

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

February 8, 2010

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 7:35pm.

Present: Councilman Gardner, Councilman Lippiello, Councilman Salisbury, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney VanVranken.

Absent: Councilman Verola

Supervisor Grattidge lead the pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to accept the minutes of the Town Board Organizational Meeting held on January 4, 2010.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept the minutes of the Town Board Meeting held on January 11, 2010.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Salisbury to accept the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting held on January 25, 2010.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

APPROVAL OF ABSTRACT

A motion was made by Councilman Salisbury and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept General Fund claim numbers 1060-1094 as set forth in Abstract #103 in the amount of \$72,608.69

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays *CARRIED*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$355.25 for the month of January. \$190.50 was paid to the Supervisor and \$164.75 was paid to other Governmental Agencies.

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

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays *CARRIED*

The Town Clerk has received seasonal volleyball court reservations for Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evening from June 22nd through September 10.

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Gardner to authorize the Town Clerk to approve the seasonal volleyball court applications.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays, *CARRIED*

The Town Clerk reported that the Town has received a check for \$15,816.00 which is the first 50% of the approved technology grant.

The Town Clerk said that she passed the Notary Public exam in December and has recently received her license, stamp and seal. Notary services are now available to residents.

SUPERVISORS REPORT

For the month of January I attended 13 Town meetings and 10 County meetings. Some of the highlights of the month:

- Worked on the remodeling project for the Old Town Hall Community Center
- Worked on the heating system of the New Town Hall
- Attended the Public Hearing for the Charlton Fire Dept.
- Worked with the TAB on upgrading the Town computer system
- Met with the new Highway Supt. and Councilman from Glenville
- Met with Scott Messineo from the Comptroller's Office about the Town Annual Audit
- Attended the all day Saratoga County Planning Conference
- Worked on the Job Description project
- Attended the West Charlton Fire Dept. Installation of Officers

	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
<u>General</u>	2,272.22	30,237.83
<u>Highway</u>	0.00	19,350.29
<u>Water Dist. 1</u>	137,059.40	50,826.26
<u>Water Dist. 2</u>	2,279.00	142.93
<u>Town Hall Project</u>		
H-Fund	49.38	1,936.00

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town offices will be closed February 15, 2010 For Presidents Day.

There will be a meeting of the Party in the Park and the Explore Charlton Committee on-February 10th at 7:30pm.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Town Engineer, per DEC requirements, has provided a binder which includes five years of documentation of the Town's Storm Water Management Plan. The binder is available at the Town Clerk's office for public viewing.

Supervisor Grattidge read an article that was submitted to The Gazette by Dave and Linda Green. The article thanked friends, neighbors and members of the public for all of their support since the fire destroyed their home.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Library – Councilman Lippiello said that the Galway Library has seen an increase in circulation. They have handled over 3,300 interlibrary requests. The Town of Ballston Library was upset of the reduced funding from the Town again this year. They have contemplated reducing hours but have decided to make cuts in other ways. The Councilman suggested that they be given more notice when their funding is affected.

Planning Board – The Board has been busy with 7 applications, 5 subdivision applications, 1 lot line change and 2 referrals from the ZBA.

Zoning – Zoning issued one permit and 9 CO/CUs in January.

Newsletter – Notice has just gone out the articles are due by February 26th for the spring newsletter.

Constables – For January, there were 27 patrols, 26 tickets were issued and 10 complaints and 6 911 calls were responded to.

Technology Advisory Board – The Board has made recommendations to the Town Board of companies to handle the Town's computer system.

Communications – The first meeting of this new committee will be held this week.

Historian – Laura Linder said that she has a table outside of her office that has informational materials for the public.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMTIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Salisbury that Resolution No. 58 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 36 WHICH WAS APPROVED AT THE TOWN BOARD'S ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING ON JANUARY 4, 2010 be approved.

Roll call vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye *Approved*

A motion was made by Councilman Salisbury and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 59 – A RESOLUTION TO ORDER POSTED ROADS IN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON WITH A FOUR TON GROSS WEIGHT LIMIT ON A TEMPORARY BASIS be approved.

Roll call vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye *Approved*

A motion was made by Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 59 – A RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE TOWN OF CHARLTON FARMLAND PROTECTION PLAN AS AN AMENDMENT TO THE 2007 TOWN COMPREHENSIVE PLAN AND FURTHER DETERMINING A NEGATIVE DECLARATION WITH RESPECT TO SUCH ACTION UNDER APPLICABLE SECTIONS OF THE STATE ENVIRONMENTAL QUALITY REVIEW ACT (SEQRA) be approved.

Discussion: Councilman Salisbury asked what the final paragraph meant when it states “whatever actions are required to implement the approvals and determinations set forth in this resolution”. Attorney VanVranken said that there is still work to be done. The SEQR form needs to be filed with the County and then after 30 days the official filing must be done with the State.

Roll call vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye *Approved*

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Salisbury to authorize the Supervisor to sign an annual agreement with Sanders Fire & Safety for annual alarm system inspections.

Roll call vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye *Approved*

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Salisbury to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Professional Service Agreement for Legal services with Attorney VanVranken.

Roll call vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye *Approved*

A motion was made by Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to authorize the Census Bureau to use the Town Hall for the purpose of census worker training and testing.

Roll call vote: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye *Approved*

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Lippiello thanked the Technology Advisory Board for their work on server/network recommendations. He said he would like a report from the Highway Superintendent listing what equipment they have and a schedule of replacement so that there are not surprises of equipment needs.

Councilman Salisbury said that he has begun gathering information from the Tax Collector for an audit and soon will begin audits of other departments.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Laura Linder asked the Supervisor if he knew when the rural areas of Charlton would be getting cable access. Supervisor Grattidge said unfortunately Time Warner is a privately owned company and there is no way to force them to install cable in the remote areas. A suggestion was made to use an air card for wireless internet use.

The meeting adjourned at 8:22pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk