

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

July 24, 2017

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 August 14th meeting.

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

RESOLUTION #141

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Heritage
Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in **Abstract #114**, voucher numbers 356 - 390, in the amount of \$34,248.25 and **Abstract #13**, voucher number 1301 in the amount of \$6,499.29.

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

RESOLUTION #142

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Heritage
Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Town Board Minutes from the July 5, 2017 meeting.

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

DISCUSSION

The adjusted Sales Tax report for the month was \$141,669.00 and the Mortgage Tax was \$6,681.63. Supervisor Grattidge confirmed that the Sales Tax revenue is based on the assessed valuation of the properties in the County and another component based on population. Councilman Grasso asked if other Towns that may be growing faster or having their value increase at a quicker rate than Charlton could see an increase in their sales tax revenue above Charlton's. The Supervisor said yes, but that primary driver is assessed value.

Supervisor Grattidge said he received a thank you letter from a resident for the resurfacing of the tennis courts and noted that they liked the court without the pickle ball lines. Staci Wilson, resident, said that she never sees people playing tennis. She plays pickle ball, and feels that there is a need for the pickle ball lines as Charlton has an aging population and pickle ball is a fast growing sport especially among older people. It was noted that the tennis players would prefer that the pickle ball lines not be painted over the top of the tennis lines. Councilman Heritage said that this will be discussed further at the next Park Committee meeting and he asked Mrs. Wilson to attend.

Councilman Hodgkins said that he received a request from the Seniors to have the Community Center cleaned. The Board noted that the cleaning used to be done by the Town Maintenance Man and since he resigned there has not been anyone to clean the Community Center or do needed repairs and yard work at Town Hall. The Board will post the position for hire as soon as they get the specifics of the job together.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he got a call from Senator Tedisco regarding possible grant money that may be available from the State. The Supervisor is scheduled to meet with the Senator next Friday.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Highway Superintendent has informed the Board that the Town's Loader will need extensive repair. The first quote that he received was \$11,000. The Board asked him to get additional quotes. He is currently renting a loader.

Supervisor Grattidge asked Councilman Hodgkins if he had asked Highway Superintendent Mike Emerich for a schedule for road paving. Councilman Hodgkins said he talked to Mike this morning and he was supposed to attend tonight's meeting with the schedule and the quotes, but he did not come. Councilman Hodgkins set up a time to meet with him Wednesday morning, July 26th. Supervisor Grattidge said that tentatively a company is being brought in, in the beginning of August to do the grinding prior to the paving. Supervisor Grattidge said that residents on Peaceable Street are getting very anxious. The Supervisor said it would be good to get some kind of notification to residents before the paving begins because paving will tie up the roads. Paving will be done on parts of Peaceable Street and Newman Road.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Water Clerk sends the Board regular updates on the water billing. The Board does review the Trial Balance as funds are collected for the water district.

A resignation was received from Doug Ranaletto from his position on the ZBA to be effective July 31, 2017.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

The Town Clerk received a Park Reservation application in which the resident had requested permission to bring in a gas grill and also asked if there was water available to fill a kiddy pool. The Board agreed to permit the grill, however said that there is not a spigot available to fill the pool.

RESOLUTION #143

Authorize Park Permit with use of gas grill at Elmer Smith Park

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the Park Permit Application submitted by Jenna Battenhausen to use Elmer Smith Park on August 27th, and authorizes the use of a standard propane gas grill. The Town Board also notes that there is no spigot for filling kiddy pool as requested on application.

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

RESOLUTION #144

Authorize use of Community Center by Charlton Democrats

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board authorizes the use of the Community Center by the Charlton Democrats on August 30 at 7pm.

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

RESOLUTION # 145

Resolution to temporarily appoint Douglas M. Ranaletto as a member of the Town Board of the Town Of Charlton

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

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

TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 145

July 24, 2017

A RESOLUTION TO TEMPORARILY APPOINT DOUGLAS M. RANALETTO
AS A MEMBER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlton has a duly elected Town Board, comprised of five (5) members, four councilmen and one supervisor, all elected for staggered terms, and

WHEREAS, one of the elected councilmen, John G. Gay, died on May 20, 2017, leaving an unexpired term which will end on December 31, 2019, and

WHEREAS, pursuant to New York State Town Law Article 4, Section 64(5), whenever a vacancy shall occur or exist in any town office, the town board or a majority of the members thereof may appoint a qualified person to fill all or a portion of the unexpired term as such town board may determine in its absolute discretion, and

WHEREAS, Douglas M. Ranaletto is currently a member of the Town of Charlton Zoning Board of Appeals and is willing to accept an appointment to fill that portion of the unexpired term of John G. Gay from August 1, 2017 until December 31, 2017, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlton will be required to fill the unexpired term of Councilman Gay which will begin on January 1, 2018 and terminate December 31, 2019, which replacement election will be processed with the required legal procedures which apply to the filling of individual councilman positions.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby temporarily appoints Douglas M. Ranaletto as a Councilman of the Town Board of the Town of Charlton, which appointment will take effect August 1, 2017 and terminate December 31, 2017 as set forth in this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the salary for Town Board member Douglas M. Ranaletto shall be at the rate of \$4,800.00 per year, pro-rated from August 1, 2017 until December 31, 2017.

Moved by	Councilman Grasso	Voting: Councilman Grasso	Aye
		Councilman Heritage	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Heritage	Councilman Hodgkins	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: July 24, 2017

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Staci Wilson, resident, asked for a status of the cell antenna project. Councilman Grasso said that the Board has not heard from Verizon in 3 months, and at that time he was told that Verizon had not done anything more with the application. Mrs. Wilson said that she was able to get a boost from Sprint to improve her cell reception, and suggested that this might be a solution for other Charlton residents. Councilman Grasso said that might be a good idea as there may not be a cell antenna in the near future.

The Meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk