

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

**November 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 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 Budget Public Hearing held on October 31, 2011.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to accept the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting held on October 31, 2011.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

**APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT**

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to accept General Fund claim numbers 714 – 735 as set forth in Abstract #121 in the amount of \$27,307.31.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

**TOWN CLERKS REPORT**

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$1,220.00 for the month of October. \$755.14 was paid to the Supervisor and \$464.86 was paid to other Governmental Agencies.

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

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays. CARRIED

**SUPERVISOR'S REPORT & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

For the month of October, I attended 6 Town meetings and 5 County meetings. Some of the highlights of the month:

- Attended normal Town meetings
- Worked with the Communication Committee on the new Town Web Site

- Held four Workshops on the 2012 Town Budget
- Attended a benefit event for the Saratoga County Animal Shelter

	<u>EXPENSE</u>	<u>REVENUE</u>
<u>General</u>	180,456.48	120,795.22
<u>Highway</u>	84,988.69	1,842.67
<u>Water Dist. 1</u>	16,999.10	87.25
<u>Water Dist. 2</u>	144.75	7.04
<u>Town Hall Project:</u>		
H-Fund	2,744.19	1.00

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Town Hall will be closed for the Thanksgiving holiday on November 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>.

### **COMMUNICATIONS**

The Saratoga County Department of Social Services will begin taking applications for HEAP assistance on November 16<sup>th</sup>.

National Grid began construction of the towers for the power line project in October.

EDP has released the results of the Annual Stream Testing with water samplings from the culvert under Stage Road and the Alplaus Kill east of Cornelius Drive. The samples were consistent for the past six years and there were no concerns.

### **DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Dog Control – There were 12 dog complaints, 1 dog seized, and 1 Court Action for the month of October.

Planning Board – The Board met on October 17th for a Public Hearing and deliberated on 2 site plan application reviews.

Highway – In October, the Department unplugged culverts, did brush work, worked on sanders, roadwork and equipment repair.

Constables - For the month of October, there were 24 patrols, 24 complaints, 11 911 calls, 2 accidents and 15 tickets written.

Zoning - In October they collected \$397 for 3 permits and building and zoning fees. In addition, they have been working on closing out old CO/CCs. One permit was closed out that went back to 2003. Note for the record: 20 of the files had no final inspections, but the files were closed so that the information could be given to the Assessors. A correction was made to the August report, correcting permit #1150 to read 11-011.

Water – Mr. Morgan met with the Crooked Street development construction crew. They are putting in and paving a section of road into the development and plan to have a section of water and power lines in. They plan to have that done before snowfall.

Library – The Town of Ballston Library is having a problem with drainage on the roof with clogs from leaves. The Town of Ballston bucket truck can not reach that high, so Councilman Lippiello stated that he asked Mike Emerich, Highway Superintendent to go over and help with the Charlton bucket truck.

Attorney Van Vranken said he is working with Planning Board Attorney Bill Keniry and the Town Engineer on the Capital Realty/Deer Run project. They are working on getting corrected documentation with respect to required insurance certificates. Bill Keniry's office has submitted an escrow agreement to deal with the substantial check deposit that has been submitted to the Bookkeeper. Site work is beginning.

Veteran Committee – They are working on the new sign. The structure is up, and they need people to review the list on the Town's website to make sure that the Veteran's names are listed.

Communications Committee – Mrs. Bourne stated that the website done and the Committee is no longer active.

Historian – Mrs. Linder promoted the Historical Society's Decorate Your Door program as well as the activities at Brookside Museum. She thanked Howard Eskin for the pictures and information board that he put together.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 143 - A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON OF THE TOWN BUDGET FOR 2012 be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 144 - A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 FROM A-1660.4-CENTRAL STOREROOM- CONTRACTUAL TO A-1620.420-BUILDINGS-HEATING/ELECTRICITY IN THE AMOUNT OF \$1,900.00 FOR ADDITIONAL COST OF HEATING/ELECTRICITY THRU THE END OF YEAR be approved.

Discussion: Councilman Gardner said he does not feel that this amount will cover to the end of the year based on previous year's experience.

Roll Call: Councilman Gardner: Nay, 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. 145 - A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 FROM A-3120.413-CONSTABLES-VEHICLE MAINTENANCE TO A-3120.406-CONSTABLES-GAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$400.00 FOR ADDITIONAL COST OF CONSTABLE'S GAS USE 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. 146 - A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 FROM A-7110.2-PARKS-EQUIPMENT TO A-7110.416-PARKS-MAINTENANCE IN THE AMOUNT OF \$18.63 FOR ADDITIONAL COST OF GAS USAGE FOR PARKS be approved.

Discussion: Councilman Gardner asked if this is the same fund that the Veterans Board payment is coming from.

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. 147 – A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 FROM DA-5110.414–HIGHWAY– ROAD CONSTRUCTION TO DA-5110.406–HIGHWAY– DIESEL/GAS IN THE AMOUNT OF \$4,750 FOR ADDITIONAL COST OF GAS USAGE FOR ROAD CONSTRUCTION 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. 148 – A BUDGET TRANSFER FOR BUDGET YEAR 2011 FROM DA-9010.8–HIGHWAY–EMPLOYEE BENEFITS-RETIREMENT TO DA-5130.4–HIGHWAY–MACHINERY-CONTRACTUAL IN THE AMOUNT OF \$5,505 FOR ADDITIONAL COST OF MACHINERY REPAIR be approved

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

### **COUNCILMAN REPORTS**

Councilman Gardner confirmed with the Town Clerk that the Zoning Department has been given a panic button.

Councilman Verola wanted to alert residents to a recent theft in the middle of the day on Cornelia Lane. Tools were stolen from the back of a pick-up truck.

Councilman Lippiello wanted to thank everyone involved with the rapid removal of election signs after the election.

Councilman Verola said that she received requests from residents in Election District 3 to have signs in Town Hall on Election Days to let them know that they are to vote on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor.

### **PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR**

Terry Ostrander, Western Avenue, said that he informed the Board in August of a water problem on his property and to this point the Highway Superintendent has done nothing. He said it was to be a joint solution with him and the Town. He also stated that roadwork was done on Western Avenue, and the Highway Department has not yet fixed the driveway ends. He has a 10 inch drop-off that needs to be fixed.

Karen Bliss said that she would like to see the LaRue family receive recognition for the historic records that they donated to the County. She said that the records included very old information and stories all pertaining to Charlton.

William Vogt, Crane Street, said that he had an issue with the auction of the Grabo property. The Town would not allow Mr. Grabo to subdivide and sell him a section of the property. He asked the Board if they were aware that the foreclosure sale was to auction only part of the property. Attorney Van Vranken said that the property has not been subdivided and they cannot auction only part of the property.

Lovie Bourne said that she has formed a committee called Zip Code Discrimination. Charlton has 6 zip codes, 2 of which are in Schenectady County and Montgomery County. These residents are sometimes charged the higher sales tax rate of the other counties, the sales tax gets paid to other counties, as well as having their insurance rates, etc. affected by their zip code. She asked the Board if they would support such a committee. The Board did not object, however it is not a Town Committee. Suzanne Voigt said that she does not feel it is right for the Board to support the Committee since it is not a Town Committee and the Board has no say or control over what they do. Mrs. Bourne asked the Supervisor if he could ask the County Treasurer how much sales tax revenue the County is losing because of this issue.

The meeting adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills  
Town Clerk