

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

May 10, 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, Councilman Verola, Supervisor Grattidge, Town Clerk Brenda Mills, Attorney VanVranken.

Supervisor Grattidge lead the pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to accept the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting held on April 26, 2010.

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 1293-1317 as set forth in Abstract #109 in the amount of \$7,622.41.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays *CARRIED*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$303.25 for the month of April. \$129.66 was paid to the Supervisor and \$173.59 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*

The Town Clerk informed the Board that additional requests were made by the Cub Scouts that had already reserved Elmer Smith Park for June 19th. They would like to have Bounces By Sunshine bring a Bouncy-bounce and Windrifter bring a Hot-Air balloon to their picnic. The Board discussed the liability issue and decided that they will contact the Town's insurance carrier to see how much liability coverage they should require from these vendors, and the Board would like more information regarding the Hot-Air balloon demonstration. They will make a decision based on more information at the next Board meeting.

The Town Clerk said that she spoke to E-nable regarding backing up e-mails now that the server is in place. Mike Sullivan of E-nable said that the e-mail data can very easily be stored on each pc and backed up daily on the server. This will eliminate having the email data being stored offsite and will save the Town the storage fees.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner to allow E-nable to configure the Town's computers to store e-mail data.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays *CARRIED*

SUPERVISORS REPORT

For the month of April I attended 15 Town meetings and 10 County meetings. Some of the highlights of the month:

- Continued the planning for Party in the Park Family Day and Explore Charlton
- Attended a meeting of Sundae on the Farm that will be held in Charlton
- Attended a demonstration of new accounting software for the Supervisors Office
- Attended the Ribbon Cutting Ceremony for TEC-SMART in Malta
- Attended the 4-H Walkathon at the Training Center on Middleline Rd.
- Met with the HVAC contractor on the outstanding punch list
- Met with 2 sound vendors for the main meeting room
- Met with the Communication Committee about the Town Web site

	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
<u>General</u>	10,735.51	50,889.05
<u>Highway</u>	114,236.80	26,121.42
<u>Water Dist. 1</u>	0.00	27,696.52
<u>Water Dist. 2</u>	0.00	149.78
<u>Town Hall Project</u>		
H-Fund	0.00	9,521.30

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Household Hazardous Waste forms were received from the County and are available at the Town Clerk's office for residents.

The Town's Bulk Item Pickup was successful with approximately 123 tons of items being picked up. The cost to the Town is expected to be under the budgeted amount.

COMMUNICATIONS

The Town of Ballston Library's 2009 annual report is available at the Town Clerk's office.

Applications for the 2010 Saratoga County Farmland Protection and Open Space Preservation Grant Program are available at the Town Clerk's Office.

There has been a request from Congressman Scott Murphy's office to hold a Congressional Field Office Day in Charlton. The Board agreed that they would allow the Town Hall to be used during normal business hours.

The Town has received the reassessment of the New Town Hall. The building was previously assessed at \$39,100 and the 2010 assessed value is \$2,139,596.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Verbal reports were given for the Library, Parks Committee, Highway, and Historian.

The Zoning office issued 6 building permits in April.

The Planning Board met on April 19th and deliberated on 4 subdivision applications, 2 pre-applications and 3 referrals.

The Constables had 26 patrols, issued 25 tickets and responded to 19 complaints in April.

Elizabeth Herkenham and John Blowers, representative from the Burnt Hills Ballston Lake School Board gave a presentation regarding the upcoming school budget vote. The school board has been diligently looking into ways to balance their budget. They are looking at a 2.2% tax increase based on the Governor's proposed \$1.6 million dollar cut in aid.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 76 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE TOWN COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE TO REMAP THE TOWN'S WEB SITE AND FOR THE TOWN BOARD TO NAME THE TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE TO BE THE CONTENT MANAGER FOR SUCH WEBSITE be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Salisbury that Resolution No. 77 – A RESOLUTION AMENDING THE TOWN OF CHARLTON BUDGET FOR 2010 WITH RESPECT TO THE RECEIPT OF FUNDS FROM SARATOGA COUNTY FOR KITCHEN RENOVATIONS COMPLETED IN THE CAHRTLON COMMUNITY CENTER be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 78 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING AN AMENDMENT TO THE EXCEPTIONAL USE PERMIT GRANTED TO MICHAEL J. MALONEY ON APRIL 27, 2009 IN ORDER TO REBUILD THE CHARLTON TAVERN be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Gardner and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 79 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE PROPOSAL FROM PROULX MECHANICAL, INC. TO COMPLETE THE HVAC SYSTEM FOR THE NEW TOWN HALL be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 80 – A RESOLUTION TO SUPPORT AND AGREE WITH THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF A MULTI-MUNICIPAL ACTIVITY TO BE KNOWN AS THE COOPERATIVE HOUSEHOLD HAZARDOUS WASTE COLLECTION DAY be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Gardner that Resolution No. 81 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RECORDS MANAGEMENT OFFICER (TOWN CLERK) TO PROVIDE A KEY FOR USE BY THE TOWN JUSTICES AND THEIR CLERK IN ORDER TO ACCESS TOWN OF CHARLTON JUSTICE COURT RECORDS be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 82 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXPENDITURE OF TOWN FUNDS TO CELEBRATE FOUNDERS DAY WEEKEND IN THE TOWN OF CHARLTON be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 83 – A TOWN OF CHARLTON PROCLAMATION IN HONOR OF JOHN K. KASKA be approved.

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

Supervisor Grattidge said that earlier today, there was a bid opening of the two bids received for a loader for the Highway Department. One bid was from Abele for \$98,000 and the other from Nortrax for \$76,400.

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 84 – A RESOLUTION ACCEPTING THE BID OF NORTRAX EQUIPMENT CO. TO SELL TO THE TOWN OF CHARLTON HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT A 2005 JOHN DEERE FOUR WHEEL DRIVE LOADER be approved.

A discussion ensued regarding the payment options. Supervisor Grattidge suggested that payment be made in 2 installments, one now for \$24,803 and one in May 2011 for \$24,803. This includes \$1200 for interest. Councilman Salisbury said that since the Town has the money now, why waste \$1200? Supervisor Grattidge said that he would rather keep the money in the Town's account in case of any other kind of emergency. Councilman Verola said since the interest is only \$1200, she agrees with the Supervisor.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello to accept the Payment Option to make two payments, one in 2010 and one in 2011.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 85 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE PURCHASE OF ACCOUNTING, BUDGET, PAYROLL AND UTILITY BILLING SOFTWARE be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola that Resolution No. 86 – A FOUNDER'S DAY RESOLUTION TO HONOR DONALD DAVIS AND CHARLTON'S VISUAL ARTISTS be approved.

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

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 87 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE SUPERVISOR TO EXECUTE THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO AGREEMENT AMONG THE TOWN OF CHARLTON TOWN BOARD, CAPITOL REAL ESTATE, INC. AND BORDEAU BUILDERS, INC. be approved.

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

Supervisor Grattidge said the main network switch is full for the Town's new computer network. He has a quote from E-nable for \$555.00 for a Dell XP166-Power Connect 2748 48-port gigabyte switch to add to the existing switch.

A **motion** was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola to authorize the Supervisor to purchase the Dell switch from E-nable.

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

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilmen Gardner and Verola thanked the Communications Committee for their time and effort in putting together the presentation for the Board.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Laura Linder asked if the Historic District Commission was consulted prior to making the amendment to the Maloney Exceptional Use Permit.

Torben Aabo spoke regarding the Friends of the Historic Corbin Farm. He said that the house was willed to a cat, and the home is in need of repair. He would like to start a petition to be presented to Trustco Bank, the trustee. He asked about leaving the petition at the Clerk's office for signatures. The Board thought that he should pursue other ways of collecting signatures.

George Eggleston asked if he has the option to grieve what he feels is an improper exemption coding. The Board said he is more than welcome to go before the Board of Assessment Review.

The meeting adjourned at 9:10pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk