

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
November 19, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, November 19, 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, Art Simmons and William Gritsavage
Councilman Ivar Anderson-Absent

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance was: Bookkeeper-Nathanial Matthews
Water/Sewer Operator-Ken Cramer

ALSO PRESENT: Warren (Skip) Taylor, Sheila Cramer, Chris Jacques
Recorder Newspaper –Caroline Murray

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the October 1, 2014 the 2015 Proposed Budget Work Session minutes; the 2015 Proposed Budget 2nd Budget Work Session minutes and the October 15, 2014 Regular meeting and Public Hearing minutes as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Councilman Roosa and
Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage and Simmons

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilman Gritsavage approved paying the warrants as set forth, seconded by Councilman Roosa and
Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

October 2014 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$71,903.36
General Fund "B"	16,552.23
Highway "DB"	38,124.60
Sacandaga Lighting District "SL"	1,406.76
Sacandaga Sewer District "SS"	25,040.35
Sacandaga Water District "SW"	4,124.93
Trust & Agency Fund	452.60
Trust – Cemeteries – Expendable "TE"	<u>00.00</u>
Total Warrants	\$157,604.83

Resolution #2014-18: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds within Accounts to Meet Certain Contractual Expenses for Accounts Payable from 2014 Budget Items.
Councilman Roosa offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.
Supervisor Groff 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 November 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

November 2014

\$4,500.00

From: A1620.2 – Buildings – Equipment

To: A1620.4 – Buildings – Contractual Exp.

\$2,300.00

From: A5132.2 – Garage – Equipment

To: A9010.8 – State Retirement

\$3,200.00

From: A1620.1 – Buildings – Personal Services

To: A8810.1 – Cemetery – Personal Services

\$2,000.00

From: SS8130.2 – Sewer Trans/Distrib – Equipment

To: SS8420.4 – Sewer Attorney - Contractual

\$12,000.00

From: SS8130.2 – Sewer Trans/Distrib – Equipment

To: SS8440.4 – Sewer Engineer - Contractual

\$1,000.00

From: SW8340.2 – Water Trans/Distrib. – Equipment

To: SW8340.4 – Water Trans/Distrib. - Contractual

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	William Gritsavage	Aye
Ivar Anderson	Absent	Art Simmons	Aye
Darryl Roosa	Aye		

Supervisor Groff **Opened for Public Comment** at 7:03 p.m.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Approved Planning Board meeting minutes on review and discussion of the proposed changes to the Town of Northampton Zoning and Subdivision Law
- Monthly Report of Revenues & Expenditures
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Major Project Public Notice Application received P2014-181 from Michael Hopkins for a project located near Elmer Brown Rd and White Birch Rd.

Motion on 2015 Franchise Agreement to provide Cable Television Services between Town of Northampton and Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC c/b/a/ Time Warner Cable.

Councilman Simmons motioned to tablesetting the Public Hearing date and time in orderto allow the Franchise Committee men Councilmen Simmons and Gritsavage to schedule a meetingwith a Representative from Time Warner Cable to review said proposed Cable Television Franchise Agreement between Time Warner Cable and the Town of Northampton, Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,

A vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Simmons

0-Nays

Discussion on the motion:

Supervisor Groff: I would like to table this until we the Board sit down and discuss this contract with a Time Warner Representative. They are asking for a 15 year contract.

Councilman Simmons: I would like to see if we can get a little more for a Franchise Fee. I have contacted them a month ago trying to get a TV station back on the air and I have never heard a word back from them.

For a contract to go for 15 years, I have never heard of a Cable TV contract to go for that long. I would like to meet with aTime Warner Representative and to get something more specific for a Public Hearing. I asked the Bookkeeper today about the Town's current contract with Time Warner and it is not in the file where it should be. Mr. Matthews is going to call Time Warner and ask them to fax us a copy of the current signed Franchise Agreementcontract.

- Fulton-Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce November 2014 edition of Newline is available for review

QUOTEfor the repair to the main entrance outside door and inside doorinto the Town hall.

A quote was received from Stewart & Bergen Co. 51 Chestnut Street, Johnstown, NY 12095 on the cost to repair both the outside door and inside door of the Town hall at 412 S. Main Street.

The quote is as follows:

To repair the outside door the part cost is \$729.00; to repair the inside door the part cost is \$1,018.00 because it is fire rated, plus Labor and Installation \$260.00. Total cost \$2,007.00

Discussion on the quote for the repair to the main entrance outside door and inside door into the Town hall:

Supervisor Groff: We've been having problems with the main entrance outside and inside door locking at times. The only concern I have is that we are going to be replacing those doors anyway. The total cost to repair both of these doors is \$2,007.00. I have tried to get quotes to replace both of these doors and no one has gotten back with me with quotes as of yet. I hate to put \$2,007.00 into parts for these doors when the parts are going to be obsolete anyway and we won't be able to use the hardware on the new doors.

Councilman Gritsavage: I would suggest we wait because are going to have that area rebuilt and we have no idea what it is going to look like. We would want to make sure that the doors match the building. Like you said, the parts are going to be obsolete and if the lock mechanism breaks within a year we're stuck.

Councilman Roosa: Don't we have a tool to keep the door from locking? I will check that out tomorrow.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$1,027.50 in fees in October. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$191,500.00. A total of (16) permits were issued in October 2014; #38-13R1-Permit renewal; #061-14-Septic System; #062-14-Alterations; #067-14 Addition; #068-14-Fuel burning device; #069-14 Demolition; #070-14 Deck; #071-14 Alterations; #072-14 72; #073-14Deck; #074-14 Septic system; #075-14 Alterations; #076-14 Demolition; #077-13R1 Permit renewal; #077-14Alteration; #078-13R1 Permit renewal; Z06-14 Area variance and P09-14 Lot line adjustment.

JUSTICE: Councilman Gritsavagemotioned to accept the Justice report, there were a total of 48 cases handled and \$5,957.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, and Simmons 0-Nays

COMMITTEE REPORTS

ANIMAL CONTROL:

Motion on Contract with Helping Paws

Councilman Simmons approved Supervisor Groff signing the 2015 Contract between the Town of Northampton and Helping Paws, for the sum of One Thousand Six Hundred Dollars (\$1,600.00) payable

in quarterly installments of \$400.00 for the term of this agreement which shall commence on the 1st day of January 2015 and continue until the 31st day of December, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and

Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

INTERMUNICIPAL:

Supervisor Groff: I have received a phone call and have his phone number for you (Councilman Roosa) to call regarding the barn on the electrical distances.

Councilman Roosa: I was supposed to meet with Fulton County Electric and he never showed.

AMBULANCE: The members on the Northampton Ambulance have been doing training on Ebola. They have been working hard and are very knowledgeable about it.

Motion on the Town of Hope – Town of Northampton 2015 Ambulance Agreement

Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve Supervisor Groff signing the 2015 Town of Hope – Town of Northampton Ambulance Agreement which the Town of Hope agrees to the terms of the agreement and to pay the Town of Northampton the sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) per call if the ambulance transports to a medical facility and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per call if the ambulance does not transport. This agreement shall be effective the date this Agreement is signed and shall continue to and including December 31, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Simmons, and

Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

Discussion on the motion:

Councilman Simmons: I was at the last Northampton Ambulance meeting and I asked what they wanted to do with the 2015 Contract between the Town of Hope and Town of Northampton. The members on the Northampton Ambulance stated that they wanted to renew the 2015 contract with the Town of Hope at the same price.

I spoke with Town of Hope Supervisor Edwards and he stated that he **does** want to renew the 2015 Ambulance Contract between the Town of Hope and Town of Northampton. I would recommend that the Town of Northampton renew the 2015 Town of Hope – Town of Northampton Ambulance Contract at the same price for the year 2015.

ASSESSOR: The Assessor's Office will be closed November 24th and 26th and December 1st and 3rd.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: The ZBA held a meeting on October 22, 2014. The November meeting has been cancelled because of it being the night before Thanksgiving.

The Town Clerk will be posting positions that are available and seeking individuals that would be interested to be a member on the Town of Northampton Zoning Board of Appeals, the Planning Board and the Assessment Board of Review.

PLANNING BOARD: The Planning Board next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, December 9, 2014 at 7 p.m. in the Town hall.

YOUTH /REC: A meeting has been tentatively set for Wednesday, December 10, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Two Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$85,250.00) per year in full for said services; payment hereof to be made on or before the fifteenth day of February. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and
Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:October2014

Water:

-October 2013 usage 1,672,000-gallons pumped

-October 2014 usage-810,000-gallons pumped

Meters: No problems to report

Repairs/Maintenance:

- Installed new Valve to shut down shallow line on Circle Drive.
- Closed shallow water mains for the season.
- Backflow prevention device has been tested and will need to be tested annually as per the DOH

Wastewater:

-October-2013- daily average flow 16,500 gallons

-October2014-daily average flow 14,400 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:

-McKinley Extension Sewer Project has been completed.

-The wastewater treatment plant was cited for the deteriorating roofs on the secondary clarifier building and the main building during the annual D.E.C. plant inspection.

Supervisor Groff: We are going to have to replace these two roofs at the wastewater treatment plant.

We're hoping to get by until spring and we'll replace them in the spring. We can't use the Grant money for that repair.

Councilman Simmons: The first phase with what was left of the original DEC \$200,000.00 Grant money in the amount of \$114,709.00 which was to be used for the Town of Northampton, Sacandaga Park Sewer System Reconstruction:, prepared by AES Northeast, project number 3427 on McKinley Ave. extension. Has the project been completed?

Supervisor Groff: Yes. They have done a nice job but we will have to go back in the spring and either lower a manhole or seal a manhole. We did have a little money left over from this project and we are hoping that the Town can use that money to upgrade a manhole in the spring. This was part of the work that needed to be done. Unfortunately there is a lot more work over there that needs to be done.

Councilman Gritsavage: Is there anything new on the water meter readings?

Nathaniel Matthews: I reached out to Brandon Becker from Lamont Engineers, P.C. and I sent him a large amount of files. I received an e-mail back from him approximately a month later. Brandon would like me (Nathaniel Matthews) to crunch the numbers for him and provide him with consumptions based on data file. I just received that a couple of days ago and I will be getting him that information. Hopefully we can move forward.

I hope so. I would be nice to have that done. I know that we went through a lot of agony when I was on the Village Board with the same issue. Maybe we should have done what we did on the Village Board. But this was already started.

TOWN CLERK:

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

Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

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Town Clerk Monthly Report				Account#
October 01, 2014 - October 31, 2014:				
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	70	139.67
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
			Sub-Total:	\$152.17
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	2	17.50
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	5	50.00
			Sub-Total:	\$67.50
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	6	42.00
		Female, Unspayed	2	26.00
		Male, Neutered	2	14.00
		Male, Unneutered	2	26.00
			Sub-Total:	\$108.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	5	5.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	33	8.25
			Sub-Total:	\$13.25
B2110	Building Permits	Building Permits	17	987.50
	Planning Application	Planning Application	1	40.00
			Sub-Total:	\$1,027.50
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$1,368.42
Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses				22.50
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				20.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				3,053.33
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$4,464.25	Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$3,095.83

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

SUPERVISOR:

We do have a request and the Bookkeeper and I did Budget for it. For the \$200.00. Is that for the year Mr. Taylor.

Skip Taylor: That would be for a 10th of the cost for the snowplowing of Roosevelt Terrace Road. I estimated \$2,000.00

MOTION on Snowplowing of Roosevelt Terrace Road in the Sacandaga Park

Supervisor Groff approved the Town of Northampton to provide the Town's portion of 1/10th along with nine of the residents on Roosevelt Terrace for snow plowing **starting at the intersection of County Road 152 and Roosevelt Terrace** to the Sacandaga Park Sewer Treatment Plant **at the end of Roosevelt Terrace**. This road is used regularly by the Town of Northampton for maintenance and operation of the Sacandaga Park Sewer Treatment Plant. The Town's portion is 1/10th of the approximate cost of \$2,000 a year or Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) which is included in the Town's 2015 Budget, to participate in costs for 2014-2015 snow plowing Roosevelt Terrace, a private road in the Sacandaga Park, Town of Northampton. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion.

Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

Discussion on proposal for plowing Roosevelt Terrace this winter and acceptance letter to the contractor. to participate in cost to maintain Roosevelt Terrace, a private road in the Town of Northampton.

Supervisor Groff: We are going to pay 1/10th of the share as a co-owner because we do share the road.

Councilman Gritsavage: We do need the road to get into the Sacandaga Sewer Treatment Plant.

Supervisor Groff: Mr. Taylor, do you think that you might to do the paving?

Skip Taylor: There is a strong desire to see that paving be done by four maybe five residents on Roosevelt Terrace. We have got to do something with the entrance to Roosevelt Terrace. I think that we may very well pave the road.

Councilman Roosa: Even if they didn't go along in paving the whole road have you at least put some thought into repairing it?

Skip Taylor: We have got to do something with it because it is terrible.

Councilman Roosa: You could maybe patch it for a fraction of the cost.

Skip Taylor: We have been cold patching it for approximately five or ten years. The Town has been helpful in pitching in with the cold patch. I understand the need for the Town to stay away from private roads but in this cast. Weight wise, you're probably the heaviest users of this road with the sludge truck, equipment and such.

Councilman Roosa: It has always been patched with cold material. What if you patched it with hot material?

Skip Taylor: To do maybe the entrance of the street that would require someone to bring over a paver.

Councilman Roosa: You can patch it by hand with hot material.

Skip Taylor: You would need seven or eight people in tee shirts on a hot day in the summer.

Councilman Roosa: No, I would say a crew of maybe four people.

Skip Taylor: I would like to chat with you on this. It sounds interesting.

Councilman Roosa: You can always pave it. But you have people who will come and patch it and give you a price for that.

Supervisor Groff: The Town of Northampton has budgeted in the 2015 Town Budget for their portion of the cost in the amount of \$4,000.00 for road repair of Roosevelt Terrace. So if you do decide at a later date we can always look into that.

Councilman Roosa will get with Mr. Taylor and discuss this with him.

Supervisor Groff closed the Public comment at 7:34 p.m.

NEW BUSINESS:

Motion posting 2015 Fuel Bid

Councilman Roosa motioned the approval of the Town Clerk posting for “2015 Fuel Bid” for the Town of Northampton, Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and

Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

Discussion on Fuel Bid

Councilman Roosa: We are at a point where we do need to look into a State Contract on how it relates to this. But it is too late to be done now. It needs to be done sometime in October.

OLD BUSINESS:

Councilman Simmons:

1. The repairs on the Town hall. Is that going to happen this year?

Supervisor Groff: We have only gotten one contractor that has given us a quote for doing the work. I’ve got three proposals for the materials and they go anywhere from \$2,000.00 up to \$8,000.00. I have not had the opportunity to review the proposals to see what the differences are. The problem is it is too late to be doing the cement work. So, we may have to put it off until spring. One of the biggest hold up was getting the prices for doing the roof portion. These shingles are specialized shingles. If we use the same shingles that are on the main part of the roof to do the small doorway covers it will cost approximately \$2,200.00.

If we do it in dark green metal roofing materials the cost will be approximately \$600.00. That is something that the Town Board needs to discuss. I was hoping to get another quote and I only received one quote for the cement work also. All the contractors seem to be busy. So I thought if we hold off until spring.

2. Did we act on the Office of the Aging for the senior nutrition program?

Response: It is in the Budget and we did talk about it when we did the 2015 Budget.

3. There is a note here to Councilman Roosa from Jack Farquhar regarding Street Lights being out. As far as you know there is still the one in Fish House?

Councilman Roosa: When I received that e-mail. The next day I took the eight or nine lights that I have had out on my list along with the list from Mr. Farquhar. I compiled the whole list and took that list to the local National Grid crew and they had said that they would try to repair the lights mentioned. I was told that the person that does these repairs has taken a leave of absence and there is no one in the area to repair the Street lights.

I was told that they would do their best especially the lights that are along State Highway 30 where the deer cross should be maintained. The lights mentioned as of tonight have not been repaired. I have found two more in the Village that I will add to the list and I will graciously ask them to fix them.

Supervisor Groff: What is so difficult about changing a light bulb? Is the light broken or is it that the bulb is not working?

Councilman Roosa: Most of the lights, it is the bulb not working. It up to the person that does the maintenance on these lights that does this work. Maybe you haven’t noticed but they have been changing the poles in the Village and they have done at least four that I know of.

4. Councilmen Gritsavage, Anderson and I are on the website committee. I would like to set up a Website Committee meeting and possibly ask the Webmaster to come in to discuss things that are not on the site and maybe they should be. Councilmen Gritsavage and Simmons will set up a meeting date and time and invite the webmaster.

There will be a meeting with Adirondack Park Representatives, Town of Northampton and Village Boards, the Town of Northampton Planning Board and Zoning Board of Appeals Members will be present. This meeting is regarding the Town of Northampton and Village of Northville Hamlet Economic Development Plan which will be held in the Town Hall Conference Room Thursday, November 20, 2014 at 6:30 p.m.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 17, 2014 at 7 p.m.

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

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk