TOWN OF CHARLOTTE
COUNTY OF CHAUTAUQUA
STATE OF NEW YORK

The Town Board, Town of Charlotte held a regular Board Meeting on Thursday, October 1, 2026 at 6:00 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, Jeffrey Crossley; Town Justice, Joe McKenna; Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department Chief, John Conway; Zoning Board Member, Earl & Joni Riggle, Allen & Hope Fredrickson, and Susan L. Peacock; Town Clerk.

The meeting was called to order.

Prayer and Pledge of Allegiance were led by Scott Dibble.

Each board member had been given a copy of the minutes of the September 9, 2026, board meeting. A motion was made by Mark Jaquith seconded by Larry Green and with none opposed it carried to accept the minutes as presented.

A motion was made by Harold North, seconded by Scott Dibble and with none opposed it carried to draw warrants on the proper funds in payment of Highway Claims No. 119 to No. 130 in the amount of $203,648.19 which have been duly audited and to draw warrants on the proper funds in payment of General Fund Claims No. 215 to No. 241 in the amount of $6469.52 which have been duly audited.

A motion was made by Mark Jaquith, seconded by Harold North and with none opposed it carried to amend Article III Section 30 of the Town of Charlotte Traffic Ordinance to reflect the following changes: STOP Signs to be added to the following cross streets to make them a 4-way STOP: North Hill Road (North/South) at Cassadaga Road (East/West), Boutwell Hill Road (East/West) at Cleland Road (North/South) and Hall Road (North/South) at Cassadaga Road (East/West).

A motion was made by Scott Dibble, seconded by Larry Green and with none opposed it carried to set a Meeting for the changes to the Local Law: Charlotte Traffic Ordinance, Wednesday, November 4, 2026 at 6pm at the Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department, 30 Main St., Sinclairville.

Copies of the tentative Budget were given to all Town Board Members. After a short discussion, a motion was made by Larry Green, seconded by Mark Jaquith, and with none opposed it carried to allow the following changes made to the tentative Budget:

Line A3310.4 Traffic Control Contractual FROM $1,500 TO $3,000

Line A1255 Income Clerk Fees FROM $500 TO $1000

Line B6772.4 Program for the Aging FROM $6000 TO $7000

Line B7310.4 Youth Program FROM $1500 TO $2000

Line DA5142.41 Snow Removal Fuel FROM $26,000 TO $35,000

Change Officer Name on page 16 FROM Darin Smith TO Scott Dibble

A motion was made by Harold North, seconded by Larry Green and with none opposed it carried to adopt the tentative budget as the preliminary budget with the above changes.

A motion was made by Mark Jaquith, seconded by Scott Dibble and with none opposed it carried to set a public hearing on the preliminary budget on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at the Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Harold North, seconded by Larry Green and with none opposed it carried to set a public hearing regarding the Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department 2027 Contract in the amount of $50,000 on Wednesday, November 4, 2026, at the Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department.

A motion was made by Larry Green, seconded by Scott Dibble and with none opposed it carried to extend the moratorium on solar and battery centers until January 31, 2027.

A motion was made by Larry Green, seconded by Mark Jaquith and with none opposed it carried to allow the Town Supervisor to negotiate with the Teamsters and sign the contract. A conversation between the Town Supervisor and Town Board was held before the meeting as a "side bar" meeting regarding Teamster benefits and contract negotiations.

Discussion was heard on the following:

1. **HIGHWAY REPORT**:

1. Bar patching for Ellington and Charlotte
2. Fixing transmission on Volvo Dump Truck
3. Ditching and cutting trees on Barnum Rd
4. Placing Millings on a section of Boutwell Hill Rd
5. Heping Gerry Pave
6. Received new Town Dump/Plow truck
7. Helping Poland pave

2. <u>CLERK REPORT:</u> No September report as today is the 1st of October and I had no hours in the office today. We did receive a donation in the amount of $132 for the Town Park in September. A list of Time Capsule contents was given to all Town Board members. A ticket for EZPass from the Manhattan area was received and will be fought.

3. Larry Green will procure signs for the Town Park regarding that reservations are required through the Town Clerk.

4. Residents spoke out in favor of extending the solar and battery storage moratorium.

5. John Conway spoke regarding the Zoning Board and issues with the cost of a special use permit for shipping containers is not covering the cost of the SUP meetings.

6. Joe McKenna reported that there is issues regarding NYS rules and ambulance's being on stand by at sporting events at the school.

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, November 4, 2026, at 6pm at the Sinclairville Volunteer Fire Department, 30 Main St., Sinclairville, NY. Anyone interested is welcome to attend.

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