

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

September 27, 2010

The Agenda 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 7:36 pm.

Present: Councilman Gardner, Councilman Lippiello, Councilman Salisbury, Councilman Verola, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney Robert Van Vranken

Supervisor Grattidge announced that this meeting is to set the Agenda for the regular meeting of the Town Board on Tuesday, October 12, 2010.

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept General Fund claim numbers 1605 - 1630 as set forth in Abstract #118 in the amount of \$ 22,711.48 and General Fund claim numbers 911 – 913 as set forth in Abstract #99109 in the amount of \$2,534.24.

Discussion: Councilman Gardner said that vouchers #1618 and #1620 were bills from Attorney Van Vranken, and were charged at the rate of \$175 per hour however his contract with the Town states the rate to be \$150. per hour. Attorney Van Vranken agreed to allow the vouchers to be adjusted to \$150 per hour. The Board also stated that they were unaware of the legal work that the Attorney was doing regarding the new subdivision and Capital Realty. Attorney Van Vranken stated that he was brought into the matter by the client and Planning Board Attorney Keniry. He has taken care of a few issues, but refers the client back to Attorney Keniry. He stated that he would be happy to copy the Board on e-mails to help keep them in the loop.

No vote was taken. Motion died.

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept General Fund claim numbers 1605 - 1630 as set forth in Abstract #118 with adjustments made to vouchers #1618 and #1620, bringing the new adjusted amount of \$ 22,548.98 and General Fund claim numbers 911 – 913 as set forth in Abstract #99109 in the amount of \$2,534.24

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Salisbury to accept the minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on September 13, 2010.

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

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town offices will be closed October 11th in observance of Columbus Day. The October Town Board meeting will be held Tuesday October 12th.

DISCUSSION

The sales tax for the month was \$98,045 and the mortgage tax was \$10,569.

The Supervisor made reference to a proposed Local Law regarding change in Dog Licensing that Councilman Verola and Town Clerk Mills created. The proposed Law was sent to Attorney Van Vranken for review and editing. The Board will review and discuss changes and set a date for a public hearing at the next meeting.

The Supervisor reminded everyone of the closure of Route 67 scheduled on October 4th.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the Town had a very successful Explore Charlton weekend and he thanked the venues, vendors and volunteers for their time, effort and donations.

Supervisor Grattidge said that the initial bidder, Capital Masonry Contractors, accepted for the repair of the Highway Garage, was unable to obtain the required insurance certificates and therefore his acceptance must be terminated. The Board would like to accept the bid of United Chimney and Waterproofing. Mr. Emerich said that the new company will be able to begin the work at the beginning of October.

Mr. Emerich said that he went over budget with the repaving of Imperial Lane and Duesler Court, and would like to transfer money from his snow removal accounts to cover it. The Board will need to authorize the transfer by resolution at the next meeting.

The Board discussed the option to renew a maintenance contract from Eastern Copier for the back-up copier on the second floor. Due to the limited usage of the machine, the Board decided that they would not renew the contract at a rate of \$506 annually.

The Board set dates for budget workshops. The workshops will be October 6th and 7th at 7:30 p.m.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 109 – A RESOLUTION TERMINATING THE BID OF KEVIN T. JOHNSON d/b/a CAPITAL MASONRY CONTRACTORS AND REGARDING CERTAIN REPAIRS TO A PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY GARAGE FACILITY 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 Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 110 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO ACCEPT THE BID OF UNITED CHIMNEY & WATERPROOFING, MICHAEL BRACHT, PRESIDENT, AND REGARDING CERTAIN REPAIRS TO A PORTION OF THE HIGHWAY GARAGE FACILITY be approved.

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

Members of the Technology Advisory Board discussed with the Board their recommendations for a new sound system for the Town Hall meeting room. The new system will have microphones for the Town Board members and another for the podium. The system has the ability to add a recording device that will capture the sound from the microphones and provide a more clear recording than is currently available with the tape and tape recorder system.

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to authorize the purchase of the sound system from Audio Visual Sound Systems in the amount of \$4,361.80.

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

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Laura Linder stated that October is Archives month. She also suggested that possibly the Town could apply for grant money to restore an old map.

Lovie Bourne asked about the sensitivity of the microphones being purchased. She also wanted to know if residents are being informed of the Route 67 closure.

The meeting adjourned at: 9:02 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk