

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

January 10, 2011

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 7:30pm.

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

Absent: Councilman Lippiello

Supervisor Grattidge lead the pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting held on December 28, 2010.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept the minutes of the Town Board Organizational Meeting held on January 3, 2011.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept General Fund claim numbers 1-41 as set forth in Abstract #1 in the amount of \$25,179.44.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$414.00 for the month of December. \$385.16 was paid to the Supervisor and \$28.84 was paid to other Governmental Agencies. Town Clerk, Brenda Mills noted that the income for the Town was higher in December because the State relinquished back to the Town, the December dog fees that were normally sent to them. The Clerk also reported that the transition for taking over the dog renewal process from the State went very smoothly. The software upgrade was successful, January renewal notices were printed and mailed with no problems, and new dog tags and licenses numbers are being issued for each dog.

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept the Town Clerk's report.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays *CARRIED*

SUPERVISORS REPORT

For the month of December I attended 6 Town meetings and 8 County meetings. Some of the highlights of the month:

- Worked on the Town Hall litigation case and gave a deposition
- Participated in the Trees for Troops at Ellms Family Tree farm
- Attended the Charlton Historical Society Christmas Party
- Attended the NYSAC and B. of Supervisors Christmas Gathering
- Held workshops on the Organizational resolution
- Worked with the new Building Inspector and Dog Control Officer

	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
<u>General</u>	2,189.85	120,278.83
<u>Highway</u>	86,021.23	64,094.83
<u>Water Dist. 1</u>	.00	7,665.74
<u>Water Dist. 2</u>	.00	215.67
<u>Town Hall Project:</u>		
H-Fund	.00	2,681.79

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town offices will be closed Monday, January 17th for Martin Luther King Day

The Town Board and the Zoning Board of Appeals will hold a joint Public Hearing on Monday, January 31st at 7:00 p.m. to hear the Special Exception Permit application from Eric and Kim Cowley on Jockey Street for the purpose of building a riding stable and academy.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Saratoga County Public Health Nursing Service is holding a Seasonal Influenza Vaccine Clinic for Saratoga County residents on January 24th from 1 – 4 p.m. at their offices at 31 Woodlawn Avenue, Saratoga Springs, NY.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Zoning – For the month of December, \$2,572 was collected for Building Permits and \$1,005 for Zoning fees.

The Highway Report was given by Mike Emerich. (inaudible).

Constables – In December there were 24 patrols and 12 tickets issued.

Planning Board – The Board will meet on January 17th at 7:30 p.m.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 56 – A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING RECEIPT OF A SPECIAL EXCEPTION PERMIT APPLICATION FROM ERIC COWLEY AND KIMBERLE COWLEY REQUESTING APPROVAL FOR A RIDING STABLE AND ACADEMY, AND ACCEPTANCE BY THE TOWN BOARD OF PRIMARY JURISDICTION OF SUCH APPLICATION PURSUANT TO THE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLTON be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Absent, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 57 – A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING \$49.64 FROM F-8340.418 TO F-9030.8 FOR THE ADDITIONAL SOCIAL SECURITY be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Absent, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 58 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO PURCHASE A SIGN FOR TOWN HALL be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Absent, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 59 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH EASTERN COPIER FOR MAINTENANCE OF THE 2ND FLOOR MINOLTA COPY MACHINE be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Absent, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 60 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO PURCHASE FROM E-NABLE A SECOND COMPUTER FOR THE ZONING OFFICE be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Absent, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

A motion was made by Supervisor Grattidge and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 61 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ENTER INTO A SERVICE AGREEMENT WITH VIRTUAL TOWN HALL (VTH) FOR THE CREATION AND MAINTENANCE OF A NEW TOWN WEBSITE be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Absent, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Salisbury that Resolution No. 62 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TRAINING CONFERENCE EXPENSE FOR BOB GIZZI OF \$399.96 be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Absent, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 63 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL ASSOCIATION OF TOWNS CONFERENCE FOR 2011, AND AUTHORIZING THE REIMBURSEMENT OF CONFERENCE EXPENSES be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Absent, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 64 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO SIGN THE ANNUAL AGREEMENT WITH THE TOWN ATTORNEY FOR 2011 be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Absent, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 65 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING CLUNE ELECTRIC TO FIX PARKING LOT POLE LIGHTS AND TO REPAIR INTERIOR HALL LIGHTS AT THE TOWN HALL be approved.

Discussion: Councilman Verola asked why the life of the lights seems to be so short. Supervisor Grattidge said he was told by the electrician that it may be due to the fact that the lights sat for over two years before they were installed. He will check into the life expectancy and warranty.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Absent, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Gardner thanked those that worked on the Dog Ordinance.

Councilman Verola thanked the Communications Committee for all their work on researching and developing suggestions for the new website. She gave a welcome to new committee and department members.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Laura Linder suggested that the new Town Hall sign be big enough to read while sitting in a car.

Lovie Bourne thanked the Board for support for the website. She asked that the Board encourage the departments and committees to cooperate in providing information for the website. She also stated that she recently had out of town guests who saw our Town Hall and commented on the beauty of the building.

The meeting adjourned at 8:18 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk