



The Town Board, Town of Charlotte held a regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. in the David Vern Luce Community Building Allen Chase, Supervisor presiding. Board members present were: Darren Carlstrom, Harold North, Henry Harper Jr. and Mark Abbey. Others present were: Jeff Crossley, Town Justice, Alan Gustafson, Town Zoning/Building Code Officer, Larry Barmore, Chautauqua County Clerk, Leah Grossman, Innogy, Earl & Joni Riggle, John & Jennifer Conway, Brad Gane, and Susan L. Peacock, Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order.

Prayer was offered by Mark Abbey followed by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Each board member had been given a copy of the minutes of the April 10th, 2019 board meeting. Two corrections were made by Susan L. Peacock, Town Clerk. 1. Under **Justice Report**, the approved Grant money HAS come in and has been deposited. And, 2. Under #6, **Bucket Truck Update**, it was mentioned the Town of Sheridan's payment has been received. This was for the dump truck that was sold to them and has nothing to do with the Bucket Truck. After the corrections were made, a motion was made by Mark Abbey, seconded by Darren Carlstrom and with none opposed it carried to accept the minutes as corrected.

A motion was made by Henry Harper Jr., seconded by Harold North and with none opposed it carried to draw warrants on the proper funds in payment of Highway Claims No. 71 to No. 90 in the amount of \$27,209.42 which have been duly audited and to draw warrants on the proper funds in payment of General Fund Claims No. 109 to No. 125 in the amount of \$6597.78 which have been duly audited.

A motion was made by Mark Abbey, seconded by Darren Carlstrom and with none opposed it carried to accept the March 2019 Financial Report prepared for the Town of Charlotte by Bahgat Laurito & Bahgat.

The following resolution was offered by Darren Carlstrom, seconded by Harold North and with none opposed it carried



RESOLVE, that the rate of pay for a Seasonal Highway Machine Equipment Operator (MEO) with endorsement of a Class B or better license required be 80% of the MEO position rate of pay in accordance with the Collective Bargaining Agreement, which is \$19.15 per hour and be it further:

RESOLVED, that the amount at this time shall be 80% of \$19.15 which equals \$15.32 per hour to include no benefits.

Discussion was heard on the following:

1. **JUSTICE REPORT:** Training for the Justice as well as the Court Clerk is continuing this month. The Court will be closed Tuesday, May 14th and an editorial was put in the paper regarding the closure. Judge Jeffrey Crossley completed his first round at the Chautauqua County Central Arraignment Program. The following report was submitted:

DISPENSING JUSTICE FOR ALL			
2019			
	NEW CHARGES		CLOSED CHARGES
JAN		36	59
FEB		32	38
MAR		34	32
APR		51	32
MAY			
JUNE			
JUL			
AUG			
SEPT			
OCT			
NOV			
DEC			
TOTAL OPENED CHARGES			TOTAL CLOSED CHARGES
		153	161
TOTAL CHARGES TO DATE FOR 2019			314
PETTY CASH FUND IS		\$250.00	
MANDATORY JUDICIAL TRAINING CORE A			APRIL 13, 2019
MANDATORY COURT CLERK TRAINING			APRIL 27, 2019
SOUTHERN TIER JUDICIAL AND COURT CLERK TRAINING			MAY 9, 2019



2. **HIGHWAY REPORT:** Written Report:



TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
HIGHWAY REPORT FOR MAY 8TH , 2019

1. Andrew Abbey Retired on May 3rd, we wish him the best. 2. Four towns have come to an agreement to go together on the shared service of a 2009 IH AM55 Bucket truck,so a contract can be drawn up now. Towns are as follows-Charlotte, Ellery, Sheridan, Stockton, Charlotte will be the host town. 3. This Saturday is Town Cleanup day, 8am to 4pm at the Highway Garage. 4. Due to the weather we are behind on grading gravel rds but have graded 3 so far and hope the weather cooperates soon. 5. We have been cutting trees on Barnum Rd with anticipation of replacing cross pipes and ditching next as this is our capital rd project this summer. (We had a mishap last week as a piece of wood hit a car parked in Scott Dibbles driveway and broke the back window out of Alena Dibbles Subaru. We contacted her right away and cleaned up the car and Fredonia Glass came Monday and replaced the window.) 6. Discussion on wether to remove shingles or leave on the roof. 7. The town received two applications for employment, one did not have a CDL. I am hiring Glenn Fisher. He is a dairy farmer in our town and works for Heil Transport with a class A CDL. He will start on Tuesday May 28th.

Mark LeBaron Highway Superintendent



4. **TAX COLLECTOR:** The Tax Roll was closed, balanced and returned to the Chautauqua County Tax Department April 22nd. The following report was presented:

BREAKDOWN OF PROPERTY TAXES COLLECTED FOR 2019

TOWN WARRANT:	\$610,889.00
COUNTY WARRANT:	\$756,531.92
CORRECTED ERROR	-\$544.04 BILL #51
TOTAL WARRANT:	\$1,366,876.88

TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1,085,929.68
TOTAL UNPAID TAX	216450.09
\$ COLLECTED AT COUNTY	64497.11
TOTAL	\$1,366,876.88

TOTAL PAID TO A. CHASE - WARRANTS	610889.00
TOTAL PAID TO A. CHASE - PENALTY	2935.52
TOTAL PAID TO CHAUTAUQUA COUNTY	475040.68
TOTAL PAID OUT	\$1,088,865.20

TOTAL DEPOSITS	\$1,085,929.68
TOTAL PENALTY	2935.52
TOTAL DEPOSITED	\$1,088,865.20



5. **ASSESSOR REPORT:** Written Assessor's Report:

Town of Charlotte

Assessors Report

May 2019

The Tentative Roll was filed May 1, 2019. The legal notice was published May 1, 2019 in the Post Journal.

Change of assessment notices have been mailed out to property owners.

Board of Assessment Review Hearings will be held Wednesday, May 29, 2019 at the Town/Village Municipal Bldg. from 4pm -8pm. Appointments can be made by calling 962-9455 Monday evenings.

Thank you.

The Tentative Roll will be linked to the website ASAP.

6. **BUILDING/ZONING REPORT:** Alan Gustafson, Building & Zoning Officer, is continuing training with hours logged last month as well as this month. He's been continuing to enforce property maintenance issues. A request was received to put a notice on the website to request Town Residents interested in joining the Town Zoning Board as Gordon Newton has sadly passed away leaving an empty position.

7. **WIND UPDATE:** Leah Grossman from Innogy gave an update on the progress of the project, saying the Amendment 1 of Article 10 was approved by the Sighting Board so clearing of trees can begin this summer. The Decommissioning Agreement is in place. Additional road use surveys are being conducted on three additional roads to see if an alternate route can be used to access the laydown yard.

8. **ISO REPORT:** A copy of the current ISO report from August 29, 2016 was presented by Allen Chase, Town Supervisor.

9. **VILLAGE DISSOLUTION UPDATE:** A signed petition from the Village Residents to dissolve the Village was received by the Village Clerk on April 17th. This petition was certified on April 26th. A Special Public Meeting to set the voting date on the dissolution will be Wednesday, May 22nd at 7pm in the David Vern Luce Building, 8 Lester St., Sinclairville. This information will be put up on the Town website under the Village Dissolution tab.



10. A discussion regarding shingle removal at the Highway Building was heard. Shingles may not need to come off before a new roof is installed.

11. The Sheriff Patrol will be targeting speeding and reckless driving in the Town in the near future.

12. A shared service contract for the Bucket Truck will be drawn up by the Town Attorney and distributed with invoices to the other 3 Towns in the Agreement: The Town of Ellery, Sheridan and Stockton. All expenses will be divided between the 4 Towns and invoiced by the Town of Charlotte Town Clerk.

12. Both Joni and Earl Riggle voiced concerns regarding the Wind Farm decommissioning process and dollar amounts.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Abbey, seconded by Darren Carlstrom and with none opposed it carried. The next regular Town Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 12th, 2019 at the David Vern Luce Building, 8 Lester St., Sinclairville, NY.

Respectfully submitted
Susan L. Peacock
Town Clerk/Tax Collector/Registrar