

Councilman Simmons offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, within the budget certain appropriated amounts are insufficient to meet certain accounts payable expenses from Budget line items from 2014 Budget for the May transfers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be authorized to transfer the below indicated funds from within existing accounts of the 2014 budget to cover anticipated expenses;

Transfers

May

\$20,000

From: DB5130.2 – Machinery – Equipment

To: DB5142.4 – Snow - Contractual

Reason – to cover projected salt/sand expenses

AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this resolution be recorded in the Town Clerk’s minutes and be a permanent record of the Town.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

James Groff	Aye	Ivar Anderson	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye	Art Simmons	Aye
Darryl Roosa	Aye		

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

Ray Hatch: As acting chair on the Assessment Board of Review (BAR). I’m inquiring about members on the BAR regarding the upcoming Grievance Day. We are very close to not having enough members for a quorum in the future. I will have Gayle Walrath, Carl Ingalls and myself coming to this Grievance Day. Is there someone on the board that could contact Mr. Bentley to see if he will be able to attend? Mr. Brooks will not be able to attend because he will not be in the area. I have to have three members present but I would like to have a fourth if possible.

Supervisor Groff: I will stop and talk with Mr. Bentley to see if he can be present for a portion of the Grievance Day and see if he needs a ride. I can pick him up.

Ray Hatch: Does the board have a plan if any member cannot be a member in the future on the BAR?

Richard Logan: What is going on with the Camper’s Last Stop Store? Has Mr. DeMeo been cleared by CEO to open his business? There have been shipments of products coming in daily at the store. The improvements that were to be done with the store, I believe have not been done.

Supervisor Groff: I will check with Matthew Ginter, Code Enforcement Officer tomorrow. Apparently he doesn’t know that Mr. DeMeo is opening.

I was going to come down over the weekend to see if there was something that we could do with the parking problem on Houseman Street.

I have also contacted the County to see if we could use their speed trailer on Houseman Street because of the 35 MPH speed limit. They haven’t gotten back to me. They can’t find it.

Skip Taylor: 1.What is the goal for plan or goal for billing water usage in the Sacandaga Park?
2. We are doing work over in the Sacandaga Park with the sewer. How are we funding that?

Supervisor Groff: A portion of the \$200,000 Grant that was left in the amount of \$114,709.00 that they hadn't spent. And we are going to use it for a McKinley Ave extension section of the sewer system. Construction before we lose the money.

Ken Cramer: Nate and I met with the Engineer last week. The Engineer suggested we do a few test cycles to see how the figures are going to work out with the billings.

Supervisor Groff: We've had two setbacks on the McKinley Ave extension bid openings project. I'm hoping to get the bids back by approximately June 1st or so. I've talked with the Engineers on applying for another Grant. To try to get more funding so we can get more work done over there.

Mayor Spaeth and I both spoke with the APA this week and they have a Revitalization Committee. They are going to come and talk with us again to help us try and find monies. To see what they can do to help improve the economic climate around here. Such as fixing the sewer system here so we have will a little more capacity if someone wants to build on their lot. Then we can add on these places to the system. They seemed very interested in helping and we also talked to them about our water system. We also talked about the Village water system. We are basically the first community to reach out to the APA for help.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures as of May 20, 2014
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- SVAN thank you letter for the Town's recent \$400 contribution
- APA Minor Project Public Notice Application Determined – APA Project #2014-17
- Northville Rotary Club requesting Town Board approval for July 17-19, 2015 Seventh Annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend Event to be held in the Town Park

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Northville Rotary Club to hold their July 17-19, 2015 Seventh Annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Weekend Event to be held in the Town Park and the Northville Rotary must provide proof of insurance for this event naming the Town of Northampton, seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Simmons

0-Nays

- Congress for the New Urbanism (CNU) Smart Growth, Development and Sustainability in Buffalo June 4-7, 2014
- County Resolution Supporting Creation of a Regional Water and Wastewater System in Fulton Co.
- Councilman Simmons: What's in it for us?
Supervisor Groff explained that this apparently not a takeover of the water system. It is a way for the County through the Economic Development to purchase any excess water that the community has. It would be at no cost to the community. It's to help the community with bringing in industry and development into the area. The County is currently looking at the Southeast portion of Fulton County because that is a prime piece of property for development and there is water and sewer right there.
- Supervisor received a letter dated 4/12/2014 from Dan Singer regarding the Northville Cemetery fence. Mr. Singer is asking if the board can make it safe by removing the spikes that are on the fence.

Discussion:

Supervisor Groff: I spoke with Bill Yates this morning and he is going to give me a few quotes on sections of fence to fix that. He also showed me a piece of fence that he had taken out of another cemetery that has the same problem as us. He had cut the knobs down and rounded them off. I will get back with you and Kip when I get the quotes.

Councilman Roosa: Suggested to put rubber caps on the fence spikes.

Supervisor Groff: The only problem I have is that the caps can be taken off.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$1,275.00 in fees in April. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$417,000.00. A total of (8) permits were issued in April 2014; #003-14- Storage Building; #015-14-Minor Alterations; #016-14 two car garage; #017-14-License renewal (Silver Maple Park LLC.); #018-14 Mobile Home #019-14 Single Family Home; #020-14 Storage Building; and #016-13 Renewal; and #P06-14 Planning Board Application.

There was discussion on signage along the side of the road.

Councilman Simmons: I have been contacted by a Realtor concerned about putting up real estate signs on a property that is for sale. But not being able to put one up pointing to it down the road.

Councilman Anderson: We started this last year and the signs were taken down at the end of the Bridge. There will be no signage there and the Code Enforcement Officer is aware of it. It will probably take a phone call or a letter to the Realtor telling them that they can't do it.

Supervisor Groff: There was a problem with this in the Village and it is in their Codes.

Councilman Gritsavage: Isn't that something that can be discussed if that becomes an issue.

Supervisor Groff: When you have private roads when you can't see the sign in front of the property it's a problem for them. I believe the way the Zoning is written you have to have the sign in front of the property. No one is going to see it.

Councilman Anderson: Matthew Ginter has a list of items that he has come across with the Zoning that he has been putting together that need to be addressed.

JUSTICE: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice report, there were a total of 33 cases handled and \$3,754.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

The Justice Grant project has been under way. One bathroom is completely done and they've started painting the second bathroom.

HIGHWAY: Highway Contract

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the 4-year Union Highway Contract with a 2% increase in 2015; a 4% increase in 2016; a 2% increase in 2017 and a 3% increase in 2018 for regular employees. Seconded by Councilman Anderson,

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

If you average this over a 7 year period, which these three past years they hadn't gotten anything, it is approximately 1.5%, stated the Supervisor.

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Vernon Duesler provided an Animal Report from February 2014 to April 2014.

JOINT INTER-MUNICIPAL: Councilman Gritsavage: Mayor Spaeth, Supervisor Groff and I had discussed the possibility of merging the Village and Town Zoning Boards and the Village and Town Planning Boards in a manner of efficiency. It was suggested having 7 members on each Board. We felt

all along that the Village and the Town should work together. It would be more efficient because sometimes it's hard to get people to fill in on the board.

ELECTION: There will be a Federal Primary Election held on Tuesday, June 24, 2014 from 12:00 (noon) to 9:00 p.m. for our 21st District Representative in Congress.

ASSESSOR:

A notice has been posted in the newspaper that a certified copy of the Town of Northampton 2014 Tentative Roll has been filed in the Town Clerk's office and is available for inspection and may be seen and may examined by any interested person(s) during regular business hours.

Grievance Day will be held on Tuesday, May 27, 2014 between the hours of 1pm-4pm and 6pm-9pm in the Town of Northampton Municipal Office, 412 S. Main St., Northville, NY.

YOUTH /REC: We held a meeting on Thursday, May 15, 2014 to discuss the hires for the Summer Program among other business, stated Councilman Gritsavage. They discussed the possibility of having winter hockey and/or ice skating and possible locations for ice skating. It is believed that there is a need for two more lifeguards. We did cut two counselor positions.

The next meeting has been scheduled for Tuesday, June 2, 2014 at 7 p.m. to discuss registration fee, payment structure on how it is setup and how maybe it can be more efficiently be worked out through the municipalities, issues with Grandchildren participating. We will review the entire program.

A notice has been posted in the newspaper for the need to hire two lifeguards.

HISTORIC LANDMARK: Skip Taylor stated that they have not been active since 2013. I believe all of the appointments have expired.

PUBLIC SAFETY: We had a meeting at the NCS over the Disaster Shelter. They are still trying to get prices together and support from several people.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: Discussion on Appointing a Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman and Deputy Chairman

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Appointing Heidi Darling as the Zoning Board of Appeals Chairman and Jeff Daum as the Zoning Board of Appeals Deputy Chairman, seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Simmons, Gritsavage and Anderson

0-Nays

PLANNING BOARD: The Planning Board will be meeting on the **second Tuesday** of the month at 7 p.m.

AMBULANCE: During April 2014 members responded to 7 calls in the Town of Northampton, 4 calls in the Village of Northville, 3 calls in the Town of Hope and 1 call in the Town of Benson. They volunteered 119 man hours and travelled 492 miles through the month.

The week of May 19 – 25, 2014 is Emergency Medical Services.

The Ambulance Service held their coin drop on Garage Sale weekend and it was their most successful coin drop and they thank everyone who donated and for their support, stated Councilman Simmons.

HARDFILL: For the month of April 2014 there were a total of 29 vehicles that had come to the Hardfill and no money was collected.

Refuse and Garbage:

- Monday, May 26, 2014 is an official holiday, Memorial Day, the transfer station will be closed.
- As of Sunday, June 1, 2014, the Transfer Station will begin its summer hours of operation. The hours for the station will be as follows and will run until the Friday after Labor Day, September 5, 2014. Monday, Tuesday and Friday: 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
Saturday: 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.
- Latex Paint Exchange, which runs every Saturday morning (7:15-11:30 a.m.) during the summer, will open on June 7, 2014. This will run through Aug. 30, and is held at the Solid Waste Department, 847 Mud Road, Johnstown. Open to Fulton Co. residents only, (no business) there is no cost and no appointment is needed. Residents can drop off good, reusable latex paint; or take up to five gallons a week. Call 736-5504 for details.
- There will not be a Household Waste Drop-Off Day this year. The next Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off event will be held in August, 2015.
- Pharmaceuticals disposal, there is now a permanent Prescription (RX) Drop Box located in the lobby of the Fulton Co. Sheriff's Dept. (call the Sheriff's Department at 736-2100 for questions).
- The Department of Solid Waste has several other specialized, no-cast disposal programs to residents-including electronics, florescent bulbs, and rechargeable batteries.

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

County Transfer	93.080 Ton @ \$53	\$4,933.24
Curbside Recycling	9.660 Ton @ \$25	\$ 241.50
Transfer Station Recycling	2.910 Ton @ \$12.50	\$ 36.38
Metal	3.450 Ton @ \$20	<u>\$ 69.00</u>
Total		\$5,280.12

Northville Fire Department: During April 2014 there were a total of 11 responses and a total of 157 man hours made by the Northville Fire Department. The Village of Northville there were 1-Structure Fire and 1-Hazardous Conditions. The Town of Northampton there were 3-Service Calls; 1-Brush/Grass Fire and 1-EMS Assist. The Town of Benson there were 1- Structure Fire; 1-Brush/Grass Fire; and 1-MVA/Rescue. Mutual Aid given was 1-Hope.

Caption John Stortecky and Lt. Greg Bedell attended a seminar at the NYS Fire Academy last month on fire department leadership. The seminar included several classes on various fire department issues.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER: April 2014

Water:

-April 2013 usage 1,470,000-gallons pumped

-April 2014 usage-1,367,000-gallons pumped

Meters:

-No new problems to report

Repairs/Maintenance:

A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	1	7.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	13.00
		Male, Neutered	3	21.00
		Male, Unneutered	1	13.00
		Replacement Tags	1	3.00
		Sub-Total:		\$57.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	2	2.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	13	3.25
		Sub-Total:		\$5.25
B2110	Building Permits	Building Permits	8	1,215.00
	Planning Application	Planning Application	1	60.00
		Sub-Total:		\$1,275.00
		Total Local Shares Remitted:		\$2,265.87
	Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses			22.50
	Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			10.00
	Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation			840.88
	Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$3,139.25	Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$873.38

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 received member Gayle Q. Walrath's Certificate of Attendance Board of Assessment Review Training from the State of NY Dept. of Taxation and Finance.

NEW BUSINESS:

- Discussion on Matthew Ginter as building maintenance at an hourly rate of \$20.00.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve to pay Matthew Ginter for any maintenance or carpentry work that needs to be done at an hourly rate of \$20.00 at the town hall and Justice building. To pay Matthew Ginter retroactive back to January 1, 2014, and seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Simmons, Gritsavage and Anderson 0-Nays

Councilman Simmons: At our last board meeting I mentioned that I had looked into legislation on Exotic Animal. I am concerned with this being a public health and safety issue with the Fire Department, the Fulton County or local Ambulance crew, the Code Enforcement Officer, the Fulton County Sheriff's Department or State Police. If one of these people went to a location and one of these dangerous animals was on the property that could be a problem.

I did investigation and this already on the books in General Municipal Law Section 209-cc. Councilman Simmons has distributed a copy to the Board members to review.

This Legislation goes through the State Fire Coordinator and ENCON. ENCON has a five page list on what they determine an Exotic Dangerous Animal.

The process is the Municipality has to publicize that per General Municipal Law Section 209-cc and if you have one of these Exotic Dangerous Animal or if you are not sure to get a list from the Town Clerk.

