

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

December 9, 2013

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 Gardner, Councilman Lippiello, Councilman Salisbury, Councilman Verola, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney Van Vranken.

RESOLUTION #179

Approval of Minutes

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Gardner

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the Agenda Meeting minutes from November 25, 2013.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS

No one chose to speak.

RESOLUTION #180

Abstract of Claims

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Salisbury

BE IT RESOLVED that the Town Board has approved the payment of bills as presented in Abstract No. 123, voucher numbers 660 – 695 in the amount of \$36,902.42.

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

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

The Town Clerk's office took in \$858.50 for the month of November. \$417.26 was paid to the Supervisor as revenue, and \$441.24 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

RESOLUTION #181

Acceptance of the Town Clerk's Report

Motion by Councilman Verola

Seconded by Councilman Gardner

BE IT 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 November, I attended 3 Town meetings and 15 County meetings.

Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Attended a number of Saratoga County functions as Chairman of the Board
- Passed the 2014 Town budget with the Town Board
- Worked on the 2014 County Budget
- Attended for 11 days and testified in the Town of Charlton case verses Schmidt and Schmidt Inc.

12/04/2013 11:52:00

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 November, 2013:

DATED: December 4, 2013

SUPERVISOR

	Balance 10/31/2013	Increases	Decreases	Balance 11/30/2013
A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE				
CASH - CHECKING	19,077.18	89,050.91	93,777.92	14,350.17
CASH - SAVING	495,057.02	202,509.54	101,459.42	596,107.14
PETTY CASH	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Park Fees Reserve	76,536.51	9.71	0.00	76,546.22
TOTAL	591,170.71	291,570.16	195,237.34	687,503.53
DA HIGHWAY FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	99,030.31	99,030.31	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	123,050.99	115.76	107,666.24	15,500.51
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVE	15,455.86	0.00	0.00	15,455.86
TOTAL	138,506.85	99,146.07	206,696.55	30,956.37
F WATER #1 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	6,381.84	6,381.84	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	135,457.18	67.27	7,977.15	127,547.30
WATER SERIAL BOND	34,244.92	2.81	0.00	34,247.73
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVES	121,072.06	9.95	0.00	121,082.01
TOTAL	290,774.16	6,461.87	14,358.99	282,877.04
SW WATER #2 FUND				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	132.82	132.82	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	24,541.83	3.24	181.67	24,363.40
TOTAL	24,541.83	136.06	314.49	24,363.40
TA TRUST & AGENCY				
CASH - CHECKING	1,468.23	31,367.02	32,098.02	737.23
DEER RUN SUBDIVISION	151,260.15	0.00	0.00	151,260.15
TOTAL	152,728.38	31,367.02	32,098.02	151,997.38
H CAPITAL PROJECTS				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
TOTAL ALL FUNDS	1,197,721.93	428,681.18	448,705.39	1,177,697.72

Supervisor Grattidge said that a verdict was reached in the Schmidt vs. the Town court case, and the jury found that the Town wrongfully terminated the Schmidts, The jury awarded damages to the Schmidts. The jury also found that the Schmidts breached their contract with the Town but no damages were awarded. The Supervisor said that he is very sad for the Town.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town offices will be closed on December 24th and 25th in observance of Christmas.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Charlton Freehold Presbyterian will have a dedication of their newly restored bell tower on December 15th at 11:15 a.m.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning – Councilman Gardner reported that in November there were 8 permits issued for \$2,116.60 and 4 CO/CU's were issued.

Police – Councilman Lippiello reported that in November there were 25 patrols, 23 complaints responded to, 5 911 calls, 27 tickets issued, and 2 accidents/EMT calls.

Water – Councilman Lippiello reported that the Board met earlier today. Mr. Morgan is in the process of replacing the backup power system for a pump. He is also looking into getting the system recalibrated.

Dog Control – Councilman Verola reported that in November there were 8 complaints filed, 1 dog seized, and 2 court appearance tickets were issued.

Planning Board – Councilman Verola reported that the Board met on November 18th and deliberated on 2 subdivision applications and held one pre-application conference.

Highway – The following report from Mr. Emerich was read by Councilman Verola:

General Operations

- Replace Culvert on Degraff.
- Plow, Sand and Salt Roads
- Clean shop, wash floors.
- Clean and sand sidewalks at town hall

Equipment Repair

- NYSI on Trucks
- Replace misc. light bulbs on trucks.
- Replacing cutting edges on plows and wings

Miscellaneous Items

- Take Delivery of new pickup
- Hauled shot rock from Batchellerville Bridge, hauled around 500 ton that was given to the town.

Councilman Verola said that Mr. Emerich recently put the following surplus items out to auction:

- Item #1: 1965 Ford 3000 Tractor
- Item #2: Befco H40 Mower
- Item #3: Henry Dick Snow Wing
- Item #4: Good Roads Spreader
- Item #5: Tool Box
- Item #6: Jacks
- Item #7: Steam Cleaner
- Item #8: 1200R20 Recaps with Rims

- Item #9: 1995 Triton Trailer
- Item #10: Goodyear G386 Tires

Mr. Emerich sent the following email for the Board to consider:

Hi All, I can't make the meeting tonight. So on that note the auction ended Friday night. I'm advising you to accept some of the bid and decline the rest.

Items to Accept by lot number: #1 Tractor \$3850. #2 Mower \$710.00 #5 Tool box \$33.00 #6 Jacks \$26.00 #7 Steamer \$ 26.00 #8 Recaps \$87.50 #10 New Tires \$230.00.

Items To Decline by lot number: #3 Wing \$39.00 #4 Stone Spreader \$23.00 both of these items are worth a lot more if we scrap them (#3 \$75-\$100, #4\$150 plus). #9 Triton Trailer \$370.00. The trailer is worth around \$500 I would like to relist this item it won't cost us anything to relist. Any Questions call me. Michael Emerich Highway Superintendent

RESOLUTION #182

A resolution approving the Highway Superintendent recommendation for the auction sale of Highway Equipment

Motion by Supervisor Grattidge
Seconded by Councilman Verola

Roll Call: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye. **CARRIED**

TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 182

December 9, 2013

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT
RECOMMENDATION FOR THE AUCTION SALE OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT**

WHEREAS, the Town of Charlton Highway Superintendent placed certain items of town highway department equipment for sale, by auction with Auctions International, Inc., and provided a report to the Town Board dated December 9, 2013 regarding the results, and

WHEREAS, attached to this resolution is a document setting forth the results of such auction, together with the Highway Superintendent recommendations for those items to be accepted by the Town Board and those items to be rejected by the Town Board.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board of the Town of Charlton that it is in the best interest of the residents of the Town of Charlton that the Highway Superintendent recommendations be accepted as presented and that the Highway Superintendent take whatever actions are necessary to process these items as recommended.

Moved by Supervisor Grattidge

Voting: Councilman Gardner - Aye
Councilman Lippiello - Aye
Councilman Salisbury - Aye
Councilman Verola - Aye

Seconded by Councilman Verola

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: December 9, 2013

Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

Supervisor Grattidge said that a usage report was received from the Galway Food Pantry.

Historian – Marv Livingston reported that the cemetery mapping program is going very well with volunteers Aubrey and Liz Dunn. He said that he has had an Eagle Scout volunteer to work on the cemetery restoration project in the Spring.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

RESOLUTION #183

A resolution approving an agreement between the Town of Charlton Town Board and the Charlton Snowmobile Club, Inc.

Motion by Councilman Verola
Seconded by Councilman Salisbury

Roll Call: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye. **CARRIED**

TOWN OF CHARLTON
COUNTY OF SARATOGA
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 183

December 9, 2013

A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON TOWN BOARD AND THE CHARLTON SNOWMOBILE CLUB, INC.

WHEREAS, the Charlton Snowmobile Club, Inc. has requested a renewal of its agreement with the Town of Charlton Town Board and regarding use and access permission for members of the Snowmobile Club in order to enter onto local snowmobile trails, and

WHEREAS, attached to this resolution is a copy of the Agreement for which the Snowmobile Club is seeking approval.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board hereby approves this renewal Agreement with the Charlton Snowmobile Club, Inc. and authorizes the Supervisor to execute such Agreement.

Moved by	Councilman Verola	Voting:	Councilman Gardner	Aye
			Councilman Lippiello	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Salisbury		Councilman Salisbury	Aye

Councilman Verola Aye
Supervisor Grattidge Aye

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COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Supervisor Grattidge acknowledged that tonight is the last Board meeting for Councilman Salisbury and Councilman Gardner, and he thanked them for their service as Town Board members for 2 terms.

Councilman Lippiello also thanked Councilmen Salisbury and Gardner for bringing their vision to the Board and said it was nice to have different points of view. Councilman Lippiello also said that he has found out what the Federal Lust Tax is that is charged on our heating fuel bill. It stands for Leaking Underground Storage Tanks.

Councilman Salisbury said that he has reviewed the recent financial reports and feels that things are in order. He thanked the many residents that volunteer their time to serve on Boards and Committees within the Town. He said he has enjoyed serving on the Board and he encouraged others to get involved.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Dave Schweizer, resident, urged the Supervisor to represent the electorate on the casino issue. He feels that it would negatively affect Saratoga County.

Marv Schorr, resident, thanked Ellms Tree Farm, for their participation as well as being a collection site for Christmas trees for the "Trees for Troops" program. He said that there are other tree farms that contribute trees and he thanked them for their participation also.

Supervisor Grattidge said that Ellms Tree Farm donated the beautiful wreath on the front door of Town Hall, and said that they would like to make the donation an annual tradition.

Teddi Smith, resident, asked what was going to happen now that the lawsuit is over? She asked if a committee was going to be set up to help decide what to do. The Supervisor said that there are legal options, but there is nothing to report right now.

Carol Schweizer, resident, said she is concerned that the Town might appeal the lawsuit and she feels that too much money is being spent in legal fees. She asked the Board to consider going after the Architect or the Builder's Rep.

The meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk