

June 2013 Warrants

General	\$23,467.80
Highway	4,582.49
Sacandaga Fire District	0.00
Sacandaga Lighting	1,766.33
Sacandaga Water District	2,448.96
Sacandaga Sewer District	<u>4,136.27</u>
Total Warrants	\$36,401.85

Supervisor Kemper opened for Public Comment at 6:35 p.m.

Ray Hatch stated that there are approximately 118 homes for sale in the Town of Northampton. He read the Town Audit report. I think that the reason that there are so many houses for sale is because of information he read on page 8, on Expenditures subject to actual results on fiscal year 2009-2012. I believe all board members were members during that period. Councilman Gritsavage was not a member during 2009 time period. In 2009 the budgeted items were over estimated by \$364,000. In 2010 it was over \$488,000. 2011 it was over \$584,000. The total for those four years is over \$2M of our tax money that was budgeted but never spent. The board some how neglected to reduce the following years appropriations. It shows that you've started the process for 2013 and you're off to a bad start.

Ambulance Corp supposedly was in big trouble and they were doing bad stuff. The Audit states that the Supervisor and Board members should consult with legal Counsel and determine the status of the Ambulance Service and related personnel and if the Board wishes to continue providing Ambulance Service. Once the determinations are made, the board must then decide on how the funds and accounts are to be dealt with.

Has the Town Board determined on how the Ambulance Corp is to be run?

Councilman Gritsavage: Before that report came out, another Councilman and I met with Jack Farquhar and Steven Collins from the Ambulance Corps did indeed meet with our Attorney about that. We determined that the Ambulance Corps was a Town of Northampton function. One of the things that the Audit talked about was the Ambulance Corps was collecting money. A Town entity cannot solicit funds like the Ambulance Corps does. What was done at the Attorney's advice is the Ambulance Corps has since then set up a group that is collecting the money under their own federal id.

The funds that were in the account that were discovered by the audit have been taken over by the Town and it is only to be used for Ambulance purposes.

Supervisor Kemper: The money is set up in a separate specific account.

Ray Hatch: Does the Town Board wish to continue to provide Ambulance Service to its residents? Have you come to that decision yet?

Councilman Gritsavage: Councilman Ellsworth and I meet with the Ambulance Corps every month and the answer is, yes.

Ray Hatch: How are you going to continue to do that? Is there going to be big or any changes?

Councilman Gritsavage: As far as the status of the Ambulance Corps we determined that we would keep it as a Town entity. We hope it would continue on the course that it has been continuing because it's been a great Ambulance Corps.

Ray Hatch: Is it status quo as it has been over the past years, with the exception that it can no longer solicit?

Supervisor Kemper: No, the Ambulance Corps is setting them selves up as a 503C.

Ray Hatch: Every year the Ambulance has to ask the Town for permission to have their collection on Garage Sale weekend.

Supervisor Kemper: The Town has no jurisdiction over that. That is in the Village. Mr. Farquhar may have gone to the Mayor and the Village Board for permission.

Ray Hatch: In the last four years per budget proposals, we've been over taxed by approximately \$2M. We've been over taxed per the 2010 census of 2,760 \$751.50 for every man, woman and child.

Ron Pintuff: I am very concerned over the lack of action in fixing the problem that has been identified in the Sacandaga Park. Your administration has hired Engineers to look at the Sewer District and what needs to be done to bring it up to code. It was decided the cost would be \$6M. Since then our rates went up in 2004 under Supervisor Collins, drastically in part because of the funds needed to be raised to address those issues. A shovel has not yet hit the earth. The Supervisor and I had a conversation on the 6th. I have since had a conversation with the Manager of the audit. I got all the information I requested from the Manager. Even though you (Supervisor) were reluctant to provide it to me, when I outlined specifically and financially what I wanted when I spoke with you (Supervisor). I wanted to know what was going to happen to the \$222,000 which the Manager told me and I wanted to know how much money had been set aside into a repair fund, which was \$78,000.

So far you have \$222,350 set aside in unreserved funds and roughly \$78,000 in the sewer repair fund. The Supervisor has also gotten the Park a grant for a little over \$10,000.

Supervisor Kemper: I had gotten a Grant for \$200,000 and another one for \$12,500.

Ron Pintuff: You have a little over \$400,000. My calculation is that it is going to take over 6 years to collect \$6M at that rate if we don't finance it. That's assuming that in 6 years it's going to cost us \$6M to make those repairs. I suspect it's going to cost us more today than the \$6M that was quoted back in 2005 to fix the problem in the Sewer District because of inflation and the building costs. That's what bonding is all about to make major repairs to the infrastructure of towns so that you can spread it out over 30-40 years.

Johnstown just bonded for issues to fix their Sewer District. According to the newspaper, Johnstown is against the County wide taking over a Sewer District because they think that they are going to get hurt.

The Sacandaga Sewer District is a time bomb, it is going to collapse. It is over 100 years old. What is going to happen when it collapses? How are we going to pay for it if not by bonding? It's a tragedy waiting to happen. I remember talking to you (Kemper) in 2004 about needing to fix the sewer issues and the town possibly taking over the privately owned road to the sewer plant. It is the only road that is not maintained by the Town and it's the only road that the Town needs to go over every day because the Sewer Plant is at the end of it. The road is too narrow, the right of eminent domain if you wanted to take over the road and maintain it. So that the heavy trucks that go across it four times a year to drain out the sewer plant won't destroy it. You (Kemper) stated that you were going to see to it that it was going to be fixed.

Supervisor Kemper: When I came into office in 2006 that is when I started collecting the data. We had gotten an Engineer on board. I had people from many State Departments that assisted me in obtaining the \$200,000 Grant. The Grant was a 100% Grant not a partial match. At that time funding was available. The engineering on that report that was finally prepared for us which went over a course of three years I believe, before we had gotten all of the data together. There was no documentation of what existed there prior. I have aggressively pursued Grants ever since they changed into the Regional Counsel. The Water and Sewer money is not available like it was before through Member Item Grants. I did get another \$12,500 grant. Out of the \$200,000 everything but approximately \$113,000 that is left has been put into engineering and all of the archeological studies. It is a shovel ready project with the exception of approximately 6 easements on McKinley.

We have recently submitted another grant application under the Consolidated Funding. We want to try and break it down into sections. The upgraded figure is \$6.8. The bonding all has to go through the Department of State to be approved. The net cost to each individual homeowner can not exceed a certain percentage. This total amount will exceed it. We are forced to break this down into sections which we are working with the Engineers to do. Also, if you bond for this entire amount bear in mind we just paid off the bond that was already in existence out of the District money for 25 years on this Sewer Plant. The previous bond was 0% interest is no longer available for anybody. Now we are able to put more money into reserves.

We have been holding off on any major repairs because we are trying, with the economy in the state that is. Anything extra that is collected goes right back into the budget.

Mr. Hatch discussed the overage in the equipment and contractual. We have avoided spending any large amount and have been trying to get any grant money. It would amount to \$60,000 per household which the State would find cost prohibitive to each household. So we have to break it down into separate sections.

Ron Pintuff: Unless the Town bonded over 40-50 years.

Councilman Anderson: 30 years is the maximum bond and it would roughly cost \$3,800 to \$3,900 a year per household.

Ron Pintuff: Right now I pay approximately \$300 a quarter that's \$1,200 a year. I know that you can renew bond after 30 years from my experience with the Hudson River Regulating District because when something happens wrong at the Conklingville Dam and it'll take another \$12M bond to fix it. There is no way that we can pay off a bond like that in 30 years. We bond for 30 years and then we renew those bonds after the 30 years for another the 30 years. It can be done if you have the right lawyer who can do it.

Councilman Anderson: You still have a certain amount to payoff in the 30 years.

Ron Pintuff: You are exactly right. You work that out with your bonding person.

Supervisor Kemper: It has to be approved by the State Comptroller's Office.

Ron Pintuff: The Comptroller will work it out if you do it. I don't expect that it takes 8 years of an Engineering studies to work that out. The Engineering studies for the Dam took 6 months.

Councilman Anderson: If you could come to the Town Board and show us that 85% of the people that are homeowners over in the Park would be willing to pay that kind of money, extra over and above the maintenance.

Ron Pintuff: What would happen if it were to strike a disaster tomorrow and no one could live over there because there is no room for a septic tank.

Councilman Anderson: Anybody that we have asked for a grant or funding for this, How are we suppose to do this?

Ron Pintuff: This has been going on since 2005.

Supervisor Kemper: It has been going on way before that. Nothing was done previously . You have to get an engineering study to find out what is there. There were a lot of other things had to be done because of the archeological study and a lot of other problems that arose. We have approximately \$113,000 left of that \$200,000 Grant.

Councilman Gritsavage: That was a question we brought up last month about the \$113,000 was why aren't we using it at least start piece-mealing it. So that one street doesn't collapse or perhaps fix the problem over by Vic's Tavern. Mr. Pintuff's point is that we have to start looking into this and we have to do something. Maybe there are other avenues that we could be following.

Ron Pintuff: What about the O'Bama Administration?

Supervisor Kemper: I've gone after any money that is available. One of the issues with the Sacandaga Park is that it is not over 50% year around. We have worked with many entities to try and get those numbers up.

Ron Pintuff: If that Sewer District here in town, with the voters who had voted for you people it would have been fixed yesterday. But, if we were to have raw sewerage bubbling up from the ground because you might have one of these clay pipes that may be broken or it may go into the Sacandaga. Then all hell is going to break loose with DEC.

Councilman Anderson: We are ready to do whatever it takes to fix that. Except, how do we finance it?

Supervisor Kemper: I got a grant to do the Engineering study and it's taken approximately 4 years before it was completed.

I was getting grants for this work and I continue to pursue every available opportunity. It would be cost prohibitive per household to try and do the whole project. Our next option is that we broke it down between the two main problem areas which is McKinley Ave. and McKinley extension. We need a few easements and everything else is all set.

Councilman Gritsavage: I think are other options that we are not looking at. One might be, it was proposed but not looked at is entering into an agreement with the Village of Northville. To see if making a larger Water District would it make it more feasible to get the grants. But in order to do that we have to talk to the Village of Northville. I'm not saying it would work but it is something to look into. If you join the two water systems you may just make it a Water District. Just about all the people in the Village are a year round resident. I understand that one of the problems with the grant was the income in the Sacandaga Park. The average income was too high because they were second homes. I know that it has been talked about but not pursued. Perhaps we should open lines of communications with the Village. Examine that particular issue and see if may be there is money out there. Particularly with these grants that are coming available for consolidation of services.

Councilman Anderson: I've applied for a grant with the Economic Counsel for a little over \$400,000 and the Supervisor has applied for \$1.2M.

We both got rejected because there is not any economic need for it. I disagree because if we had a good sewer and water system but because of things that are happening in other parts of the other counties. I feel that they spent their money on other things that were not necessary.

It isn't that we haven't been trying. We just can not do it so that it is economical to the people.

Councilman Gritsavage: I think that the point that Ron Pintuff is making is that there are other avenues that can be pursued that are not being pursued. I don't think that making an application for a grant here or there is adequate. The proposal I mentioned I'm not saying that is maybe we should go with. We should like outside of the box.

Councilman Anderson: I just got an e-mail today from the Secretary of State saying that there is \$4M, for the North Country, for Inter-Municipal agreement.

Ron Pintuff: There are grants through Public Health, DEC, Clean Waters Act,

Supervisor Kemper: No they are not just grants. Most of them are a same amount of money match.

Before Cuomo set-up these different Regional Districts, the funding streams went all through different avenues, which was much easier to apply for a member item grant. That has gone. We are now in the Mohawk Regional Counsel District which is not good in our area because we are competing with Syracuse and Utica. They laugh at us because we say we have 112 users. We don't stand a chance and this Counsel has tried to help me. Unfortunately we were not put into the Adirondack Counsel which I feel we should have been. They are getting a lot of water and sewer funding up there and because we are thrown in with the Mohawk Valley Region we are competing with the Western part of the State which is very difficult because we can't compete with the large cities that have thousands of users on a deteriorated system versus our 112 - 222 on water. We are just not competitive. I wish something would change in the criteria because they have made the criteria impossible for us to be eligible. There are a lot of additional criteria. I have gone above and beyond which the Clerk has helped me put a lot of the paperwork together. I have fought for everything that is available, to try and ease the burden on the Taxpayers over in the Sacandaga Park Sewer District. It does matter whether they are registered voters or not, that makes no difference. That system is in big trouble and we knew it and we inherited it. You may not see it or may not think it. We are working none stop on trying to find solutions on getting funding so that it is not cost prohibitive for every homeowner over there. Not everyone shares the fact that okay it's going to cost so much extra a year to have it fixed. Then there are those who say that they are going to have to sell and are going to have to leave because they can not afford it. It is going to be a huge cost.

Councilman Anderson: If you can think of anything let us know. I have call Watertown and they just say that we should just keep waiting and hoping that there is money freed up somewhere. There is basically just a 1 ½% to a 2% loan.

Supervisor Kemper: If not more. Your point is well taken Mr. Pintuff. We are not just sitting back and not doing anything. We are just going to have to start facing this project a little bit at a time and just do the worst sections first. That's the best that we can do. We will continue to pursue any opportunity at all.

Richard Logan: What is the status of the petition presented last year on the “no parking signs” along Houseman Street?

Councilman Anderson: We did get a letter which I think is erroneous because the letter says one thing and the boss says another thing regarding this. I spoke with Beth Watts in May 2013 from the Utica District DOT office. Apparently they wait until the spring time and they go out and look at all these situations. They are just about done and are set to send it on to the State Police. The State Police follow their criteria and this should be complete some time in August. This was for the speed limit. As far as the “no parking signs” I think the Town Board has to pass a resolution.

Supervisor Kemper: It was never voted on because I needed to find out the process. Apparently within the last month there have been people that are adamantly opposed to the no parking because of the businesses. These people have contact me and also Councilman Ellsworth. They are asking that the Town Board not make a decision until the Board has notified the public and give the public an opportunity to speak. That was a suggestion as well from Fulton County Highway Superintendent Mark Yost. Mr. Yost stated that it would be a board resolution but he highly recommends in that case because he is well aware of Houseman Street and the issue toward the end. He highly advised that we have a Public Hearing before the board makes a final decision.

Chris Schlegel: You’ve known about this petition since last fall.

Supervisor Kemper: Some of those very people who signed that petition are the ones who did call the office.

Richard Logan: I visually saw cars parked on both sides of the road and down the road comes a large truck with a 30’-35’ trailer trying to get through.

Chris Schlegel: When will the Board have this Public Hearing? We’re in the middle of the season now.

Supervisor Kemper: Please clarify for the record where the start and ending of this area along Houseman Street that is on the petition.

Richard Logan: It starts at the beginning of the Northampton State Campsite to the end of the guard rail ½ mile north of the Northampton State Campsite. The petition is for no parking on both sides of the street. As far as the Marine, there is parking behind the Marine provided by the Marine. There is no reason for people who are parking along that route. We have seen people go to the Northampton State Campsite and turn around the parking lot of Camper Last Stop and park on the other side of the road. They take a bicycle out of their truck and ride into the Northampton State Campsite which cost less then if they parked in the State Campsite. Then we have cars parked along there and my people come out of my camp ground and even though they are not parking along Houseman St. I do have a trailer that I park in front my building that is along Houseman Street so that the people can’t park there. We’re going to have an accident there because people come racing out of the Campsite. It’s an accident waiting to happen.

Mark DeMeo: I am the owner of the Camper’s Last Stop. That store has been there for 50 years or more. Obviously the parking across the street is vital for my business. There are words from the people from around the area, and I have not seen the petition that has been presented to the Board.

There are also illegal fences that have been put up. Houses that are in a “resort area” that I believe are zoned “resort”.

Councilman Gritsavage: Is this something we can discuss in the public hearing?

Supervisor Kemper: The Board is in agreement that there needs to be a public hearing on the no parking issue. Everyone within the area this will affect will be notified of this Public Hearing so they have the opportunity to be heard for or against the above request.

Chris Schlegel: What is going on with the petition that I put in last year with regards to Mark DeMeo having records with the town of a building permit? Not to mention that the store was shut down last month and about the anzil system needed to be installed in his store and he is still running his business?

Supervisor Kemper: We can not answer that question because Matthew Ginter our Code Enforcer has been working on that and you would need to discuss this with him. He is currently away at Code Enforcement training at the moment and will be available in his office on Monday.

Mark DeMeo: Mr. Ginter has come and done an inspection and the roof is fine. I’m not sure what the moss has to do with the building. Mr. Ginter has done a walk around my building and he has been a gentleman and a professional. We have installed a special fire extinguisher and we have someone coming and giving us an estimate for an anzil system. We are waiting on another estimate also. Originally Mr. Ginter and I had an agreement for June 19th for an inspection. So I don’t understand why my building got shut down for the short time that it did.

Councilman Gritsavage: I believe that letters were sent to you by registered mail and you did not pick them up. Is that correct?

Mark DeMeo: I don’t think so because apparently Mr. Ginter had someone bring it to me. But if you mail it at the address I gave you, I will receive it.

Councilman Gritsavage: I assume that is your legal address and if we send a certified letter to that address you guarantee it will get picked up, right?

Mark DeMeo: Yes, absolutely.

I received a letter from Mr. Ginter in January or February and we agreed on a date of June 19th for an inspection and for some reason that date got changed. Why did that happen?

Chris Schlegel: According to Mr. Ginter last month when he did the inspection and shut the store down, Mr. DeMeo was to have an estimate that week. After several months we are still waiting on getting an estimate.

This has been going on for years where letters have been sent to Mr. DeMeo which has never been acted upon with the Town. We’re just going to go another whole season and a fire extinguisher is not an anzil system for a fire.

Supervisor Kemper: I can’t believe that Mr. Ginter would have allowed Mr. DeMeo to open his business had he not come into some sort of compliance. I know that Mr. Ginter has been working these issues and the Town Board can not answer those questions you need to talk with Mr. Ginter. Mr. Ginter did post the building and he did shut the business down. Am I correct?

Marc DeMeo: Yeah. We’re a short season. We are not even open now, only a few days on the weekend during school. I have done everything that we can. Tom Groff wasn’t able to make it during the week for the anzil system because we are closed. I have to make a special appointment with him so I can open the building for him.

Supervisor Kemper: I highly recommend that you co-operate with the Code Enforcement Officer.

A **Public Hearing** regarding the petition presented to the Town Board requesting to install “no parking signs” on both sides of the road along Houseman Street, in the Town of Northampton, County of Fulton, NY starting from the guard rail at the culvert +/- .5 miles N (1/2 mile) to the beginning entrance of the Northampton State Campsite will be held on Tuesday, July 9, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. in the Town hall.

Richard Logan: When I took that petition around. I let them read it and I also explained all three portions of that petition to everybody that I presented it to.

Steve Norris: I want to thank Councilman Gritsavage and Ellsworth for the 100% improvement of the Town website. I don't know why that couldn't have been done last year or the year before.

The second issue is the Solid Rock Ranch. I would like to know what the Town Board is planning on doing. Are you going to just drop it or are you going to pursue it?

Supervisor Kemper: We will be having an Executive Session coming up later in this meeting to discuss this.

The website is a work in progress and is currently under construction. We are paying someone to work doing the website. Before we had people who volunteered to do the website and they did a great job, to the best of their ability.

Steve Norris: When is the Town going to get new computers? The Supervisor's computer is down more than it is up and running. You can upgrade as much as you like. But you should get it under State contract.

Councilman Gritsavage: I have suggested for the last three months going with a State contract on getting a new computer.

Supervisor Kemper closed the Public Comment Session at 7:34 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS:

Supervisor Kemper: The Mercy Flight request should not be put into motion because it is part of the Budget process. This I assume is something that is a part of the ambulance budget. It's self explanatory that they are asking for money and they can not solicit. I would like to check into this a little more. Councilmen Gritsavage and Anderson will ask Jack Farquhar about this and see what he has to say about this.

- Received the monthly Revenues and Expenditures Reports as of April 30, 2013 and as of May 31, 2013.
- Monthly Transfers for abstract of Audited vouchers

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$1,270.00 in fees and has issued (11) permits in May 1-30 2013; #23-13 Carport permit; #24-13 Water Well permit; #25-13 Water Well; #26-13 New Home permit; #27-13 Fence permit; #28-13 Water Well permit; #29-13 New modular home; #29-13 Deck permit; #30-13 Annual license renewal (Lakeside mobile home); #32-13 Permit renewal; #33-13 Deck permit and #SE 01-13 a Special Event Application. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$293,200.00.

Christopher Richardson is to come back before the Town Board, seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by,
4-Ayes: Kemper, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Roosa 0-Nays

Christopher Richardson: We are looking at possibly down the road going together with the Village of Northville and renting a crack sealing machine together for the pavement of some of our Town roads and some of the Village roads.

JUSTICE REPORT: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justice report, of a total of 45 cases were handled and \$7,220.00 collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Roosa, and passed by,
4-Ayes: Kemper, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Roosa 0-Nays

ANIMAL CONTROL: Mr. Duesler reported receiving calls on a dog bite; several loose dogs; a stray beagle; and complaints on a neighbor’s dog.

Committee Reports

ZONING: The ZBA approved an area variance.

PLANNING BOARD: They will be revisiting a request for a sub-division for Helen Cramer.

JOINT YOUTH: They held staff training on 6/13/2013.

CEMETERIES: The Cemetery Committee has tentatively set a meeting for Wednesday June 26, 2013 at 2 p.m. with Missy Mazzarelli and Stu VanNostrand to discuss and review cemetery material and they will report back to the board.

AMBULANCE: During May 2013 members responded to 4 calls in the Village of Northville, and 1 Mutual Aid call to Edinburg. They volunteered 105 man hours and traveled 218 miles through the month.

HAULING FEES for the month of May 2013 are as follows:

County Transfer	103.180 Ton @ \$52.00	\$5,468.54
Curbside Recycling	11.720 Ton @ \$25.00	\$ 293.00
Metal	3.320 Ton @ \$20.00	\$ 66.40
Transfer Station Recycling	2.700 Ton @ \$12.50	\$ 33.76
Total		\$5,861.70

NORTHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT: Chief Thomas Groff submitted March, April and May Reports

HARDFILL: For the month of May 2013 there were a total of 61 vehicles that had come to the Hardfill and total of \$20.50 was collected.

**SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:
Report for April 2013**

Water: April-2013-usage, 1,470,000 gallons pumped.
April-2012-usage, 1,070,000 gallons pumped

Repairs/Maintenance:

- No problems to report

Wastewater: April 2013 daily average flow 157,900 gallons.
April 2012- daily average flow 19,500 gallons.

Repairs/Maintenance:

- No problems to report

Report for May 2013

Water: May-2013-usage, 1,891,000 gallons pumped.

May-2012-usage, 1,262,000 gallons pumped

- Meters are being read each month.

Repairs/Maintenance:

- No problems to report

Wastewater: May 2013 daily average flow 57,700 gallons.

May 2012- daily average flow 43,300 gallons.

Repairs/Maintenance:

- Removed 6 truckloads of sludge from imhoff tank.

NORTHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT:

March 2013: There were a total of 6 Responses and a total of 90 Manhours reported.

The Village of Northville had 1 EMS Assist and 1 Carbon Monoxide, the Town of Benson had 1 Alarms Activation. Mutual Aid Give: Edinburg 2 and Hope 1.

April 2013: There were a total of 11 Responses and a total of 215 Manhours reported.

The Village of Northville had 0, the Town of Northampton had 1 Service Call, 3 Hazardous Conditions and 4 MVA/Rescue. Mutual Aid Give: Edinburg 1 and Hope 2.

May 2013: There were a total of 8 Responses and a total of 78 Manhours reported.

The Village of Northville had 0, the Town of Northampton had 1 Vehicle Fire, 1 Service Call, 1 Hazardous Conditions, 1 MVA/EMS and 1 Alarm Activation. Mutual Aid Give: Edinburg 2 and Hope 1.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve the Town Clerk's May 2013 monthly report as presented and seconded by Councilman Anderson, and passed by,

4-Ayes: Kemper, Roosa, Anderson, and Gritsavage 0-Nays

- Governor Cuomo will be having the Adirondack Challenge Festival on July 21, 2013 at Byron Park in Indian Lake. He is trying to promote recreational opportunities in the Adirondacks and business to the area.
- The Smart Water and Sewer just so you are aware probably most of the out skirts which is including the Northern end of Fulton County. Realistically we are probably not going to be considered in that. This is to get some sort of idea for future Economic Development down the road. Without water and sewer there is no Economic Development and that is a big issue. We need to bring Economic Development in and to offer those services. We (Towns of Northampton, Broadalbin, and Mayfield) applied years ago under one of the grants for the different Municipalities to try and get a sewer treatment plant up in the Northern end of the County. We feel it is much needed. This is an opportunity to be looked at.
- Something that might drastically impact the Tax Cap calculations. As you are aware that our sales tax has drastically dropped. Walmart tentatively is looking at opening the first week in August. With Walmart opening in the City of Gloversville we will be losing all of our Sales Tax Revenue from them. The City of Gloversville does not share in the Sales Tax contribution.

We are looking at losing \$100,000 plus sales tax revenues to the Town when that happens. The State Comptroller is coming up with new ideas of the calculations of the Tax Cap. There is an issue with the charge back for not only mortgage tax and sales tax phase from the County to us. Also the County charges back Workman's Comp. But it is a very small figure that is put into the total Tax Cap. The State Comptroller's Office is alluding to the fact that now they are going to force us to put that into the Tax Cap calculation. The revenues that we receive from the County, in that manner, and have the County do it as a charge back. It's a calculation on our Tax Cap that can drastically impact our Tax Cap calculation.

While we were all well into our Budget and had our Budgets adopted they changed the rules and everybody had to resubmit. We were in good shape last year with our Tax Cap and were well under it. The County has already done the motion to over ride, not that we want too. But in the event that if you wait until you are so far into the Budget process you will not have time to hold Public Hearings and such.

It's my personal opinion with the Tax Cap that Governor Cuomo has asked everyone to follow while he continues to shift the burden and mandates and costs over to the Taxpayers, is that every single County should over ride the Tax Cap. Not to go over it but just to make a statement "that this is ridiculous". They need to be clean up in their own houses instead of imposing burden this on the Municipalities.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Anderson: Councilman Ellsworth and I have made a determination to talk to the Board and our recommendation is that we rescind the motion that we made last month to receive a new bid for the roof. Apparently, we will not save any money at all. There have been three bids that were rejected and were re-bid and they all came over the bids we received the first time. We made a recommendation that we rescind that motion and make a motion to accept the low bidder for the original metal roof. By the time we ask the Engineers to redo the spec's, advertise it and the rising costs for fiberglass shingles has gone up over 18%-20% since March.

Councilman Gritsavage: Didn't Mathew Ginter have a proposal to try and alleviate it?

Councilman Anderson: Yes, but that is not going to fix the roof. It's only going to help the entire building. This came up when we did the Engineering study is that the heating system/cooling system is shot.

Councilman Gritsavage: Why haven't we done anything with that?

Councilman Anderson: Before winter we should put in new thermostats, change the ceiling in the hallway, put in insulation and shut off the top floor.

Councilman Ellsworth and I need to make up a list of things that need to be done, and how are we going to do it. Right now we need to get the roof underway.

Supervisor Kemper: Will the S & L Roofing still hold to their original bid?

Councilman Anderson: Yes

MOTION: Supervisor Kemper motioned to rescind the prior motion putting the roof project with changing the spec's and out to bid, seconded by Darryl Roosa, seconded by,

Roll Call Vote: Linda Kemper	Aye	Ivar Anderson	Aye
Bob Ellsworth	Absent	Darryl Roosa	Aye
William Gritsavage	Nay		

Discussion on motion:

William Gritsavage: You are rescinding this motion to accept the original \$80,000 bid from S & L Roofing? I am not for it.

Wasn't the purpose of changing the spec's was because of specific type of roofing was that there were a lot of contractors that were unfamiliar with using that type of material? Now you're saying you don't want to do that because of the cost of doing that will be the same as the original cost?

Councilman Anderson: Yes

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the low bid of \$80,000 from S & L Roofing of Auriesville, NY using the original bid contract submitted, and S & L Roofing is in agreement of their original bid that they submitted for the roofing project, seconded by Councilman Roosa

Roll Call Vote: Linda Kemper	Aye	Ivar Anderson	Aye
Bob Ellsworth	Absent	Darryl Roosa	Aye
William Gritsavage	Nay		

Councilman Anderson: We should be looking at the Economic Counsel for Intermunicipal Consolidated grant and put in for that grant for the Sacandaga Park Water District with the Village and the Town.

Councilman Anderson: The County approved tax exemption for mixed use building and you (Kemper) voted against it. Don't you think it would be good for the Town of Northampton and the Village? We do have some empty buildings up there that can be converted.

Supervisor Kemper: This isn't Town wide. This is strictly in Gloversville.

The reason I voted no for it because it was to enable some of the vacancy buildings with store fronts to have apartments.

Our concern was that would be more places to rent out to people who are collecting social services.

Councilman Anderson: Who owns the School house museum?

Response: The Historical Society moved the building here and they are the one's who manages and does all the repairs on the building.

Councilman Anderson: The bell tower needs to be replaced. There are window sash that are falling apart. There is trim on the corner that is missing and you can see where the water is getting into it and it needs a coat of paint on the building.

A letter was received from the NYS Unified Court System awarding a Grant for construction under the 2012-2013 Cycle of the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) in the amount of \$5,550.00.

Res. #2013-06: Resolution stating the change to the Uniform Notice of Claims Filing Requirement.

Councilman Anderson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

Councilman Roosa seconded the resolution.

Roll Call Vote:

Linda Kemper	Aye	Ivar Anderson	Aye
Bob Ellsworth	Absent	William Gritsavage	Aye
Darryl Roosa	Aye		

Supervisor Kemper **opened the Public Comment Session at 8:28 p.m.**

Art Simmons: I would like a copy of the letter from the Mercy Central Flight.

Discussion ensued on the letter from Mercy Central Flight.

Steve Norris:

1. Has S & L Roofing worked with the material before?

Councilman Anderson: The have not worked with steel shingles they have worked with the insulation.

2. Is there anyway of getting a break down by Town and City of the expenditures on the Medicaid in Fulton County which would be a cost analysis to compare the number of people who are actively collecting in Fulton Co.? Because I think that we are paying more than our fair share of the cost. I don't think that there is anything wrong.

Supervisor Kemper: That is a direct bill that is given through the County. We are also paying for the people in Lexington. There is approximately 34% of Fulton County that receiving some sort of social services. It also includes nursing homes.

Steve Norris: I don't think that there is anything wrong. I think that we are paying more than our fair share.

Discussion ensued on the calculation of this and the pie chart provided to the people in the January Real Property taxes.

Supervisor Kemper **closed the Public Comment Session at 8:38 p.m.**

The next **regular board meeting** will be **Wednesday, July 17, 2013 at 6:30 p.m.**

MOTION TO GO INTO EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Anderson motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:39 p.m. to discuss litigation and Highway negotiations, seconded by Councilman Roosa, and passed by, 4-Ayes: Kemper, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Roosa 0-Nays

MOTION TO COME OUT OF EXECUTIVE SESSION: Councilman Anderson motioned to come out of Executive Session at 9:07 p.m., with "No Action Taken", seconded by Councilman Gritsavage, and passed by, 4-Ayes: Kemper, Gritsavage, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

ADJOURN: Not having any more business come before the board the meeting was **adjourned at 9:12 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, RMC
Town Clerk