

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

June 9, 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 7:30 p.m.

Supervisor Grattidge led the pledge of Allegiance.

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

Excused: Councilman Lippiello

RESOLUTION #114

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Grasso

Seconded by Councilman Hodgkins

RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Agenda Meeting minutes from May 27, 2014.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

RESOLUTION #115

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. 111, voucher numbers 332-355 in the amount of \$29,987.59.

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk reported that her office took in \$885.00 for the month of May. Revenue of \$617.38 was paid to the Supervisor and \$267.62 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

RESOLUTION #116

Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Reports

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Grasso

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

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

SUPERVISORS REPORT

For the month of May, I attended 3 Town meetings and 4 County meetings.

Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Worked with the Town Board on the annual Town Audit

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MONTHLY REPORT OF SUPERVISOR

TO THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON:

Pursuant to Section 125 of the Town Law, I hereby render the following detailed statement of all moneys received and disbursed by me during the month of May, 2014:

DATED: June 6, 2014

SUPERVISOR

	Balance 04/30/2014	Increases	Decreases	Balance 05/31/2014
A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	9,160.29	60,342.02	62,235.34	7,266.97
CASH - SAVING	447,638.63	97,844.28	60,341.19	485,141.72
PETTY CASH	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Park Fees Reserve	76,596.92	9.77	0.00	76,606.69
TOTAL	533,895.84	158,196.07	122,576.53	569,515.38
DA HIGHWAY FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	33,266.25	33,266.25	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	159,000.18	100,067.12	33,266.25	225,801.05
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVE	15,459.72	0.00	0.00	15,459.72
TOTAL	174,459.90	133,333.37	66,532.50	241,260.77
F WATER #1 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	4,387.70	4,387.70	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	200,000.86	818.63	4,387.70	196,431.79
WATER SERIAL BOND	34,264.44	2.91	0.00	34,267.35
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVES	121,132.11	10.29	0.00	121,142.40
TOTAL	355,397.41	5,219.53	8,775.40	351,841.54
SW WATER #2 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	100.60	100.60	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	25,684.82	4.89	100.60	25,589.11
TOTAL	25,684.82	105.49	201.20	25,589.11
TA TRUST & AGENCY				
CASH - CHECKING	1,734.18	32,092.72	32,020.22	1,806.68
DEER RUN SUBDIVISION	151,297.86	0.00	0.00	151,297.86
TOTAL	153,032.04	32,092.72	32,020.22	153,104.54
H CAPITAL PROJECTS				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,242,470.01	328,947.18	230,105.85	1,341,311.34

Supervisor Grattidge reported that Party in the Park went well, was well attended and more than enough donations were received to cover the event expenses.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he and a couple of Board members have been working on the Town audit and they will bringing it forward at the next meeting to work on a resolution for the annual audit.

Councilman Verola confirmed that she has been reviewing the monthly reports and everything appears to be in order.

COMMUNICATION

Supervisor Grattidge said that he received a letter from the Department of Army Corp of Engineers, talking about+ the application for a site plan for the Montemorano Jockey Street application. He asked the Clerk to send a copy of the letter to the Zoning Board, Planning Board, and Town Engineer.

Supervisor Grattidge said that a notice was received from the Department of Transportation, indicating that they have agreed that a speed reduction on Shadick Road was in order. It is requested that the Highway Superintendent put up two new signs indicating the 35 mph limit.

Supervisor Grattidge said that a Crooked Street resident has requested that the Town replace the faded 35 mph speed limit signs on Crooked Street. He said the current signs are faded, and since the road has been repaved, it appears that cars are traveling faster.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Planning Board – Councilman Verola reported that the Board met on May 19th. There was a site plan review, deliberations on 2 lot line change applications, and a review of a request from the ZBA.

Highway – Councilman Hodgkins said that he and Superintendent Emerich are starting to discuss a replacement plan for equipment. Mike Emerich said that he is waiting on the purchase agreement for the mower. He said starting June 16th, they will begin working on repaving Eastern Avenue, the road will be closed during the day in between school bus hours until the end of school.. On June 30th through July 2nd, the road will be closed. On July 7th the road will be open for local traffic only. He also said that the new dump truck is in the works, and should be in around the end of September. He has picked up the new sanders.

Historian – Marv Livingston said that the day for placing flags on veteran's graves went very well. He chose a veteran from each cemetery, researched them, and shared the information with the kids that participated. The kids seemed to really like it. It is something new that he plans to do each year.

Zoning - Councilman Hodgkins reported that in May, there were 12 building permits issued for \$4,609.68 and 17 CO/CUs issued.

Constables- Supervisor Grattidge read the May report. There were 27 patrols, 24 complaints, 6 911 calls, 42 tickets issued and 1,752 miles traveled. He thanked the constables for their help with the Town functions last weekend.

Attorney Van Vranken gave the Town Board a copy of a draft resolution for the ZBA meeting on June 10th, regarding the e-commerce exceptional use permit application.

Assessment Review Board – Dave Schweizer said that the day went well, with not too many grievances being heard. The Board met last week to make their determinations, and he will sign letters tomorrow.

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Verola said that the Planning Board would like to have Joe Anderson appointed as an alternate, as they have a member stepping down from the Board. Supervisor Grattidge said this can be discussed at the Agenda meeting. They will look at the Organizational Resolution.

Councilman Grasso said that he has been working on the recommended zoning changes from the ZORC. He has placed them electronically into the current zoning law as changes and he put italics and red-lined the changes to make it easy to see the changes. There are two appendices to the document. One is the Solar Array law as last reviewed by the Town Board, and the other is the cell tower law discussed years ago. He said that Attorney Van Vranken has sent him an update to the appendices, so he will make sure that the updated information is included. He hopes to get that information sent out to the Board electronically within a few weeks.

Councilman Grasso said that the Arnold Family from West Charlton was present tonight along with Maria Trabka from Saratoga Plan. Kathy, Dave, Lolly and Phil Arnold would like to establish a conservation easement on their property on Western Avenue, which is 86 acres of vacant prime farmland. They are seeking a grant opportunity that is offered by New York State through the consolidated funding application process and administered through Ag & Markets, where interested land owners can sell their development rights. The property could no longer be developed with residential houses. In return, they would get grant money to reimburse them for the value of the development rights. The grant applications are due mid July. A requirement of the application is to get a resolution of support from the Town. The holder of the easement would be either a governmental agency, Town of Charlton or a non-profit, such as Saratoga Plan. The purpose of the funding is to protect farm land. There are probably going to be a few applications from Saratoga County. Councilman Grasso noted for the record, that he is on the Advisory Board of Saratoga Plan and previously served on the Board of Directors. Kathy Arnold said that they are currently leasing the farm land to a local farmer, but it is expensive for start-up farmers to afford to getting started. Supervisor Grattidge said that this is prime farmland, and is what the Town's goal was when we established the Farmland Protection Plan and is now part of the Town's Comprehensive Plan. He noted that the land would stay on the tax rolls and continue to be assessed for farming purposes. He applauded the Arnold's interest in doing this. Maria Trabka said that they are expecting a very competitive process this year because there has been a 6 year hiatus by New York State, and three years from the County. The Arnolds would like to reserve a 3-5 acre farmstead area within the easement so that an interested farmer could build a homestead if they wanted to live there. Attorney Van Vranken asked if the Town gets involved in any other way than the resolution. Maria said that the property would still be subject to all of the Town's laws. The Board was in support of this request and will put forward a resolution at the next meeting on June 30th.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one chose to speak.

RESOLUTION NO. 117 Adjournment of Meeting

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Grasso to adjourn the meeting.
Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk