

**Town of Charlton
Saratoga County**

PUBLIC HEARING

For 2018 Preliminary Budget

**October 23, 2017
7:00 PM**

The Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget of the Town of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was held at the Charlton Town Hall and called to order by Supervisor Grattidge at 7:00 p.m.

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

Town Clerk Brenda Mills read the following Legal Notice and confirmed that it was published in the official newspaper, The Daily Gazette on Wednesday October 11th, 2017:

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET**

Town of Charlton
Saratoga County, NY

NOTICE is hereby given that the preliminary budget of the Town of Charlton for the fiscal year beginning January 2018 has been filed in the office of Town Clerk, where it is available for inspection during business hours. Further notice is hereby given that the Town Board will meet and review said preliminary budget and hold a public hearing thereon at the Charlton Town Hall, 758 Charlton Rd, Charlton, NY at 7:00pm, on October 23rd and that at such hearing any town resident may be heard in favor or against any item therein contained. Pursuant to Section 108 of the Town Law, the proposed salaries of the following town officers are hereby specified as follows:

Town Supervisor \$10,000.00
Town Councilman (4) \$4,800.00
Town Clerk \$38,650.00
Highway Superintendent \$57,000.00

BY THE ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk
10/10/17

Supervisor Grattidge said that once again this year, the Board has put forth a budget that includes no Town tax and no Highway tax. Supervisor Grattidge provided the following summary of the highlights and changes in the budget:

- 2.7 % increase in the General Fund
- No pay increase for the Town Board or Town Supervisor
- 2% Employee pay increase
- 10% Health Insurance Increase
- Included in the budget is money for 2018 Bulk Item Pick-up

■ Increases of about 15% to the Ballston and Galway Ambulance Squads, due to lack of volunteers and having to pay staff.

Supervisor Grattidge said that there is 2 years left to pay on the lawsuit against the building. The Highway Budget is up considerably this year, as there is a request for a new truck which costs about \$160,000.00. Purchasing the truck is contingent on the Town receiving a grant for \$100,000.00 leaving the Town to pay \$60,000.00.

There are also was an increase to the base starting rate of the Highway Employees in order to make the Department more competitive. The dollar amount for paving and road maintenance is the same as 2017. We are anticipating receiving CHIPS money from the State which has been \$108,000.00 and the Town matches the same amount. There is a possibility that there will be an additional amount from the State for Pave NY.

There has been an increase in the cost of water from Glenville, and more water is being used because of required hydrant flushing.

There is a request for a new police car, however there is not money in the budget for that. Office Tom Parks will look for grant money or may need to have repairs made to the old car.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Stacy Wilson of 6 Cherry Lane said that she did not receive an email blast of the proposed budget. The Town Clerk confirmed that the budget was on the Town website, but it was not sent in a blast.

RESOLUTION #173

Adjournment of Public Hearing

Motion by Councilman Hodgkins
Seconded by Councilman Grasso

Motion was made to adjourn the Public Hearing.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays, CARRIED.

The Public Hearing adjourned at: 7:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk