

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

November 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 7:30pm.

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

Supervisor Grattidge lead the pledge of Allegiance.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola to accept the minutes of the Public Hearing held on October 25, 2010.

VOTE: All Ayes, No Nays. *CARRIED*

A motion was made by Councilman Lippiello and seconded by Councilman Verola to accept the minutes of the Town Board Agenda Meeting held on October 25, 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 1705-1728 as set forth in Abstract #121 in the amount of \$4,113.46, and General Fund claim numbers 916 – 924 as set forth in Abstract #99110 in the amount of \$2,810.92.

Discussion: Councilman Salisbury asked if the reason that the abstract was so low was because there were no vouchers from the Highway Department. Councilman Verola said that Mr. Emerich is supposedly caught up with his vouchers, and will be submitting them once a month.

Vote: All Ayes, No Nays *CARRIED*

TOWN CLERKS REPORT

The Town Clerk reported taking in \$842.25 for the month of October. \$199.75 was paid to the Supervisor and \$642.50 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*

SUPERVISORS REPORT

For the month of October I attended 6 Town meetings and 11 County meetings.

Some of the highlights of the month:

- Held workshops for the 2011 Town Budget
- Interviewed Health Insurance Brokers
- Attended Town events, FD Breakfast, Oktoberfest
- Attended the open house for Global Foundries
- Attended the CCE Annual meeting
- Attended the opening of the Global Foundries R&D Center
- Attended the opening of the last section of the Zim Smith Trail
- Attended the opening of the new County Animal Shelter
- Attended a meeting with the BHBL School Board on future growth in the area

	<u>REVENUE</u>	<u>EXPENSES</u>
<u>General</u>	101,471.36	161,975.97
<u>Highway</u>	1,955.86	46,854.48
<u>Water Dist. 1</u>	0.00	69,340.74
<u>Water Dist. 2</u>	0.00	144.75
<u>Town Hall Project:</u>		
H-Fund	1,237.50	360.75

ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town offices will be closed 11/11/10 for Veterans Day and 11/25 and 11/26 for Thanksgiving.

The ZBA has scheduled a meeting at 7pm and public hearing at 7:30pm on November 16th.

COMMUNICATIONS

Supervisor Grattidge said that during the closure of Route 67, a device that records traffic and speed was placed on Charlton Road. From October 5th to October 18th, 60,518 vehicles were recorded on Charlton Road with an average speed of 32.33 mph, and the highest recorded speed of 61 mph.

DEPARTMENT & COMMITTEE REPORTS

Highway – The following work was reported for October: Chipped brush town wide (Oct.25 to Oct.29), Unplug culverts where we have beaver problems, Patch pot holes, Trim trees and brush around signs, Working on sanders, Painting Sanders, Working on trucks getting ready for winter, Hauled ice control sand, NYSI done on truck's # 12.

Planning – The Board met on October 18th for a Public Hearing and deliberated on 3 subdivision applications. On November 13th, the Board will do a site visit on the lands of William Grabo.

Water – John Morgan has reported having a problem with a valve in the booster pump.

Constables – They had 31 patrols, handled 27 complaints, 5 911 calls, 2 accident, and issued 56 tickets.

Communications Committee – The Committee is working on their final presentation and recommendation to the Town Board.

MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, PROCLAMATIONS AND AUTHORIZATIONS

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that Resolution No. 121 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON OF THE 2011 TOWN BUDGET be approved.

Discussion: Supervisor Grattidge said that the Board has considered the request by the Communications Committee to add \$3,700 (A-1650.4) to the budget for the software and rewriting of a new website.

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Lippiello that the Town Board amend the 2011 budget to add the \$3,700 for a new website.

Roll Call Vote for amendment of the 2011 budget: Councilman Gardner: Aye, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Nay, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

Roll Call Vote for the adoption of the 2011 budget: Councilman Gardner: Nay, Councilman Lippiello: Aye, Councilman Salisbury: Nay, Councilman Verola: Aye, Supervisor Grattidge: Aye CARRIED

A motion was made by Councilman Verola and seconded by Councilman Salisbury that Resolution No. 122 – A RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING ADOPTION BY THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF CHARLTON OF LOCAL LAW NO. 1 OF 2010 – DOG CONTROL FOR THE TOWN OF CHARLTON 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.123 – A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY TO ENGINEER CONTRACTUAL FOR ADDITIONAL ENGINEERING FEES FOR BUDGET YEAR 2010 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 Gardner and seconded by Councilman Salisbury that Resolution No.124 – A RESOLUTION TRANSFERRING FUNDS FROM CONTINGENCY TO HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT - OTHER FOR ADDITIONAL CELL PHONE CHARGERS FOR BUDGET YEAR 2010 be approved.

Discussion: Councilman Gardner asked what the additional charges were. There were no specifics available.

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

COUNCILMAN REPORTS

Councilman Verola thanked the Historian for the beautiful job that she did on the display cases on the second floor of Town Hall

Councilman Lippiello thanked Bob Killeen for doing a nice job with the recent election, and he thanked the Election Inspectors for putting in such a long day.

PRIVILEGE OF THE FLOOR

Terry Ostrander, Western Avenue asked if he could get a copy of the Town Budget. He also stated that he heard a rumor that the lawsuit against the Town by the contractor for the Town Hall has been settled out of court, and that the Town lost. He asked the Board if that was correct. Attorney Van Vranken responded for the Board and stated that this rumor is absolutely not true. The case is still in the discovery stage and has not gone to court yet. With the current timeline, there are hopes that the case may be settled by the end of 2011. The case will be heard in Supreme Court.

Eva Butler said that the Community Center is in need of a "Community Center" sign. Councilman Verola said that she will check with the Highway Superintendent for a status.

Marv Schorr said that George Hobson, the Environmental Planning Supervisor for the County has retired after many years of service.

The meeting adjourned at 8:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Mills
Town Clerk