

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

November 10, 2014

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 7:36 p.m.

Supervisor Grattidge led the pledge of Allegiance.

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

Approval of Minutes

RESOLUTION #170

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Budget Public Hearing minutes from October 27, 2014.

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

RESOLUTION #171

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Grasso

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Town Board Agenda Meeting minutes from October 27, 2014.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

RESOLUTION #172

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 121, voucher numbers 672 - 699 in the amount of \$12,019.37.

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that her office took in \$1,206.50 for the month of October. Revenue of \$386.73 was paid to the Supervisor's Office and \$819.77 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

RESOLUTION #173

Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Reports

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

RESOLVED that the Town Board has accepted the Town Clerk's report as read.

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

SUPERVISORS REPORT

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

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Worked on preparing the 2015 Town Budget
- Had a workshop with the Town Board on the 2015 Budget
- Held a Public Meeting on the 2015 Town Budget

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Key Bank Custodial statement has been received.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Offices will be closed Tuesday November 12th in observance of Veteran's Day.

A Public Hearing has been scheduled for December 1, 2014 at 7 p.m. regarding the proposed Local Law for zoning amendments.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Clerk received a request from the Charlton 4-leaf Clovers 4-H club to use the Community Center for their meetings on a few Saturday evenings during November December and January. They would like to use the Center until June and will submit additional dates for their meetings. The Board had no objection.

RESOLUTION #174

Authorizing the use of the Community Center by the Charlton 4-leaf Clovers 4-H Club.

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

Be it resolved that the Town Board has authorized the Charlton 4-leaf Clovers 4-H Club to use the Community Center for their meetings on Saturday evenings on November 15th and 22nd, December 27th and January 3rd and 31st from 5 p.m. to 9 p. m, and have waived the usage fee because they are a non-profit group.

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

The Town Clerk received an application from Ray Black on behalf of the Melody Makers to use the Community Center one evening a week during the summer for band rehearsal. Mr Black said that if the Town Board would be willing to waive the \$25 use fee, the Band would consider putting on a free concert for the Town.

The Board discussed the request and said that they would like to consider the exchange. They will discuss the request more in the future.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he received the 2014-2015 HEAP guidelines from the County. He asked the Town Clerk to post them on the bulletin board.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning – Councilman Hodgkins said that in October there were 8 building permits issued for \$630 and 11 CO/CUs were issued with a value of \$670,833.79.

Constables- Councilman Lippiello reported that in October, there were 34 patrols, 23 complaints, 5 911 calls, 49 tickets issued, and 2 accidents responded to.

Maintenance – Supervisor Grattidge said that the report was received and is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Planning Board – Councilman Verola reported that the Board met on October 20th and deliberated on 1 lot line change application and 2 subdivision applications. Additionally, there was a status report on the Heflin Durst project.

Highway – Mike Emerich reported that the new truck is at Viking and hopefully the Highway Department will have it in December. His department finished some road work, paving, and the brush pick-up. He stated that there was not the volume of brush as in previous years. They also found a rotted railing at the gazebo that had blown off, and they took care of it. The Board discussed what to do about closing the gazebo, and it was decided that the Highway Department will board up the entrance. Mr. Emerich also asked the Board about the foot boards for the bridge at Elmer Smith Park. It was decided that the Board would meet Mr. Emerich at the bridge to discuss what needs to be done. Mr. Emerich said that Dennis Pokrzywka would like to donate evergreen trees for Gideon Hawley Park.

Historian – Mr. Livingston reported that Nick Brino did an excellent job on the restoration of Jeremiah Smith Cemetery and the project is now complete.

ZORC – Marv Schorr said that he will have the Committee members present at the Public Hearing in case questions need to be answered.

Water – John Morgan received a 2nd evaluation of the telemetry system at the pump house. He said that the cell signal was minimal, but acceptable. He received a quote of \$11,521.80 for a cell system, and \$7,160.48 for radio telemetry. He is leaning towards the radio signal with Phoenix Group because the cell signal is not consistent and reception has never been good in that area. He suggested that something be done soon because there are skips in the current system and footings will need to be put in before it gets too cold. The Board asked Councilman Lippiello to set up a meeting with Phoenix Group for a presentation to the Board. Mr. Morgan said he is not sure how to disconnect with Verizon.

Councilman Lippiello said that he contacted Water Department customer, Mr. Maguffin. Mr. Maguffin was very nice and understanding of the Town's policy on late reading fees. He suggested that the Town look into having readings returned by e-mail.

Parks - The Committee will meet with the Town Engineer on November 13th at 4 p.m. to discuss footings for the gazebo at Gideon Hawley Park.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND AUTHORIZATIONS

RESOLUTION #175

A Resolution authorizing adoption by the Town Board of the Town of Charlton of the Town budget for 2015

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

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

TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 175

November 10, 2014

A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON OF THE TOWN BUDGET FOR 2015

WHEREAS, the Supervisor of the Town of Charlton, as Chief Fiscal Officer, in conjunction with the four other members of the Town Board are obligated to prepare and present to the residents of the Town of Charlton an annual budget, and

WHEREAS, the Supervisor and Town Board have reviewed all necessary data with respect to the preparation of a 2015 Town budget, including holding workshops, reviewing current staffing levels of Town employees, and holding a public hearing on October 27, 2014 for the review of the Board's proposed budget for 2015, and

WHEREAS, attached to this resolution is a summary of the Town of Charlton budget for 2015, based on the final analysis and determination by the Town Board of all financial matters affecting the proposed budget, and

WHEREAS, also attached is a listing of all properties affected by the Local Government Exemption Impact Report for fiscal year beginning January 1, 2015 and as required by Real Property Tax Law Section 495 regarding the identification of tax exemptions for properties located within the Town of Charlton.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board of the Town of Charlton does hereby adopt a 2015 budget, a summary of which is attached to this resolution.

Moved by	Councilman Verola	Voting:	Councilman Grasso	Aye
			Councilman Hodgkins	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Hodgkins		Councilman Lippiello	Aye
			Councilman Verola	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: November 10, 2014

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Board had a workshop to discuss Health Insurance options for the employees. Because of the new federal health insurance requirements, CDPHP is changing the current policy and there would be a large increase in premiums. The insurance carrier suggested an EPO Gold Embrace Health Plan 205. The premiums would be lower than currently paid. The retiree plan will remain the same, however there will be an increase in premiums.

RESOLUTION #176

A resolution to authorize the Supervisor to move the Town's Health Insurance plan to EPO Gold Embrace Health Plan 205.

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

BE IT RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to change the Town's Health Insurance plan to the CDPHP's EPO Gold Embrace Health Plan 205 for the year 2015.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one chose to speak.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Board needed to have an Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

RESOLUTION #177

A resolution for the Board to enter into Executive Session.

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

RESOLVED that the Town Board enter into Executive Session to discuss potential litigation.

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

The meeting adjourned at 8:15 p.m. and the Board went into Executive Session. The Board came out of Executive Session at 8:45 p.m. No action was taken. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk