

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
April 16, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, April 16, 2014. Supervisor Groff called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 412 South Main St., Northville, NY. Supervisor Groff led the salute to the flag.

PRESENT: Supervisor: James Groff
Councilmen: Darryl Roosa, Ivar Anderson, Art Simmons and William Gritsavage

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance were: Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer; Bookkeeper- Nathaniel Matthews; Highway Superintendent-Christopher (Kip) Richardson; and Ken Cramer-Water/Sewer Licensed Plant Operator and Maintenance Supervisor

ALSO PRESENT:

Northville Mayor-John Spaeth, Terry Quackenbush, Steve Norris, Linda and Richard Logan, Frank Bendl, NCS Participation In Government (PIG) student Brian Ginter and Caroline Murray-Recorder Newspaper

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the March 19, 2014 Regular meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Councilman Simmons and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilman Roosa approved paying the warrants and seconded by Councilman Gritsavage. Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

April 2014 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$25,599.30
General Fund "B"	3,059.44
Highway	10,303.85
Sacandaga Lighting District	2,161.35
Sacandaga Water District	1,224.06
Sacandaga Sewer District	<u>4,662.15</u>
Total Warrants	\$ 47,010.15

Supervisor Groff opened Public Comment at 7:01 p.m.

Steve Norris: I have a question on proposed concert that is coming up this May which is next month. Can you tell us what the situation is on the Solid Rock Ranch?

Supervisor Groff: I have spoken with the attorney but I haven't received anything in an email and apparently the response is in the mail regarding the agreement that the two lawyers and the judge have

come to, that the Board needs to approve. So, we may have to have a special meeting in May to review the agreement before the Solid Rock Concert. To decide whether we want to approve the agreement or send it back to the attorneys.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures as of April 15, 2014
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- APA Project #2014-36 - Minor Project Public Notice Application completed
- APA Major Project Public Notice Application received P2014-39
- APA Project #2014-12 – Minor Project Public Notice Application completed
- APA Major Project Public Notice application received P2014-48
- APA Project #2014-49- Major Project Public Notice application received
- Worker’s Compensation Workshop on April 28, 2014 – 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. at SUNIT in Utica – “What Municipal Officials Should Know” Sponsored by Local Government Education Committee”

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$1,920.00 in fees in March. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$82,500.00. A total of (8) permits were issued in March 2014; #007-14- License renewal (Junk yard); #008-14-License renewal (Sacandaga Beach Development); #009-14 License renewal (Logan Court LLC); #010-14-License renewal (Lakewood Campers Corp.); #011-14 Alterations/pellet stove #012-14 License renewal (R. Gabriel); #013-14 Antenna replacement (Verizon Wireless); and #014-142-car garage; Z04-14- Area variance and 1 Municipal Search.

- The Code Enforcement Officer will be attending a Conference May 21st 2014 in Hudson Valley.

JUSTICE: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice report, of a total of 23cases were handled and \$2,302.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

HIGHWAY: Kip Richardson, Highway Superintendent noted that he is hoping to have a report on what roads that he would like to have done this year for the Board at the next Town Board meeting.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Vernon Duesler has taken care of two (2) dog complaints in the Maple Grove area, stated the Supervisor.

JOINT INTER-MUNICIPAL: Councilmen Roosa and Simmons will met with Mayor Spaeth to set up a meeting date. One of the items needed to be discussed is the highway barn stated the Supervisor. We need a solution on how to get that started and to see how we can do it among ourselves to save money.

Councilman Anderson mentioned that the agreements for shared equipment along with several other agreements between the Town of Northampton and the Village of Northville need the paperwork to be written up and signed.

YOUTH /REC: We are working on a meeting date to discuss the hires for the Summer Program among other business, stated Councilman Gritsavage.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We are looking into possibly monitoring the situation at the end of Houseman Street this year stated the Supervisor. I personally will make sure that we keep an eye on that to see if there is anything that we can do to improve the situation.

CEMETERIES: Cemeteries will be opening Monday, April 21, 2014.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: There is nothing to report at this time.

PLANNING BOARD: The Planning Board has changed their meeting night to the **second Tuesday** of each month at 7 p.m. There still hasn't been a Planning Board meeting with the full board present.

Supervisor Groff has spoken with Bob Anderson on the need of him (B. Anderson) participating with the Planning Board meetings.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We're looking into a way to monitor the situation at the end of Houseman Street this year. I (Supervisor) will personally keep an eye on that to see if there is any way to improve the situation down there.

AMBULANCE: Councilman Simmons reported the Ambulance will be having their coin drop Saturday May 3rd during Garage Sale weekend.

The Town has received the signed 2014 Town of Hope/Town of Northampton Ambulance Agreement.

This being the 50th Anniversary of the Northampton Ambulance Service is this year. They are talking about possibly doing some other public event during the summer which they haven't decided definitely if or what the event would be.

The Northampton Ambulance Service is going to try and work in conjunction with the Northville Fire Department. There are apparently properties that are in need of clearing debris and branches. They are going to try and identify some of these properties and try to get these owners to trim some of the limbs and branches on their trees. So if there is an emergency the Emergency vehicles can get into tight fitting streets without getting damaged.

Councilman Simmons has provided a Resolution for Board members to review for the upcoming Town Board meeting regarding the Ambulance Service.

HARDFILL: The Hardfill site will be opening Saturday, April 19, 2014.

HAULING FEES: The month of March fees are as follows:

County Transfer	63.860 Ton @ \$53	\$3,384.58
Curbside Recycling	9.520 Ton @ \$25	\$ 238.00
Transfer Station Recycling	1.180 Ton @ \$12.50	\$ 14.75
Metal	0.000 Ton @ \$20	\$ 00.00
Municipal Direct Haul	0.000 Ton @ \$25	\$ <u>00.00</u>

Total

\$3,637.33

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER: March 2014

Water:

-March 2013 usage 1,497,000-gallons pumped

-March 2014 usage-1,424,000-gallons pumped

Meters:

-No new problems to report

Repairs/Maintenance:

-Annual water quality report is completed and was sent with April Billing.

Wastewater:

-March-2013- daily average flow 25,900 gallons

-March-2014- daily average flow 46,300 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:

-No new problems to report

Discussion on letter received from Maureen Pelose regarding account number 01-46 at 125 Circle Drive on the Gusty property asking the Board to have their water and sewer bill waived. The one thing that the owner needs to be aware of is, if she doesn't notify the Town that they turned off the water then she gets charged for the water and sewer billing.

Supervisor Groff: Is this the first time that this has happened, Ken?

Ken Cramer: Yes, this is the first time on that property.

Councilman Roosa: I think that it was up to the owner to notify you (Ken).

Ken Cramer: They took it upon themselves to buy a curb wrench to save some money by them turning the water off.

It was explained that all outstanding water and sewer billings were given to the County for re-levy in November 2013. The County sets the date in which all billings that are to be re-levied on the Real Property billing for the upcoming year need to be submitted to them by a specific date in November of every year.

It is for the Board to decide if they will waive the current January 2014 water and sewer billing on this particular property.

Councilman Anderson: The Board can decide whether to waive her January 2014 water and sewer billing but the November 2013 billing was submitted to the County for re-levy already.

Councilman Roosa: We need to be contacted when the water is turned off. Not Allen and Palmer. The owner needs to contact Ken Cramer.

Supervisor Groff: Ken do you want to turn off the water in the Sacandaga Park?

Ken Cramer: I prefer to.

It was suggested to put a letter together to submit with the next billing notify the owner that they have to contact Ken when the water on their property is turned off.

Supervisor Groff: We need to set a rule that Ken Cramer will be the only one to turn off the water in the Sacandaga Park. If the owner does not notify the Town to turn off the water then they have to pay the bill. That way we know that the water has been turned off by Ken Cramer and the Billing Clerk knows it is turned off. They won't have to pay Allen & Palmer and we know what's going on.

MOTION: Supervisor Groff motioned to set ruling that Ken Cramer, Water/Sewer Licensed Plant Operator and Maintenance Supervisor will be from this day forward the designated person to turn off the water on the premises of the homeowners' in the Sacandaga Park Water and Sewer District.

Homeowners must contact Ken Cramer to turn off the homeowners water. A letter will be sent to the homeowners within the Sacandaga Park Water District to advise them of this ruling, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and

Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

Councilman Anderson mentioned that we can't do any credit prior to January 1, 2014. All outstanding 2013 water and sewer usage billings were submitted to the County, per County mandated date in November 2013, for re-levy on the 2014 County/Town tax bills.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to waived the January 2014 usage water and sewer billing fee in the amount of \$169.01 on Account Number 01-46 on parcel #31.12-2-7 at 125 Circle Drive, Sacandaga Park Water and Sewer District, Town of Northampton, Fulton County, NY .

Also, to advise the homeowner of the Town not being able to waive any credit on their September 2013 billing because all outstanding 2013 water and sewer usage billings were submitted to the County, per County mandated date in November 2013, for re-levy on the 2014 County/Town tax bills. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and

Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

SUPERVISOR:

- I have a copy of the Environmental Design Partnership's SMART Waters report and it is available for anyone interested to review in the Town Offices. This is not a take over the actual systems. I believe it is a purchase excess water and sewer space. I think that this something that we all need to look at with an open mind. I think it is a good initiative for the County.
- Attorney Hafner is putting together a Bond for the sewer line on McKinley Ave. extension which would alleviate a lot of the problems there. Wayne Ryan from AES has all of the engineering done to move ahead with the bids. Hopefully by fall we can get something done on that McKinley Ave extension section of the sewer system. That is using the money that is left over from the \$200,000 grant. The problem is that we have to borrow the money up front and once we pay the bills we will then be reimbursed by the State.

I have to be at a County meeting in Keene Valley on April 30th at 10 a.m. and I am trying to set up a meeting to meet with Wayne in Plattsburg in the afternoon. I would like to talk about this sewer project that we're doing and to discuss applying for a grant for the second half of the sewer project in the Sacandaga Park District.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk's March 2014 monthly report as presented and seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,

04/01/2014

**Town Clerk Monthly Report
March 01, 2014 - March 31, 2014**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	4	4.14
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
		Sub-Total:		\$16.64
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	38	380.00
		Sub-Total:		\$380.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	3	21.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	13.00
		Male, Unneutered	1	13.00
		Sub-Total:		\$47.00
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	56	14.00
	Zoning Ordinance	Zoning Ordinance	1	50.00
		Sub-Total:		\$64.00
B2110	Building Permits	Building Permits	8	1,800.00
	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	1	25.00
	Zoning Application	Zoning Application	1	95.00
		Sub-Total:		\$1,920.00
		Total Local Shares Remitted:		\$2,427.64
Amount paid to:	New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses			22.50
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			9.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation			70.86
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$2,530.00	Total Non-Local Revenues:		\$102.36

To the Supervisor:

Pursuant to Section 27, Sub 1, of the Town Law, I hereby certify that the foregoing is a full and true statement of all fees and monies received by me, Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk, Town of Northampton during the period stated above, in connection with my office, excepting only such fees and monies, the application of which are otherwise provided for by law.

Supervisor Date Town Clerk Date

The Clerk has received a notice from Jason Gander notify the Town of Northampton of his renewing his 2014 Liquor License d/b/a Jay's Lakeside.

NEW BUSINESS:

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to hereby appoint Dr. George Dasher as an official Consolidated Health Officer of the Town of Northampton for the year 2014, seconded by Councilman Roosa and

Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

There will be a Municipal Officials "Workman's Compensation" Training on April 28, 2014 from 6:30 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.in Utica.

