

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

**June 5, 2017**

A Special 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.

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

Supervisor Grattidge introduced the Resolution to be voted on tonight. Attorney Van Vranken read the resolution.

**MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

**RESOLUTION #117**

**Resolution authorizing adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton of Local Law No. 1, 2017**

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

Discussion: Supervisor Grattidge said that the Town Board has reviewed this issue thoroughly and over the last 20 years that he has been in office, the Town Board has struggled with it. He said that there have been numerous Assessors in the office while he has been on the Board, and they have always struggled to maintain three Assessors in the office for the way that it was configured to be. He believes that this is the best way for the Town going forward. They have a well qualified candidate, and they look forward to having Kim Caron be the Sole Assessor.

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. 117

**A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD  
OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1, 2017.**

WHEREAS, a resolution was duly adopted by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton for a public hearing to be held by said Town Board on May 22, 2017 at the Charlton Town Hall to hear all interested parties on a proposed Local Law entitled "Single Appointed Assessor for the Town of Charlton Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §328", and

WHEREAS, notice of said public hearing was duly advertised in The Daily Gazette, the official newspaper of said Town on May 11, 2017, and

WHEREAS, said public hearing was duly held on May 22, 2017 at 7:00 p.m. at Charlton Town Hall and all parties in attendance were permitted an opportunity to speak in favor of or in opposition to

said proposed Local Law, or any part thereof, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Charlton, after due deliberation, finds it in the best interest of said Town to adopt said Local Law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Charlton hereby adopts Local Law No. 1, 2017 entitled "Single Appointed Assessor for the Town of Charlton Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §328", a copy of which local law is attached hereto and made a part of this resolution, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk be and he hereby is directed to enter said Local Law in the minutes of this meeting and in the Local Law Book of the Town of Charlton and to give due notice of the adoption of said Local Law to the New York State Secretary as required by law.

Moved by Councilman Grasso

Voting: Councilman Grasso Aye

Seconded by Councilman Heritage

Councilman Heritage Aye

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: June 5, 2017

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Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

TOWN OF CHARLTON  
COUNTY OF SARATOGA  
STATE OF NEW YORK

LOCAL LAW NO. 1, 2017

SINGLE APPOINTED ASSESSOR FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLTON  
PURSUANT TO REAL PROPERTY TAX LAW §328.

Be it enacted by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton as follows:

Section I. Title

Single Appointed Assessor for the Town of Charlton Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §328.

Section II. Authority

This local law is adopted pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §310 and §328.

Section III. Intent

It is the intent of this local law to abolish the board of three elected assessors in the Town of Charlton effective December 31, 2017 and to substitute a single appointed assessor to be appointed by the Town Board pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §310 and §328.

Section IV. Abolition of the Offices of the Board of Three Elected Assessors

The offices of the three elected assessors as previously established by the Town Board and continued by the Town of Charlton are hereby abolished. The terms of office of the current board of three elected assessors shall all terminate on December 31, 2017.

#### Section V. Single Appointed Assessor

In the place and stead of the board of three elected assessors, the Town of Charlton shall have one (1) single assessor to be appointed by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton. The initial term of office of the appointed assessor shall be for the period January 1, 2018 to September 30, 2019 based on the appointment terms for appointed assessors as set forth in §310 of the Real Property Tax Law.

#### Section VI. Six Year Term of Office

Following the initial term of appointment as set forth in Section V. above, the appointed assessor shall then have a six (6) year term, commencing October 1, 2019 and terminating September 30, 2025. All subsequent appointed assessor terms shall be for a six year period beginning October 1, terminating September 30 and as required by §310 of the Real Property Tax Law.

#### Section VII. Inconsistency

All other local laws and ordinances of the Town of Charlton that are inconsistent with the provisions of this local law are hereby repealed; provided however, that such repeal shall only be to the extent of such inconsistency and in all other respects this local law shall be in addition to such other local laws or ordinances regulating and governing the subject matter covered by this local law.

#### Section VIII. Savings Clause

If any clause, sentence, paragraph, word, section or part of his local law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder, thereof, but shall be confined in its operation of the clause, sentence, paragraph, worked section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered.

#### Section IX. Referendum

Pursuant to Chapter 521 of the Laws of 2006, this local law shall not be subject to a referendum.

#### Section X. Effective Date

This local law shall take effect upon filing with the New York State Secretary of State.

The Floor was opened for public comment:

Andrea Smith, resident, said she understands that the Board had the legal right, but does not feel it is the best interest of the citizens of Charlton. She asked if there are other positions that are appointed.

Julianna Mayer, resident, said she feels the principle of the right to vote has been taken away.

Ed Snyder, resident, said he understands why the Board made this decision, his problem is with eliminating the vote part.

Suzanne Voigt, resident, asked if the Assessors will be on the ballot in November. She would like to see transparency in the Assessor's position to eliminate corruption, etc.

Josie Jackson, resident, said she thinks that the Assessor's integrity will be questioned because she is appointed.

**RESOLUTION #118**

**Motion to adjourn meeting**

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

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

The meeting adjourned at 7:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills  
Town Clerk