impacted by 1.3%, or if the tax rate is 25 cents per thousand of assessed value, it would be 24.7 cents per thousand without the Ag exemptions. This is how little of a difference the Ag exemption means, it has negligible impact.

Supervisor Grattidge said that at the end of the day, it is just a matter of how we are going to do it, whether continue to deficit spend or continue with the Taxing District.

Attorney Van Vranken gave the Board the following information: There is a provision in the resolution that says that if the resolution passes tonight, there is a 30 day window in which petitions can be filed with a request for a referendum on the vote. The petitions filed have to be submitted by at least 5% of the total vote cast for governor by the last general election. If there are no petitions by the 26<sup>th</sup> of September, the District is established. If petitions are filed, a vote must occur no less than 60 days and no more than 75 days from tonight. If the vote were held between October 26<sup>th</sup> and November 12th, assuming it passes, the County would still have time to put this in on the 2019 tax bills. (\*see amended comment in 9/10/18 TB minutes)

Attorney Van Vranken said that he knows that residents are asking why the rush to have the Public Hearing and the Board vote tonight. The answer is because we would like to get this done for 2019 and if not tonight, it would have to be delayed until 2020.

## **MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

### **RESOLUTION #147**

#### **Resolution concerning the establishment of an Ambulance District**

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Robbins

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

***TOWN OF CHARLTON  
RESOLUTION NUMBER 147  
CONCERNING THE ESTABLISHMENT OF AN AMBULANCE DISTRICT***

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board has previously directed the creation of a Map, Plan and Report relating to the creation of the Charlton Ambulance District; and

**WHEREAS**, said Map, Plan and Report were duly filed with the office of the Charlton Town Clerk on August 13, 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the Town Board by Resolution dated August 13, 2018 adopted and accepted the Map, Plan and Report on file at the Town Clerk and further made all necessary provisions as required by Town Law concerning the establishment of said ambulance district and further set the date of August 27, 2018 as the date for the Public Hearing concerning the establishment of said district as required by Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legal Notice of said Public Hearing was duly published and posted by the Town Clerk as required by Town Law; and

**WHEREAS**, the Public Hearing was duly held by the Town Board on August 27, 2018 and was completed on said date; and

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED AND DETERMINED** by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton that the Notice of Hearing was published and posted as required by law and is otherwise sufficient as required by the Town Law and be it further;

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that all the property and property owners within the prospective district are benefitted by the establishment of said district and be it further;

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that all property and property owners benefitted are included within the limits of the proposed district and agricultural exemptions (41720 & 41730) allowed and be it further;

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the establishment of such ambulance district is in the public interest and be it further;

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that Town Board of the Town of Charlton hereby approves the establishment of the Town of Charlton Ambulance District as previously described on the Map, Plan and Report, Plan and Report filed with the Town Clerk and that said resolution is subject to a Permissive Referendum as provided by the Town Law and be it further;

**RESOLVED AND DETERMINED**, that the Town Clerk shall cause to be prepared and have available for distribution proper forms for the Petition requesting such Referendum and shall distribute a supply to any person requesting same.

Resolution made by: Councilman Grasso  
Seconded by: Councilman Robbins

Members voting: Councilman Grasso  
Councilwoman Heritage  
Councilman Robbins  
Supervisor Grattidge

Dated: August 27, 2018

**ADOPTED: AYES: 4 NAYS: 0**

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: August 27, 2018

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Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION #148**

**A resolution to authorize the purchase of a new police car**

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilwoman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has authorized the purchase of a 2019 Dodge Charger PPV police car with a price not to exceed \$26,500.00

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

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

No one chose to speak.

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills  
Town Clerk