

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

**May 9, 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.

Excused: Councilman Lippiello

Supervisor Grattidge lead the pledge of Allegiance.

**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 April 25, 2011.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT**

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Salisbury to accept General Fund claim numbers 291 – 333 as set forth in Abstract #109 in the amount of \$29,730.65.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$627.75 for the month of April. \$387.46 was paid to the Supervisor and \$240.29 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 April, I attended 5 Town meetings and 6 County meetings.  
Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended working meetings on: New Town Web Site, Party in the Park planning committee, Water District Water Tank Project.
- Attended a demonstration for body armor for the Charlton Police
- Attended the 4-H Walkathon

|                           | <u>EXPENSE</u> | <u>REVENUE</u> |
|---------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| <u>General</u>            | 48,317.77      | 13,273.05      |
| <u>Highway</u>            | 54,225.78      | 109,619.60     |
| <u>Water Dist. 1</u>      | 26,742.85      | 0.00           |
| <u>Water Dist. 2</u>      | 149.79         | 0.00           |
|                           |                |                |
| <u>Town Hall Project:</u> |                |                |
| H-Fund                    | 3,489.29       | 0.00           |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Saratoga County Magistrates & Court Clerks Association will hold their quarterly meeting in the Town Hall Court Room on May 31<sup>st</sup> at 6:30 p.m.

The May Town Board Agenda meeting will be on Tuesday May 31<sup>st</sup> at 7:30 p.m. The Town offices will be closed on Monday May 30<sup>th</sup> in observance of Memorial Day.

Grievance Day is May 24<sup>th</sup> from 2-4 p.m. and 6-8 p.m.

**DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Highway - **General Operations:**

- Remove 4 ton weight limit signs on town roads
- Chip brush town wide
- Patch holes around town on paved and dirt roads
- Fix washouts on shoulders where water was flowing on road surface
- Sweep all town roads
- Mow parks and clean up winter damage
- Trimming trees
- Haul Gravel
- Replace Culverts on eastern ave. and Hillandale Dr.

**Equipment Repair:**

- Clean and lube sanders for summer storage
- Service grader
- Service trucks and loaders

**Miscellaneous Items:**

- Picked up a load off mulch for town hall
- Cleaned up bags from roadside clean up day

Constables – For April there were 26 patrols, 18 complaints handled, 8 911 calls, 2 accidents and issued 16 tickets.

Zoning – In April, 7 permits were issued, 5 CO's, and \$456.48 was collected in building fees and \$180 in Zoning fees.

Assessors – the two Assessors will be attending training classes. One Assessor will be attending a local class and one will be traveling to Cornell University, which will result in disparity in the cost.

Planning Board – The Board met on April 18<sup>th</sup>, held a Public Hearing and deliberated on one subdivision application.

ECC – The April 30<sup>th</sup> Roadside clean-up was very successful this year, as well as the tree giveaway. Marv Schorr thanked Smith's Orchard Bake Shop for donating several dozen cider donuts, and the Charlton General Store for donating the coffee & condiments. He also thanked the Highway Department for picking up the trash bags.

Seniors – a new meal center has begun at the Town of Ballston Town Hall for people over 60 years of age. A small donation is requested but not mandatory. It will also be the pickup location for Meals on Wheels.

Parks – work is being done on the Memorial sign in Gideon Hawley Park.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 86 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO PUBLISH A NOTICE TO BIDDERS REGARDING CERTAIN MISCELLANEOUS WATER TOWER REPAIRS/RECONFIGURATION OF THE WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM AT THE EXISTING WATER TOWER be approved

Roll Call: 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. 87 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF TOWN FUNDS TO CELEBRATE FOUNDERS DAY WEEKEND IN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON be approved.

Roll Call: 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. 88 – A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 FROM A-1990.4-CONTINGENCY TO A-5132.4 -HEAT-GARAGE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1800.00 FOR INCREASED COST OF HEATING OIL be approved.

Roll Call: 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. 89 – A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 FROM DA-5142.1 - SNOW REMOVAL-PERSONAL SERVICES TO DA-5142.406 – SNOW REMOVAL-GAS/DIESEL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,700.00 FOR THE INCREASED COST OF FUEL be approved.

Roll Call: 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 to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Military Aircraft Hold Harmless Agreement to land the helicopter in Elmer Smith Park for Party in the Park on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2011.

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

### **COUNCILMAN REPORTS**

Councilman Gardner thanked Town Clerk Brenda Mills for her recent help with getting the Town set up with the Federal Government program to apply for a grant for the Body Armor vests for the Constables.

Councilman Verola also thanked the Town Clerk for taking the time to assist with the grant program, and she thanked the Highway Department for their help with the roadside clean-up.

Councilman Salisbury said that he is working with the Town Departments as part of the Town Audits.

**PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

John Blowers and Jim Maughan from the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake Board of Education gave a presentation to the Town Board of the 2011-2012 proposed budget, entitled "Making Tough Choices Together". They discussed how they arrived at the proposed budget, sources of income and cost cutting measures that they are planning on making. The budget vote is May 17<sup>th</sup> from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m.

Laura Linder said that the annual flag marking of Veteran's graves will be done on May 14<sup>th</sup> at 9 a.m. The Memorial Day ceremony held at Gideon Hawley on May 30<sup>th</sup> will be celebrating the 150<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the civil war.

The meeting adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills  
Town Clerk