

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

May 22, 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 8:08 p.m. to set the agenda for the June 12th meeting.

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

RESOLUTION #110

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Heritage

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in **Abstract #110**, voucher numbers 262- 279, in the amount of \$11,675.50 and **Abstract #9**, voucher number 9001 in the amount of \$637.00 and **Abstract #10**, voucher number 1001 in the amount of \$6,499.29, and **Abstract #11**, voucher number 1101 in the amount of \$2,124.35..

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

RESOLUTION #111

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Town Board Minutes from the May 12, 2017 meeting.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town offices will be closed Monday, May 29th in observance of Memorial Day.

There will be a Memorial Day Ceremony at 2pm on May 29th in Gideon Hawley Park.

The 5k race and Party in the Park will be June 3rd. The Farmers Market and Historical Society events including the annual parade will be on June 4th.

Advantage Waste Disposal has offered to provide waste receptacles and removal of trash for the Party in the Park event. The Highway Superintendent said that he would really appreciate this help.

The ECC will oversee the Roadside Clean-up on April 29th from 8 a.m. until noon, and the tree give away will be held at the Highway Garage from noon until 1 p.m.

DISCUSSION

The Sales Tax report for the month was \$98,882.00 and the Mortgage Tax was \$7,901.00. The six month distribution amount is \$85,486.00.

The 2017 Equalization rate is 70%.

The Board discussed a letter from Fred Acunto requesting a speed reduction on Charlton Road by the intersection of Charlton Road and Division Street. Supervisor Grattidge said that the road is unposted at that section so the legal speed limit is 55 mph. The County has signs on that section of road warning of the intersection and suggesting a speed limit of 35 mph. The Supervisor asked the Board if they thought that the Town should request that this one mile section of road have a speed reduction or maybe put signs on Division Street warning that through traffic on Charlton Road does not stop. Councilman Grasso said that he drives that section of Division Street and Charlton Road quite often. He does not feel that lowering the speed limit from the east would solve the problem since the cars are coming up over the hill from the west. Councilman Hodgkins said that he lives on Charlton Road and has driven this section of road every day since the 1970s. He does not feel that the speed limit should be reduced. He feels that there is ample time to slow down if someone pulls out from Division Street. Councilman Grasso said that there are a number of roads in Charlton with a 55 mph speed limit and as he gets older, that seems too high. Constable Tom Parks said that he feels that there is less visibility for cars that are pulling out from Crane Street than there is for Division Street. Councilman Heritage said that he is not sure that the Board should take action on this type of request because of one persons concern. He is not in favor of making any changes right now. The Board asked Mike Emerich to put the speed wagon on this section of road, so that they can get an idea of how fast cars are going. Mr. Emerich will also look to getting warning signs for Division Street. The Board will look at this issue again in the future.

The Board received a copy of the Key Bank Custodial Statement.

The Board was copied on a letter from AIMS Services to Mr. Vallely regarding 9 Vines Road.

Bay State Elevator has sent the Town a notice that there hourly rate is increasing. The Supervisor asked the Clerk to send a copy of Bay State's contract to the Board members.

Supervisor Grattidge said that there was a lively Public Hearing tonight regarding the Sole Assessor issue. He would like the Board to vote on the change to Sole Appointed Assessor soon, because there is an election this year, and petitions to get on the ballot have to be done in June. He said that he would recommend voting at the next Board Meeting on June 12th, but Councilman Grasso has a work obligation that night and cannot make it to the June 12th meeting. The Board decided that a special meeting could be held on Monday June 5th to vote on this issue. Attorney Van Vranken asked the Board if they would like to vote tonight. Councilman Grasso said that he told people earlier tonight that the Board would not take action tonight, so he feels it would be wrong to vote tonight. The Board will hold a special meeting on June 5th at 7:30pm.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

RESOLUTION # 112

A budget amendment for 2017 Budget for General Fund

Motion by Councilman Heritage

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

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

5/22/17

Resolution # 112

Budget Amendment

Be it resolved that the Supervisor is authorized to make the following budget amendments:
For Budget Year 2017 – General Fund

Amend 2017 budget to decrease Personnel Services – Police, expenditure account A3120.1, in the amount of \$4,500.00

Amend 2017 budget to increase Contractual Expense – Police – Vehicle Maintenance, expenditure account A3120.413 in the amount of \$4,500.00

Moved by	Councilman Heritage	Voting:	Councilman Grasso Councilman Heritage Councilman Hodgkins Supervisor Grattidge
Seconded by	Councilman Hodgkins		

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Dated: May 22, 2017

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 113
A budget amendment for 2017 Budget for Highway Fund

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins
Seconded by Councilman Heritage

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

5/22/17
Resolution # 113
Budget Amendment

Be it resolved that the Supervisor is authorized to make the following budget amendments:

For Budget Year 2017 - Highway

Amend 2017 budget to increase the CHIPS, State Aid revenue account DA3501, in the amount of \$54,584.14 represented by the following amounts:

- CHIPS for 2017 – \$108,698 (an increase of \$34.00 from budgeted amount)
- CHIPS Rollover from 2016 - \$9,329.00
- Pave NY 2017 - \$24,811.40
- Winter Recovery 2017 - \$20,409.74

Amend 2017 budget to increase Maintenance of Roads - Road Construction, expenditure account DA5110.414, in the amount of \$54,584.14.

Moved by	Councilman Hodgkins	Voting:	Councilman Grasso Councilman Heritage Councilman Hodgkins Supervisor Grattidge
Seconded by	Councilman Heritage		

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RESOLUTION # 114

Motion to approve and waive the reading of Founder's Day Resolution to honor Frank Lafforthun

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

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

TOWN OF CHARLTON

Resolution # 114

Founder's Day Resolution to Honor
FRANK J. LAFFORTHUN

June 4, 2017

WHEREAS, Frank Lafforthun was born in 1909, died in 1986 and during his life, made a substantial contribution to the development and history of the Town of Charlton with particular efforts applied to the creation and maintenance of the Town of Charlton's historical record, and

WHEREAS, the Charlton Historical Society is pleased to acknowledge and recognize the substantial contributions made by Frank Lafforthun, a founding father of and the first President of the Charlton Historical Society in 1966, and

WHEREAS, Frank Lafforthun was Charlton Town Historian for more than 10 years, during which time he did extensive research and writings on the history of the Town and its residents, which included, "A Brief History of the Town of Charlton" and "A Mock Tour of Charlton, Fact and Legend", and

WHEREAS, Frank Lafforthun appreciated and wished to preserve the history of the many historic structures still remaining in the Town of Charlton, was able to form a committee in the 1980s to obtain photographs and a brief history of many of these structures and which information is now gratefully preserved in his book entitled, "Lafforthun House Letters", and

WHEREAS, in the 1950s and 1960s, Frank Lafforthun was the owner and operator of the Charlton General Store, located in the former Charlton Tavern building, which property was eventually sold to William Maloney in 1969 and who converted the use of the building into a tavern which we now know as the Charlton Tavern, and

WHEREAS, during his time as owner and operator of the Charlton General Store, Frank published some of his other historical findings in the newsletter entitled, "Along the Old Stage Road", which was sponsored by his store and mailed to Charlton residents, and

WHEREAS, Frank maintained the Town's burial plots for 16 years and led the practice of placing American flags on the graves of veterans on each Memorial Day, a practice which has continued to this day by the Town Historians who have succeeded him, and

WHEREAS, with the help of his family, Frank cleared vacant land and established the Gideon Hawley Memorial Park in the Town of Charlton, and

WHEREAS, Frank was a true patriot and upstanding citizen, having served in the United States Navy, was elected Town Clerk and served for five years, was appointed Town Historian in 1972, was the organizer and the First President of the Charlton Historical Society, was a long-time member of the Saratoga County Historical Society and was a member of the Charlton Fire Department from 1935 until his death in 1986, a period of 51 years, and

WHEREAS, Frank was an artist who painted pictures of the Charlton area, and a craftsman who carved figurines depicting people, buildings and animals from pioneer times in Charlton, which included a diorama of Charlton’s Main Street in the 1860s, and

WHEREAS, the Charlton Historical Society recently welcomed new members Lynda and Richard Battenhausen, with Lynda being the granddaughter of Frank Lafforthun and who has generously donated numerous miniatures made by Frank during his lifetime, as well as helping members of the Society to restore the display that Frank made depicting the Town’s hamlet’s Main Street as it may have looked in the 1860s, which was donated to the Charlton Historical Society Museum in 1977, and

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlton is honored to have Frank’s stepsons, Walter Hayner and George Krutz as the Founder’s Day Parade Grand Marshalls.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Charlton hereby
designates June 4, 2017, as

“FRANK J. LAFFORTHUN DAY”

in grateful appreciation of the efforts, energies, talent and commitment by Frank Lafforthun to the residents of the Town of Charlton and its history and historic buildings.

So moved and approved by the Town Board on May 22, 2017.

Moved by	Councilman Grasso	Voting:	Councilman Grasso Councilman Heritage
Seconded by	Councilman Hodgkins		Councilman Hodgkins Supervisor Grattidge

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Dated: May 22, 2017

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

RESOLUTION # 115

A resolution to schedule a Special Meeting of the Town Board to consider a resolution authorizing adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton Local Law No. 1, 2017 regarding Single Appointed Assessor

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. 115

May 22, 2017

A RESOLUTION TO SCHEDULE A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE TOWN BOARD TO CONSIDER A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON LOCAL LAW NO. 1, 2017 REGARDING SINGLE APPOINTED ASSESSOR

WHEREAS, on May 8, 2017, the Town Board set a public hearing regarding changing the Town of Charlton three member board of elected assessors to a single appointed assessor, and

WHEREAS, a public hearing was held by the Town Board on May 22, 2017 regarding the proposed change to a Town single appointed assessor, and

WHEREAS, a draft Local Law No. 1, 2017 regarding a single appointed assessor for the Town of Charlton pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §328 was presented and reviewed during the aforementioned May 22, 2017 public hearing, and

WHEREAS, the Town Board has been advised that if it intends to change from a three member board of elected assessors to a single appointed assessor, this decision needs to be made prior to June 6, 2017 so that no candidates for potentially open elected assessor positions will be processed in the customary manner by the appropriate Town of Charlton representatives.

NOW BE IT RESOLVED, that a special meeting of the Town Board will be held at 7:30 pm on Monday, June 5, 2017, for purposes of considering proposed Local Law No. 1, 2017, Single Appointed Assessor for the Town of Charlton Pursuant to Real Property Tax Law §328, and

IT IS FURTHER RESOLVED that the Town Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to cause public notice of such meeting as provided by law.

Moved by	Councilman Grasso	Voting: Councilman Grasso	Aye
		Councilman Heritage	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Hodgkins	Councilman Hodgkins	Aye
		Supervisor Grattidge	Aye

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PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one chose to speak.

RESOLUTION #116

A motion to adjourn meeting

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

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

The Meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk