

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

October 11, 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 led 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 September 26, 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 633 – 663 as set forth in Abstract #119 in the amount of \$153,881.79.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$2,537.75 for the month of September. \$495.79 was paid to the Supervisor and \$2,041.96 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

SUPERVISOR'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS

For the month of September, I attended 8 Town meetings and 8 County meetings. Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town meetings
- Worked with the Communication Committee on the new Town Web Site
- Worked with the Town Board on the annual Town Audit
- Worked on Explore Charlton Weekend
- Presented the Tentative Town Budget for 2012
- Held a Budget Workshop with the Town Board
- Attended the first meeting with FEMA concerning Hurricane Irene
- Attended the Saratoga County Board of Supervisor's Veterans Concert
- Attended the NYSAC Fall Conference in Lake Placid
- Attended a meeting of Congressman Gibson Ag Advisory Committee

	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
<u>General</u>	69,996.65	131,489.14
<u>Highway</u>	49,643.87	39,281.69
<u>Water Dist. 1</u>	6,163.26	81.61
<u>Water Dist. 2</u>	143.78	8.28
<u>Town Hall Project:</u>		
H-Fund	.00	1.02

ANNOUNCEMENTS

A Town Board budget workshop will be held on 10/13 at 7pm in the Town Hall meeting room.

The Public Hearing for the Preliminary Town Budget will be held October 31 at 7pm.

All three Fire Districts in the Town will hold their budget meetings on October 18th.

The Highway Department will be doing brush pick up the week of November 7 – 11th.

COMMUNICATIONS

A letter was received from Blue Neils, the Stormwater Management Coordinator at Cornell Cooperative Extension, regarding a groundwater and drainage complaint on 8 Cornelia Avenue. Mr. Neils met with Bruce Gardner and Mike Emerich at the location for a consult regarding the issue. He noted that this year's rainfall has been significant and has raised ground water levels all over the region. This has contributed to the high water table in the McKenney property, as well as the fact that surrounding water has no where to drain. He could find no evidence that road work done by the Highway Department had any impact, positive or negative, on the drainage issues. He suggested waiting until the water has abated and in normal rainfall conditions see what the conditions are like.

A letter/report was received from The Saratoga County Fire Coordinator reviewing the highlights of the action taken after Hurricane Irene. The report noted that Harmony Corners Fire Department was one of 15 Fire Departments that assisted the Waterford Fire Department with pumping out 168 of the homes of residents that were affected by the flood.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Dog Control – For the month of September, there were 3 dog complaint calls received.

Planning Board – The Board met on September 19th and deliberated on 2 subdivision applications and 1 lot line adjustment. They have scheduled a Public Hearing on October 17th for the Charlton School for Girls.

Water – The mixer will be installed next week, landscaping is done and a new valve is supposed to be installed soon.

Zoning – For the month of September, there were 7 building permits issued for a total of \$970.08 and 1 zoning fee of \$90 was collected. Seven CO/CUs were issued.

Constables – For the month, there were 22 patrols, 9 tickets issued and 1 accident assisted.

The constables are experiencing problems with the cell phone that they use while on patrol. The cost to upgrade the phone would be approximately \$140.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to authorize the Constables to upgrade their cell phone for an approximate cost of \$140.00.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No.131 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING SUBMISSION BY ALL NECESSARY PARTIES TO COMPLY WITH TOWN LAW SECTION 123 REGARDING THE ANNUAL ACCOUNTING BY TOWN OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES be accepted.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 132 – A RESOLUTION ESTABLISHING OCTOBER 31, 2011 AS THE DATE FOR A PUBLIC HEARING CONCERNING THE TOWN OF CHARLTON ANNUAL BUDGET FOR 2012 be approved.

Roll Call: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, 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. 133 – A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 FROM A-1680.2 – CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING – EQUIPMENT TO A-1680.4 – CENTRAL DATA PROCESSING – CONTRACTUAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$2,430.00 FOR ADDITIONAL HOURS OF ENABLE BUSINESS SOLUTIONS be approved.

Roll Call: 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. 134 – A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 FROM A-1990.4 – CONTINGENCY TO A-3120.411 – CONSTABLES – CONTRACTUAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$3,000.00 FOR VEST PURCHASE be approved

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

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 135 – A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 FROM A-1990.4 – CONTINGENCY TO A-9710.702 – DEBT SERVICE - INTEREST IN THE AMOUNT OF \$35.42 FOR ADDITIONAL INTEREST ON \$300,000 TOWN HALL BOND be approved

Roll Call: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, 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 enter into an agreement with Relyea Construction for the emergency roof replacement in the back of the Community Center.

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

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Gardner said he received an e-mail from Ed Malis regarding a status of the water/drainage problem on Beechwood and Sequioa. If it is a true trout stream, they will need approval from DEC. Marv Schorr said that cleaning the culvert on Stage Road may help. The Town Engineer may need to get involved.

Councilman Verola asked if the weed treatment was going to be done this fall at Town Hall. The Board had no objection.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

George Eggleston of Florence Avenue said that he is having a problem with stray cats in his yard and asked if the Board was planning on doing anything about cats running at large. The Board said that they were not aware that there was a problem. Further discussion was held but no action was taken.

The meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk