

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

**March 11, 2013**

The Regular meeting of the Town Board of Charlton, Saratoga County, New York was held at the Charlton Town Hall and called to order by Supervisor Grattidge at 7:30 pm.

Supervisor Grattidge lead the pledge of Allegiance.

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Salisbury to accept the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting held on February 25, 2013.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR FOR AGENDA ITEMS**

No one chose to speak.

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT**

A **motion** was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to accept claim numbers 109 – 147 as set forth in Abstract #105 in the amount of \$72,308.95

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$713.50 for the month of February. \$579.30 was paid to the Supervisor and \$134.20 was paid to other Governmental agencies.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept the Town Clerk's reports as read.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

**SUPERVISORS REPORT**

For the month of February, I attended 5 Town meetings and 26 County meetings. Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town and County meetings
- Attended the Association of Town's Annual Meeting in NYC

- Worked with the Town Consultant on the 2012 AUD
- Held a Town Insurance review of our 2013 policy
- Attended the NYSAC annual meeting in Albany

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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 February, 2013:

DATED: March 4, 2013

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SUPERVISOR

	Balance 01/31/2013	Increases	Decreases	Balance 02/28/2013
<b>A GENERAL FUND - TOWNWIDE</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	32,043.72	163,640.27	163,638.10	32,045.89
CASH - SAVING	648,453.22	19,200.62	163,638.10	504,015.74
PETTY CASH	500.00	0.00	0.00	500.00
Park Fees Reserve	68,862.97	7.23	0.00	68,870.20
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>749,859.91</b>	<b>182,848.12</b>	<b>327,276.20</b>	<b>605,431.83</b>
<b>DA HIGHWAY FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	65,294.32	65,294.32	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	32,511.04	94,668.75	65,294.32	61,885.47
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVE	15,450.08	0.00	0.00	15,450.08
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>47,961.12</b>	<b>159,963.07</b>	<b>130,588.64</b>	<b>77,335.55</b>
<b>F WATER #1 FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	5,344.70	5,344.70	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	206,245.78	571.69	5,344.70	201,472.77
WATER SERIAL BOND	53,791.62	4.13	0.00	53,795.75
CASH, SPECIAL RESERVES	120,981.53	9.28	0.00	120,990.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>381,018.93</b>	<b>5,929.80</b>	<b>10,689.40</b>	<b>376,259.33</b>
<b>SW WATER #2 FUND</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	0.00	97.70	97.70	0.00
CASH - SAVINGS	25,447.41	3.10	97.70	25,352.81
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>25,447.41</b>	<b>100.80</b>	<b>195.40</b>	<b>25,352.81</b>
<b>TA TRUST &amp; AGENCY</b>				
CASH - CHECKING	50.00	34,791.90	34,791.90	50.00
DEER RUN SUBDIVISION	151,203.60	0.00	0.00	151,203.60
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>151,253.60</b>	<b>34,791.90</b>	<b>34,791.90</b>	<b>151,253.60</b>
<b>H CAPITAL PROJECTS</b>				
	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>TOTAL ALL FUNDS</b>	<b>1,355,540.97</b>	<b>383,633.69</b>	<b>503,541.54</b>	<b>1,235,633.12</b>

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Supervisor Grattidge said that Congressman Paul Tonko will be joining the Town Board to hold a Town Hall meeting with residents on April 13<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. Residents are encouraged to come with any questions that they would like answered.

## **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Supervisor received a letter from Mr. Alderson, resident on Peaceable Street saying that the Town Highway Department knocked down his mailbox while plowing. He was very pleased that they showed up the next day to restore his mailbox.

Charlton Freehold Presbyterian Church has notified the Board that they are starting a campaign to raise money to repair their bell tower. The repair is estimated at \$80,000. They would like Town support, grant money and they will conduct fund raising efforts.

Cornell Cooperative Extension has notified the Town that they are going more regional. They have a new website with multi-county sharing programs, educational exchange, and regional training programs etc.

## **DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Constables – Councilman Lippiello reported that in February there were 33 patrols, 26 complaints responded to, 6 911 calls, 39 tickets issued, 3 accidents and 2 EMT/fire calls responded to.

Water – Councilman Lippiello said that the Water Board met on March 4<sup>th</sup> and discussed the problems with the Cummings generator at the pump house. They have arranged to have Bob Cox, Service Manager for Cummings come and discuss the generator on March 25<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

Zoning – Councilman Gardner reported that there were 5 building permits issued and \$962.10 collected in fees for February. There were 34 CO/CC's issued.

Planning Board – Councilman Verola reported that the Board met on February 18<sup>th</sup> and deliberated on one lot line change application, 1 subdivision application and had feedback on 2 ZBA referrals.

ECC – Marv Schorr reminded that on April 27<sup>th</sup>, there is the Roadside Clean-Up from 8 a.m. to noon, the tree give away from noon to 1:00 p.m., and the free electronic recycling collection from 9 a.m. to noon.

Historian – Marv Livingston reported that Nancy Wilson is volunteering in his office and she has inventoried all the books in the office. He said that the County Historian attended a workshop at Skidmore College about GIS technology and she is currently working on using the technology to create map overlays. Marv reported that the 1860 New York State map that was donated by the La Rue family has been framed and hung in the Court Room. Supervisor Grattidge complimented him on the beautiful display case that he constructed.

## **MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS**

### **RESOLUTION #61 AUTHORIZING SECTION 284 HIGHWAY AGREEMENT**

TOWN OF CHARLTON  
COUNTY OF SARATOGA  
STATE OF NEW YORK

RESOLUTION NO. 61  
March 11, 2013

### **A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE EXPENDITURES FOR REPAIR**

AND IMPROVEMENT OF TOWN HIGHWAYS AUTHORIZED BY  
SECTION 284 OF THE NEW YORK STATE HIGHWAY LAW

WHEREAS, New York State Highway Law Section 284 requires that expenditures for the repair and improvement of Town highways requires that an agreement between the Town Board and the Town Superintendent of Highways be signed, and

WHEREAS, such agreement between the Board and Superintendent shall be in writing, signed in duplicate by a majority of the members of the Town Board and by the Town Superintendent of Highways before the agreement shall take effect, and

WHEREAS, one of the duplicate agreements between the Town Board and Superintendent of Highways shall be filed in the Office of Town Clerk and one duplicate original agreement shall be filed in the Office of the Superintendent of Highways.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town Board and Superintendent of Highways shall execute an agreement for the expenditure of highway monies pursuant to Section 284 of the Highway Law, which agreement is attached to this resolution and made a part hereof as if more fully set forth herein, setting forth the expenditures to be set aside in the sum of \$84,900.00 and describing the Town highways on which repair and improvements shall be made during calendar year 2013, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the filing of such agreement shall be made according to the terms of the resolution hereby approved.

Moved by	Councilman Verola	Voting: Councilman Gardner	Aye
		Councilman Lippiello	Aye
Seconded by	Councilman Salisbury	Councilman Salisbury	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: March 11, 2013

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Brenda Mills, Town Clerk

**RESOLUTION #62  
AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH CHARLTON HISTORICAL SOCIETY**

Motion by Councilman Verola  
Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the annual agreement with the Charlton Historical Society.

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

**RESOLUTION #63  
AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH BALLSTON LAKE EMERGENCY SQUAD**

Motion by Councilman Verola  
Seconded by Councilman Lippiello

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the annual agreement with the Ballston Lake Emergency Service.

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

**RESOLUTION #64  
AUTHORIZE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE CONTRACT WITH GREATER GALWAY FOOD PANTRY.**

Motion by Councilman Verola  
Seconded by Councilman Gardner

RESOLVED that the Supervisor is authorized to sign the annual agreement with the Greater Galway Food Pantry.

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

**RESOLUTION #65  
AUTHORIZE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT PURCHASE OF TORQUE WRENCH.**

Motion by Councilman Verola  
Seconded by Councilman Gardner

RESOLVED that the Highway Superintendent is authorized to purchase a new torque wrench for an amount that exceeds \$300.00.

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

**COUNCILMAN REPORTS**

Councilman Verola reminded everyone that the Spring Newsletter articles are due.

Councilman Salisbury reported that he was reviewed the bank statements, signed checks etc, and he is very pleased.

Councilman Lippiello said that the next Party in the Park meeting is March 26<sup>th</sup>. He thinks that they have a band lined up for the event, and there are people working on games and activities for children.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Resident Dawn Szurek addressed the Board regarding a historic cemetery on DeGraff Road which is on her farm. Last year some people moved and broke some of the head stones and she does not know what to do about it. Supervisor Grattidge suggested that she first speak with the Historian and see if they can come up with a plan.

Residents Julie McDade, Lovie Bourne, Fred Bourne, Dawn Szurek, Laurie Kruppenbacher, Ken Crottie, and Nancy Wilson addressed the Board regarding their zip codes which are registered to other counties. Each resident expressed problems that they have had with package and mail delivery, and being charged higher sales tax because their zip codes do not identify them as living in Saratoga County. Those with the 12302 Schenectady zip code pointed out that the crime rate is higher for that zip code than Charlton, and the average property value is much lower than property values in Charlton. Their zip codes adversely affect them for insurance rates as well, and they feel they are being unfairly discriminated against because of their zip codes. The residents are seeking the Board's support of their request to have the Postal Service issue them new zip codes that would be identified as Charlton and Saratoga County. Mrs. Bourne gave the Board documentation and a copy of their Zip Code Boundary Review Request that they plan on submitting to the Postal Service. Supervisor Grattidge said that there are approximately 500 households in Charlton that are affected. He said that the Board needs time to review the information and plans to discuss it at the Agenda Meeting. If the Board is in favor, they should be able to pass a resolution by the first meeting in April.

Resident Dave McBurnie that Supervisor Grattidge in his role as Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors for supporting peoples constitutional rights at the County level.

The meeting adjourned at 8:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills  
Town Clerk