

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

February 14, 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 Lippiello, Councilman Salisbury, Councilman Verola, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney Van Vranken.

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 January 31, 2011.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola to accept General Fund claim numbers 90 - 135 as set forth in Abstract #103 in the amount of \$58,980.23.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$533.00 for the month of January. \$434.20 was paid to the Supervisor and \$98.80 was paid to other Governmental Agencies. The Town Clerk also mentioned that because of the change in the Accounting software, the January Abstract number 1 has been renumbered as number 101.

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 January, I attended 9 Town meetings and 8 County meetings. Some of the highlights of the month:

- Gave a State of the Town Address to the Glenville Business Association.
- Held meetings with the New Building Inspector and DCO
- Worked on the new sound system for the Town Hall
- Was a presenter at the Saratoga County Planning Conference
- Held a meeting on the Water Tank painting project

The Revenue and Expense figures to follow were read for December 2010.

| | <u>REVENUE</u> | <u>EXPENSES</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|-----------------|
| <u>General</u> | 101,399.64 | 120,544.79 |
| <u>Highway</u> | 86,462.77 | 64,437.99 |
| <u>Water Dist. 1</u> | 58.70 | 7,692.82 |
| <u>Water Dist. 2</u> | 11.94 | 216.64 |
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| <u>Town Hall Project:</u> | | |
| H-Fund | 5 25 | 2,681.79 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town offices will be closed Monday, February 21st for Presidents Day

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from resident Bruce Doman of Callaghan Boulevard in regards to problems with the drainage ditches on his street. He stated that the steepness of the ditches makes it very difficult to mow. Supervisor Grattidge said that a copy of the letter was given to the Highway Superintendent.

A letter was received from resident and Real Estate Appraiser Margaret Dennis regarding the issues with the Assessor's Department and the methodology of assessing values on properties. She said that due to the lack of training and certification of the two current assessors, she would urge the Board to appoint Vicky Hayner who is State Certified, to fill the vacancy in the department.

Supervisor Grattidge said that he has received additional correspondence from the Saratoga County Sewer District #1 regarding the expansion of the sewer district to include additional Towns in the County. He stated that the Towns would not be taxed until the system was in place.

A letter was received from resident Michael Barnick of Maple Avenue thanking the Highway Department for the tree clearing and culvert cleaning work that was done near his home.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dog Control – Rick Trzeciak reported that there were 10 dog calls including 3 dog bites in the month of January.

Highway – The work for the month has primarily been plowing and sanding of roads.

Planning – The Board met on January 17th and discussed 3 subdivision applications, 2 new applications in Deer Run and 3 referrals.

Zoning – For January, 2 building permits were issued, 10 CO's were issued and \$180.00 was collected.

Constables – For January, there were 26 patrols, 13 tickets were issued, and they responded to 4 accidents.

Water – The Superintendent is in the process of getting estimates for replacement of skylights and door repairs. They recently met the company for the painting of the Water Tower.

Library – The Town of Ballston Library is assessing ways to meet the long range plans of the library.

Communications – The Committee recently met with VTH, and will begin working with the Town departments to gather information for the website.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 69 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOWN OF CHARLTON 2011 BUDGET IN ORDER TO MAKE A PAYMENT ON THE TOWN OF CHARLTON BOND ANTICIPATION NOTE RELATIVE TO THE NEW TOWN HALL be approved.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, 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. 70 – A RESOLUTION TO ORDER POSTED ROADS IN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON WITH A FOUR TON GROSS WEIGHT LIMIT ON A TEMPORARY BASIS be approved.

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

Councilman Gardner said that recently the purchase of a new computer for the Zoning Office was authorized. They are also in need of a monitor which will cost approximately \$125.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilman Verola to authorize the purchase of a computer monitor for the Zoning office.

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

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Verola asked the Board to look over the Dog Control Report that was submitted for January and give her feedback if there is additional information that they would like to see.

Councilman Lippiello thanked the Seniors for inviting the Town Board to their Valentine luncheon. He stated that the luncheon was well attended and a very enjoyable time.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Karen Peper of Eastern Avenue said that she has been a resident of Charlton for 18 years and prefers not to deal with the Town or Town Officials. She stated that in 2007 she had problems with her assessment and her dog license. She has recently been looking for information regarding using the Community Center for Girl Scout meetings. She did not feel that the Town offices are open enough hours and accessible for working people, was not happy with the service that she received from the Town Clerk, was not happy with the letter that she received from the Dog Control Officer, and stated that she left messages for Town Offices that were not returned. She said she asked for a book of Town policies and was told that there was none.

Sharon Cronin of Callaghan Boulevard said that she finds the 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. hours of the Town Hall are not accessible to the working public.

The meeting adjourned at 8:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk