

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

March 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 Verola, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney Van Vranken.

Excused: Councilman Salisbury

Supervisor Grattidge lead the pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to accept the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting held on February 28, 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 160 - 205 as set forth in Abstract #105 in the amount of \$39,962.41.

Discussion: Councilman Gardner said that there was a voucher in the abstract to repair the Bookkeeper's printer and the amount of the voucher exceeded the \$300 limit for pre-approved expenditures and in fairness to other employees that have to have pre-approval, the rule needs to be followed. Supervisor Grattidge said that this rule does not apply to repair parts. Councilman Lippiello asked Mike Emerich, Highway Superintendent, about the drive shaft that what made for a mower. Mr. Emerich said that a new part would have been over \$4,000.00 so it was a cost savings to have the drive shaft made.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$660.50 for the month of February. \$598.50 was paid to the Supervisor and \$62.00 was paid to other Governmental Agencies.

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 February I attended 9 Town meetings and 8 County meetings.

Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended Congressmen Gibson's Advisory Committee on Agriculture
- Worked with the Communication Committee on the new town web site
- Attended the 3 day NYSAC legislative conference in Albany
- Held our annual review of our Insurance Policy
- Attended workshops for the Community Center Use Policy and Water District
- Worked on the new sound system for the meeting room
- Attended the 3 day Assoc. of Towns Annual meeting in NYC
- Went to Lobby Day with Saratoga Plan in Albany

	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
<u>General</u>	12,619.01	162,091.01
<u>Highway</u>	83,785.00	46,717.99
<u>Water Dist. 1</u>	0.00	6,120.78
<u>Water Dist. 2</u>	0.00	143.78
<u>Town Hall Project:</u>		
H-Fund	0.00	3,631.24

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway - General Operations:

Clean around out catch basins and Hydrants

Push back drifts

Plow Snow, Sand and Salt Roads

Patch holes dirt and paved roads

Clean sidewalks at town hall

Equipment Repair:

Misc. Repairs to trucks and plows

Work on arm mower replacing rotor and knives

Miscellaneous Work:

Change thermostat in community center

Secured new desk in court room to floor

Mr. Emerich said that he does have some use of his Williamson Highway Software, but did not feel that he needed to pay the annual \$385 software agreement because there are not useful updates to the program.

Dog Control – 7 calls were received for February.

Planning Board – The Board met on February 21st and discussed three subdivision applications.

Historic District Commission – At the March 16th meeting, a discussion was held regarding the changing the Y intersection at Stage and Charlton Road to a T.

Zoning – One building permit and 11 C/Os were issued in February.

Constables – In February, there were 23 patrols, responded to 5 complaints, 4 911 calls and 2 accidents. The Board will be setting up a meeting with a representative to discuss options for new vests for the constables.

Water – The proposal is currently being reviewed by EDP, and it is possible that the Tower could be painted this year. They will develop proposals for just the painting, and will also look at possible add-ons of continuing maintenance and the possibility of extending the painting payments over a five year period.

Party in the Park – The date has been set for June 4th. So far, a band and fireworks have lined up for the event.

Veterans Board – Councilman Lippiello said that there is a local Boy Scout that is seeking to work on his Eagle Scout project. He would like to have his project be repairs to the deterioration of the Veterans Board sign, and has worked with Olson Signs to put together different proposals of how that could be done. He has presented his ideas to the Scouting Council and is awaiting their approval.

Councilman Gardner asked Councilman Lippiello what the status was of the doors and skylights at the pump house. Councilman Lippiello said that there is no new update.

ECC – This year there is no bulk item pick-up or hazardous waste collection. There is money in the budget this year for software for updating the MS4 requirements.

Historian – Mrs. Linder said that her office is very busy filing all of the information collected by previous Historians, cataloging the information and making a database of the information. She thanked Nancy Wilson for all of her volunteer help to get the information into the database. She is working with Pine Grove Cemetery to update the headstones.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

A **motion** was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 76 – A RESOLUTION RESCINDING TOWN BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING RESOLUTION #52 be approved.

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

A **motion** was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 77 – A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 from A-1990.4-Contingency to A-5132.4 – Heat-garage IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,000 FOR THE INCREASED COST OF HEATING OIL be approved.

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

A **motion** was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 78 – A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 from A-1990.4-Contingency to A-1620.411 – Buildings – Other IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000 for HOURS OF OPERATION SIGN, REPAIR TO FUEL SYSTEM, BUILDING SUPPLIES be approved.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

No one chose to speak.

The meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk