

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

September 11, 2017

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 Grattidge at 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Grattidge led the pledge of Allegiance.

Present: Councilman Grasso, Councilman Heritage, Councilman Hodgkins, Councilman Ranaletto, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

RESOLUTION # 160

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting on August 28, 2017.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

ABSTRACT OF CLAIMS

RESOLUTION #161

Approval of Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 117, voucher number 421 - 446 in the amount of \$33,217.42, and Abstract No. 16, voucher number 1601 in the amount of \$6,499.29.

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Clerk Brenda Mills reported that the Town Clerk's office took in \$1,609.50 for the month of August. \$445.96 was paid to the Supervisor's Office, and \$1,163.54 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

RESOLUTION # 162

Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Report

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has accepted the Town Clerk's reports as read.

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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT

For the month of August, I attended 3 Town meetings and 6 County meetings. Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Started working on the 2018 Town Budget
- Met with the Galway Ambulance Corp. for future planning

Supervisor Grattidge said that he has been working on the 2018 budget, and will get copies to the Board members before the September 25th meeting. He set the date of October 2nd for a Budget Workshop at 6:30p.m. A Public Hearing on the budget will be set for October 23rd.

Supervisor Grattidge met with Galway Ambulance and they again said that they are having financial difficulty meeting their payroll needs. Ballston Lake Ambulance has also stated that they are having budget difficulties. Both are looking for an increase in funding from the Town.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he has heard there are rumors circulating that the Town is involved in litigation cases. At the present time, the Town is involved in no litigation cases that he is aware of. The recent Executive Sessions that were held were regarding an old case in which the Town was now asked for information about. There are no pending litigations against the Town and he wanted to dispel these rumors.

Supervisor Grattidge confirmed that the Town Board has received the financial reports for the month and the Key Bank Custodial Statement.

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MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR

TO THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON :

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys received and disbursed by me during the month of August, 2017:

DATED: September 11, 2017

SUPERVISOR

	Balance 07/31/2017	Increases	Decreases	Balance 08/31/2017
A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	12,076.13	58,168.26	46,946.99	23,297.40
CASH - SAVING	382,807.37	128,279.88	58,167.43	452,919.82
PETTY CASH	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Park Fees Reserve	60,451.05	19,007.07	0.00	79,458.12
TOTAL	455,834.55	205,455.21	105,114.42	556,175.34
DA HIGHWAY FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	42,180.70	33,403.50	8,777.20
CASH - SAVINGS	68,119.39	16,061.14	42,180.70	41,999.83
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVE	15,484.87	0.00	0.00	15,484.87
TOTAL	83,604.26	58,241.84	75,584.20	66,261.90
F WATER #1 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	6,511.23	4,983.82	1,527.41
CASH - SAVINGS	269,441.24	26,157.87	6,511.23	289,087.88
WATER SERIAL BOND	34,327.35	1.46	0.00	34,328.81
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVES	121,342.73	5.15	0.00	121,347.88
TOTAL	425,111.32	32,675.71	11,495.05	446,291.98
SW WATER #2 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	171.78	114.52	57.26
CASH - SAVINGS	26,975.28	2.12	171.78	26,805.62
TOTAL	26,975.28	173.90	286.30	26,862.88
TA TRUST & AGENCY				
CASH - CHECKING	8,997.46	31,949.44	31,949.44	8,997.46
TOTAL	8,997.46	31,949.44	31,949.44	8,997.46
H CAPITAL PROJECTS				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,000,522.87	328,496.10	224,429.41	1,104,589.56

ANNOUNCEMENTS

There will be a primary election on September 12th at the Charlton Town Hall for registered members of the Independence Party only. The polls are open noon to 9p.m. and voting will be for 2 Town Board seats.

DISCUSSION

Justice Ketchum has notified the Board that there is State mandated training that the Court Clerk must attend. Charlton will pay 50% of the cost of the training which will be split with another Town that the Clerk works for.

RESOLUTION # 163

Resolution to authorize expenditure for Court Clerk training

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves the State mandated training course for the Court Clerk and authorizes the expense of \$650.00 for the training.

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

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway – **General Operations**

Patch holes around town on paved roads

Mow and Trim parks

Mow road sides

Haul Stone for paving

Clean Ditches and replace culvert on Valentine Rd.

Trim around Welcome to Charlton Signs

Trim Trees and Brush around Road Signs

Mow Cemeteries

Trim around guardrails around town.

Grade Featherbed Ln.

Equipment Repair

Center pivot bearings were replaced on the loader by Finke Equipment

Councilman Hodgkins said that the final seal coat application was being done on Wednesday September 13th to the roads that were paved this summer. He also reported that the loader is back from being repaired and that the speed wagon needs a new circuit board. The cost should be under \$400.00.

RESOLUTION # 163

Resolution to authorize expenditure for circuit board for speed wagon

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board hereby approves the purchase of a new circuit board for the Highway Department speed wagon at an expense not to exceed \$400.00.

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

Councilman Grasso asked if the speed wagon could continually be circulated to different locations around Charlton where there are speed concerns. The Board felt that was a good idea. Councilman Grasso also asked if paving repair was going to be done to Waite Road and West Line Road where culverts were replaced. Councilman Hodgkins will follow up on this with the Highway Superintendent.

ZBA – Jim Leupold has been added to the Board of the ZBA.

Zoning – For the month of August, \$5,503.96 was collected in fees, and the total permit value was \$172,542.00.

Dog Control – In August, there were 7 complaint calls received, 3 expired licenses were followed up on, and there were 4 complaints regarding other animals, 1 dog seized and returned to owner.

Constables – In August, there were 28 patrols, 33 complaints, 16 911 calls and 5 accidents, 2 EMT/fire & 1 EID call responded to and 2,534 miles driven. 67 tickets were issued of which 37 were issued on Route 67.

Planning Board – The Board met in August and approved one lot line adjustment application.

Historian – Marv Livingston said that Jason Perregaux, a Charlton Boy Scout finished his project of restoring the Freehold Cemetery at the back of Pine Grove Cemetery as his Eagle Scout project. He did a great job. Doug Flynn donated the soil for the project. Mr. Livingston is involved in a Car Club that restores Model A Fords, and they are looking for youth between 13 – 18 years of age to join the club.

Charlton Seniors – Marv Schorr said that the Senior believe that they can secure a grant to purchase an AED machine and training would be included. He asked the Board if they had a problem with having the machine at the Community Center. Attorney Van Vranken said that the training component would be very important. The Board had no objection as long as those using it were trained.

Ballston Library – Representatives from the Library were available to answer questions about their 2018 budget. Councilman Grasso asked if the budget was about the same as this year. It is up about 3%.

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Grasso said that he spoke with Dave Brennan, representative for Verizon Wireless, regarding the cell antenna application. Mr. Brennan said that there is currently no activity. Mr. Brennan said that he does not think that Verizon would anticipate construction this year. He does not think that he will be back to the Town Board with information for at least a month. They still do have a lease agreement with the landowner at 764 Charlton Road. Their intent is to keep the application active with no plans to withdraw it at this time.

Councilman Grasso said that the new Stewarts store is under construction and they are expecting a grand opening in mid-October. With regards to the old Stewarts Store, they have 2 years to find a new tenant or demolish the building or come back to the Town Board for modification of the approval. The gas pumps and canopy will be removed once the new location is open.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Joe Schaus, resident, thanked Supervisor Grattidge for clearing up the rumor and confirming that there is no litigation against the Town. He asked if the speed wagon can be placed on County roads. The Board confirmed that it can go on a County road but the Town would need a permit to put it on a State Road.

The meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk