

**TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA
STATE OF NEW YORK**



The Town Board, Town of Charlotte held a regular Board Meeting on Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6 p.m. in the Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department, Francis Lauricella Jr., Town Supervisor presiding. Board members present were: Mark Jaquith, Scott Dibble, Harold North and Larry Green. Other's present were: Mark LeBaron; Highway Superintendent, Jeff Crossley; Town Justice, John Conway, Joni and Earl Riggle, Allan and Hope Fredrickson, Joe Mckenna and Matthew Riggle; Deputy Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order.

Prayer was offered by Scott Dibble followed by the Pledge of Allegiance led by Frank Lauricella.

Each board member had been given a copy of the minutes of the April 8th, 2026, board meeting and a copy of the minutes of the April 15th, 2026, special board meeting. A motion was made by Harold North seconded by Larry Green and with none opposed it carried to accept both minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Mark Jaquith, seconded by Scott Dibble and with none opposed it carried to draw warrants on the proper funds in payment of Highway Claims No. 56 to No. 73 in the amount of \$23,245.66 which have been duly audited and to draw warrants on the proper funds in payment of General Fund Claims No. 93 to No. 119 in the amount of \$10,247.02 which have been duly audited.

Discussion was heard on the following:

1. HIGHWAY REPORT:

1. Sweeping Rds
2. Skid Paving Charlotte Hill Rd, Cassadaga RD, Barnum Rd
3. Hauling in Gravel
4. Fixing potholes on Dirt Rds
5. Skid Paving with Ellington, Gerry ,Cherry Creek
6. Cleanup day was very well attended
7. Cutting back brush on Smith, Ames, Bernard, Cook, Lewis and Housington Rds

Mark LeBaron also proposed raising the wage of his part time workers to \$20 per hour.

2. **CLERK REPORT:** The flags have been ordered and delivered to Teddy for memorial day cemetery placement.

The following report was presented.

05/01/2026

**Town Clerk Monthly Report
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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
	Building fees	Additions & Alterations	1	50.00
		Sub-Total:		\$50.00
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	1	1.38
		Sub-Total:		\$1.38
A-1255	Certified Copies	Certified Copies	1	10.00
		Sub-Total:		\$10.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	8	40.00
		Female, Unspayed	4	48.00
		Male, Neutered	4	30.00
		Male, Unneutered	3	36.00
	Senior Citizen Discount	Senior Citizen Discount	4	-8.00
		Sub-Total:		\$146.00
		Total Local Shares Remitted:		\$207.38
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				35.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				23.62
Total State, County & Local Revenues:			\$266.00	
			Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$58.62

4. **JUSTICE REPORT:** The following report was presented by Jeffrey Crossley.

DISPENSING JUSTICE FOR ALL

2026

	NEW CHARGES	CALENDARED CASES	CLOSED CHARGES
JAN	19	174	46
FEB	30	77	45
MAR	26	118	42
APR	44	66	63
MAY			
JUNE			
JUL			
AUG			
SEPT			
OCT			
NOV			
DEC			
TOTAL OPENED CHARGES		TOTAL CALENDRED	TOTAL CLOSED CHARGES
	119	435	196

TOTAL CHARGES DEALT WITH TO DATE 2026

750

PETTY CASH FUND IS \$ 150.00

TRAINING COMPLETED

JUDGE	MANDATORY 12 HOURS
	10
EXTRA CREDIT	2
JUDGE TOTAL	12

COURT CLERK	MANDATORY 6 HOURS
EXTRA CREDIT	3
CLERK TOTAL	

A motion was made by Harold North, seconded by Larry Green and with none opposed it carried to accept the April 2026 Financial Report prepared for the Town of Charlotte by Bahgat Laurito & Bahgat.

A discussion on the solar moratorium and a battery moratorium was initiated by Frank Lauricella. Frank expressed his concerns about the safety of BESS and stated that the Town of Charlotte doesn't have the equipment or resources to deal with a large-scale battery fire. Joe McKenna; The Sinclairville Fire Chief, agreed with Frank.

A motion was made by Larry Green, seconded by Mark Jaquith and with none opposed it carried to extend the solar and battery moratorium for 90 days.

A motion was made by Harold North, seconded by Scott Dibble and with none opposed it carried to set the Court Consolidation hearing for May 20th 2026 at 6pm in the Ellington Town Hall.

A motion was made by Mark Jaquith, seconded by Harold North and with none opposed it carried to allow Larry Green to move forward with purchasing an AED for the baseball field.

A motion was made by Harold North, seconded by Larry Green and with none opposed it carried to raise the DCO Protocol boarding fee from \$20/day to \$25/day.

A motion was made by Harold North, seconded by Mark Jaquith and with none opposed it carried to appoint Sue Oakes, Ron Pavlock and Cody Johnson to The Board of Assessment Review.

A motion was made by Mark Jaquith, seconded Larry Green and with none opposed it carried set The Board of Assessment Review to May 27th 2026 from 4-8pm at the David Luce Village Building.

A motion to adjourn was made by Mark Jaquith, seconded by Larry Green and with none opposed it carried.

The next regular Town Board Meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, June 10, 2026, at **6pm** at the Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department, 30 Main St., Sinclairville, NY. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

Respectfully submitted.
Matthew Riggle
Deputy Town Clerk