

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

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, July 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: Bookkeeper-Nathaniel Matthews
Ken Cramer-Water/Sewer Licensed Plant Operator and Maintenance Supervisor
Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Bendl, Skip Taylor, Ray and Rose Hatch
Caroline Murray-Recorder Newspaper

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the June 18, 2014 Regular meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

MOTION ON WARRANTS

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

July 2014 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$41,747.23
General Fund "B"	3,631.74
Highway "DB"	13,105.89
Sacandaga Lighting District "SL"	1,004.84
Sacandaga Water District "SW"	1,652.29
Sacandaga Sewer District "SS"	1,548.54
Trust & Agency Fund	452.60
Trust – Cemeteries – Expendable "TE"	<u>00.00</u>
Total Warrants	\$63,143.13

Discussion on the Warrants

Councilman Anderson: How often do we buy propane for the water plant?

Ken Cramer: The water plant is on a self-monitoring service. When the propane gets to a certain level they come and fill it. The other two, when they are down they just come and fill them.

Councilman Anderson: We just paid \$4.69 a gallon for propane. If we don't use very much I guess that is the going rate.

Ken Cramer: The propane is used for the two generators and heat for the winter.

Supervisor Groff **opened Public Comment at 7:02p.m.**

Skip Taylor from the Sacandaga Park Water District inquiring about the status of the water based on usage billing.

Nathaniel Matthews: Right now we are waiting on final bill structures from the Engineer. The Board will have to review the information. Currently we are collecting meter readings.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures as of June 30, 2014
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- ASAP quarterly update June 2014
- Upcoming 2014 Planning and Zoning Summer School reminder notice

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$750.00 in fees in June. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$136,946.00. A total of (13) permits were issued in June 2014; #027-14-Chimney; #028-14-Septic Repair; #029-14 Septic Repair; #030-14-Septic Repair; #031-14 1 car garage; #032-14 Storage Shed; #033-14Septic Repair; #034-14-Major Alterations; #035-13 Septic Repair; #036-14 Addition; #037-14 Major Alterations; #038-14 Septic repair; #041-13R1 Permit renewal and 1 Municipal Search.

JUSTICE: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice report, there were a total of 21 cases handled and \$2,262.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

ANIMAL CONTROL: Vern Duesler provided his Animal Control Report for both May and June 2014. Letters were received from State of New York Department of Agriculture and Markets dated June 2, 2014 regarding the Dog Control Officer inspection report and July 8, 2014 regarding Municipal shelter Inspection report for the Helping Paws Rescue.

Supervisor Groff: I plan on calling Mr. Gray who did these inspection reports to find out what the discrepancy are after all these years of being in compliance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ASSESSOR: The 2014 Town of Northampton Final Assessment Roll has been filed with the Town Clerk and can be reviewed in the Town Clerks Office.

Discussion on Parcel #46.20-1-40 commonly known as Birchwood Place which it stated that a memo had been sent to Town Board members dated March 31, 2014 noting that being this is a private common-use roadway and is hereby deemed a "paper-street, therefore removed from taxable status on 2014 Town of Northampton tax roll and any future Town of Northampton tax rolls. It is also agreed and understood that said private Birchwood Place does not meet Town Road and Zoning requirements and will not be maintained by the Town of Northampton Highway Department. It has been recommended by the Fulton County that the Town Board pass a resolution and file a copy with the Fulton County Clerk's Office.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned approval of said Parcel#46.20-1-40 commonly known as Birchwood Place, noting that being this is a private common-use roadway and is hereby deemed a “paper-street, therefore be removed from taxable status on 2014 Town of Northampton tax roll and any future Town of Northampton tax rolls. . It is also agreed and understood that said private Birchwood Place does not meet Town Road and Zoning requirements and will not be maintained by the Town of Northampton Highway Department , seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

YOUTH /REC:Councilman Simmons mentioned that he met with Patrick Barnett member of the subcommittee on July 15, 2014. The Joint Youth Commission will be holding a meeting in August 4, 2014 and September 8, 2014.

PUBLIC SAFETY:

Supervisor Groff: I have personally driven on Houseman Street every weekend for the last three weekends. I have also called the local police and asked them to patrol for the parking violations. Whether they have or not I do not know. I will be going down on Houseman Street this week and if the same vehicles are parked there I will be putting a note on their windshield letting them know that they are parked illegally and the Board is contemplating action.
Councilman Gritsavage: We did budget money for that purpose.

Supervisor Groff: I have spoken with a few residents and the speed limit has been a little better. We did have the speed sign out over the 4th of July weekend.

CEMETERIES:

Councilman Simmons: Has Kip done anything on the Northville Cemetery fence regarding the cutting off of the pointed ends off or covering the ends because of the deer?
Councilman Roosa: We haven't but we have an idea of using a torch and grinding them down.

DISASTER SHELTER:

Councilman Simmons: My understanding is that the Towns of Benson and Hope are not going to be involved.
Supervisor Groff: I don't think that they have approached the Towns of Benson and Hope yet.
Councilman Simmons: Wasn't it stated that the community was going have a fund raiser to raise some money to help buy the generator for the NCS for the disaster shelter?
Supervisor Groff: I haven't had the opportunity to ask Bob Smith but I do know that they have raised some money.
Councilman Roosa: I have found several used generators and have downloaded the application and information and have given it to the NCS but I don't know if they've done anything with it or not.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:The June 25, 2014 meeting was cancelled due to no new business coming before the board
The next scheduled ZBA meeting is July 23, 2014 in the Town hall at 7 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD:A Planning Board meeting was held on Tuesday, July 8, 2014

A letter was received dated 7-9-2014 from the Town of Northampton Planning Board regarding the Adirondack Escape Major Subdivision. The Planning Board has conditionally approved the Adirondack Escape Major Subdivision.

The next Planning Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, August 12, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Town hall.

HARDFILL:For the month of June 2014 there were a total of 71 vehicles that had come to the Hardfillsite and a total of \$21.50 was collected.

HAULING FEES: The month of Junefees are as follows:

County Transfer	112.320 Ton @ \$53	\$5,952.96
Curbside Recycling	11.630Ton @ \$25	\$ 290.75
Transfer Station Recycling	2.790Ton @ \$12.50	\$ 34.88
Metal	3.840 Ton @ \$20	<u>\$ 76.80</u>
Total		\$6,355.39

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:June2014

Water:

-June 2013 usage 1,833,000-gallons pumped

-June 2014 usage-1,650,000-gallons pumped

Meters:

-No new problems to report

Repairs/Maintenance:

-No new problems to report

Wastewater:

-June-2013- daily average flow195,600 gallons

-June2014-daily average flow 72,100 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:

-Removed 7 loads of sludge from imhoff tank. Approximately 24,000 gallons.

Supervisor Groff: Ken, Matt and I were over in the Sacandaga Park and found four (4) trees that are potential hazards. We will get three proposals to see what the cost is going to be to take down these four (4) trees. One of these trees is split down the middle.

There was discussion on the condition of the roofs on the buildings at the Sewer Plant on Roosevelt Terr. Supervisor Groff: There is money in a reserves account if we think that is feasible or however the Board chooses to do it. This is something that does need to be done.

TOWN CLERK:

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

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

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Town Clerk Monthly Report
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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	51	67.88
	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	2	20.00
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
	Sub-Total:			\$100.38
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	2	100.50
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	80	800.00
Sub-Total:			\$900.50	
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	32	224.00
		Female, Unspayed	5	65.00
		Male, Neutered	30	210.00
		Male, Unneutered	5	65.00
		Replacement Tags	1	3.00
Sub-Total:			\$567.00	
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	4	1.00
Sub-Total:			\$1.00	
B2110	Building Permits	Building Permits	12	725.00
	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	1	25.00
Sub-Total:			\$750.00	
Total Local Shares Remitted:			\$2,318.88	
Amount paid to:	New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses			22.50
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			92.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation			1,163.12
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$3,596.50	Total Non-Local Revenues:		\$1,277.62

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

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on General Municipal Law Section 209-cc Exotic Dangerous Animals

Councilman Simmons:

1. We talked about the General Municipal Law Section 209-cc Exotic Dangerous Animals. It was decided by the Board that it was not necessary to adopt a Local Law. What I have done was prepare a Public Notice/Press Release for the Boards review and we can also post it locally.

Councilman Anderson mentioned that Caroline Murray after our last meeting had published an article in the Newspaper on the General Municipal Law Section 209-cc Exotic Dangerous Animals.

Councilman Gritsavage: Yes, I did read it but we are talking about a Public Notice.

Supervisor Groff will have the Attorney look at the proposed Public Notice/Press Release.

MOTION: A motion was made by Councilman Gritsavage to have the proposed Public Notice and Press Release saying that the Town of Northampton will follow the guidelines of General Municipal Law Section 209-cc Exotic Dangerous Animals. Residents will then have to report to the Town Clerk of the present of wild animals in the Town of Northampton. This motion is pending reviewed and any

recommendations by the Town Attorney. If the Town Attorney approves such proposal then the Public Notice is to be published. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

2. We talked in the past about having a Board meeting or a meet and greet type of meeting in Fish House.

Councilman Anderson: This Sunday they are have a breakfast at the Fish House Community Hall.

Supervisor Groff: I have a phone number to call and I'll give her a call.

SUPERVISOR:

~ There was a pre-construction meeting for the AES Project No. 3427-A – Northampton – Sacandaga Park – Sewer Collection System held on Monday, May 30, 2014 at 2 pm in the Town hall. The AES Engineer met with W.J. Keller & Sons Construction Corporation, Supervisor Groff; and Councilman Anderson.

~ The Fulton County Board of Supervisors hasselected the former Gloversville Fire Chief, Steve Santamaria as the new Civil Defense-Fire Coordinator Director. He will start August 4th, 2014.

~There has been some misconception as to why they are retaining Alan Polmateer. Alan has put together a \$2.5M Grant for radios, for communications for the County. Both he and Garth Hillier had worked on the Grant together. With Garth passing, Alan is the only one that knows that much about the Grant. Alan will be administered and paid out of the Grant monies. It is not the County that has hired him back as a consultant. The County hired him through the Grant because of the system.

~The woman who is in charge of the SMART WATERS, I think it is a great thing. They have had good discussions with other communities and hopefully it will continue.

Ken Cramer: Why are they deciding to keep on Jeff Bouchard?

Supervisor Groff: Because they don't have a Deputy Director who wants to step up and take over. Jeff has the opportunity to retire. We hope that Jeff will remain on to train someone who will take on his position that are not part of the Landfill already. The other two people who might have taken over the position are both going to be retiring also.

Discussion on Boat Speeding and Noise issues on the Great Sacandaga Lake

Councilman Gritsavage: Last month it was brought up about the speeding and noise issues coming from the boats on the Great Sacandaga Lake. A Committee consisting of Councilman Simmons and I were formed and we have looked into finding a solution. I have provided information that was found on the internet which is has to do with Lake George which is comparable to us. In fact Lake George is a little larger than the Great Sacandaga Lake.

Speed: Their speed limit is 5 MPH within 100 feet of shore. The main lake during day time hours from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. it is 45 MPH. Night time the speed limit drops to 25 MPH until 6 a.m.

Noise: There is a decibels limit of 86 50 feet away and no more than 80 if recorded from 100 feet or more.

This is something that can be done. I hear people complaining about it and I am living on a Lake.

Councilman Anderson lives on the lake and it is becoming a problem. I think it is a problem because the Great Sacandaga Lake doesn't do anything about it. The boats are not allowed to do it on Lake George so

the boaters come to the Great Sacandaga Lake and we are paying the price. I think we should do something about it.

The Great Sacandaga Lake Association is having a meeting on August 8th at the Edinburg Fire Hall and they've invited a Representative of the New York State Police Marine Unit to talk to them about their concerns. There have been member concerns of the noise coming from the boats on the Great Sacandaga Lake this summer.

Councilman Anderson: Having friends on Lake George the reason for having the rules and regulations is because they have a Lake George Park Association which was granted by the State of New York. They make their own rules for certain areas and even for outside the lake itself. They can enforce rules through that authority. This is something that could be looked into and talked over with the other town. But it is not going to happen overnight because you are going to have to have everyone go along with it.

Supervisor Groff suggests any Board member that is a member of the Great Sacandaga Lake Association might attend their meeting and find out what the other towns are thinking. One of the Laws that you have mentioned on jet skis is already on the books. It's a State Law. If you can have all the Laws that you want but if you have no one to enforce the Law it's not going to do you any good.

Discussion ensued on the motorcycle law.

Councilman Simmons: I'd be curious as to how many enforcement boats are on the lake and the amount of tickets that are issued on the Great Sacandaga Lake.

Supervisor Groff: There are two boats on the lake that I know of, ECON and the Police. Discussion ensued.

Councilman Anderson mentioned that the Town of Day Association is supposed to be holding a meeting on a Saturday in August, which they will be talking about enforcement.

Res. #2014-10: Resolution to Report Established Standard Reportable Work Day for Each Elected and Appointed Position in the Town of Northampton.

The foregoing resolution was made by Councilman Anderson and seconded by Councilman Gritsavage.

Roll Call Vote:

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

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Simmons:

1. I have received a complaint from a resident on the policies at the Transfer Station.

The homeowner was apparently cleaning out a house and made three trips to the Transfer Station and went to make a 4th trip and was told they couldn't bring anymore. I believe that the Town Board back in 2012 passed a motion that there was a limit of 3 pickup loads for a clean-up project. This resident felt that they should be allowed more trips than that.

2. In the past we were given the proposed changes to the Town of Northampton Zoning and Sub-division Law. Can we schedule a meeting with Matthew Ginter, Code Enforcement Officer and the Planning Board to go over these proposed changes? So that we can move it along with the SEQR process and have a Public Hearing and maybe move this forward?

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to set up a meeting with Code Enforcement Officer, Matthew Ginter and the Town of Northampton Planning Board for the purpose of finalizing the proposed changes to the Town of Northampton Zoning and Sub-division Law. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and

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

Supervisor Groff stated that he will contact the Chairman of the Planning Board and see when they would like to me.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 20, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:35 p.m. Councilman Roosa seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk