

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
December 17, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, December 17, 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, William Gritsavage, and
Ivar Anderson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance was: Bookkeeper-Nathanial Matthews
Water/Sewer Operator-Ken Cramer
Jack Farquhar entered 7:25 p.m.

ALSO PRESENT: James Conkling-Community Collaboration Council

Speaker James Conkling stated that he providing a copy of the Town of Northampton and Village of Northville Hamlet Economic Development Plan for the Town Board consideration.

The idea was to give the Town Board a copy of the Plan and ask the Board to read it over and hopefully at the next Town Board meeting do a resolution of support or acceptance, as the Village of Northville Board is also planning to do. This Economic Development Plan to my knowledge is the first one ever done for the Village of Northville and the Town of Northampton.

This plan comes from several different sources. What started this was from approximately ten years ago and then the most recent one this last year which documents the deterioration of the Adirondack communities. With the population, the aging of the population, young people leaving, the drop of businesses as well as the drop in school population.

We formed a Community Collaboration Committee last year and two projects of that committee were the Winter Festival and the sponsoring and trying to get through the Historic District in the Village of Northville and I think that there was one other. The idea was that it was a unique period of time in that we had several organizations throughout the Town and the Village and the area, for that matter, which saw the need for economic development and residential development to revive our community. To make sure in that revival we protect the things that we all valued all our lives and to have some control over taxation because if we increase the actual amount of commercial businesses and the amount of traffic that comes into our area and to deal with some zoning issues and to increase our population. The overall consensus was that the Adirondacks, the Village, and the Town is in a slow process of decline and that we needed to do something about it. That is what brought the meeting of the core of the Collaborative Committee. Those people that were selected were from the Rotary, the SVAN, the Senior Task Force, the Merchants Association and we added two other individuals to that guiding group that was Northville Mayor Spaeth and Northampton Supervisor Groff. Out of one of those meetings came the idea that we would contact the Adirondack Park Agency's Economic Development Unit to see if they would come and see what we had and to help with the overall plan for the Communities. With the Committee's focusing on, the Hamlet of the Town of Northampton Sacandaga Park and on the Hamlet of the Village of

Northville. The Adirondack Park Agency did so. That Collaborative Committee we found out had someone that was from every organization that included every Church, every non-for-profit in our area and Scott Henze from the Fulton County Planning Department was involved in this.

The rough draft was reviewed and was open to the public Official last month on November 20, 2014.

There were changes made and they are reflected in your draft that I provided to you tonight, with perhaps a few absences which we will probably fix. But it was determined pretty much and I am asking for the Town of Northampton Board and the Village of Northville Board for their acceptance and then we will then close that report.

This report doesn't obligate you to anything in it. It is pretty much like the Comprehensive Plan. It accepts the concept that we need to do something to reach out into the Capital District and begin to revitalize our community. As a matter of fact, one thing that wasn't said which I stated at the Village Board meeting last night, is that we follow the concept offered by Theodore Roosevelt who said "We are going to do what we can where we are with the resources that we have". Because we clearly believe that unless we act together as a community including the Village of Northville Board and the Town of Northampton Board, our community will continue to deteriorate economically and otherwise. The good news is in the Adirondacks we are probably, outside of places like Saranac Lake, in a much better position than most others. We do have a vibrant County, a vibrant group of people who are interested and we are within commutable distance from Schenectady, Troy, Albany and Saratoga. There has never been an organized effort to bring any of those people to come here to do business, much less to live and become members of our community. That's really the major thrust of this plan. To bring new people to our community not only to do business in the Town of Northampton and the Village of Northville but new businesses to attract and support local Entrepreneurs and that way our population will grow once again.

The target group basically turns out to be people that are born in 1980 and above and are used to being connected and don't necessarily want to have the hustle and bustle of the Capital District. They want the mountains, the lake and the four seasons, the environment that we offer. That is why the theme of this is "Protecting what we value most through planned Commercial and Residential Growth". The plan itself is a smorgasbord of ideas. Some of which has been kicked around for years, others that are brand new. One of the things that I hadn't realized and it came up at the first meeting was that obviously we are the jewel of the Sacandaga, we are on the peninsula and we had no access to the lake on this side of the lake. There are five different proposed spots in which this can be done or not.

The public process that we used at that the November 2014 hearing we had Ron Peters-Head of the local IDA and the County Representative to the Mohawk Valley Region, Mark Kilmer-Chairman of the Fulton Co. Chamber of Commerce. We gave them (Kilmer and Peters) the full tour of the Town and the Village. We then met at the Sport Island Pub where there were approximately 14 other people for dinner and questions were taken. At the November meeting I thought there weren't going to be many people and the place was packed. The suggestions and support was over whelming positive. I became energized because of the acknowledgement that our community has to give and move forward.

This document I gave to the Village of Northville, if they accept it which I expect that they will, will be a part of the Village of Northville Comprehensive Plan. Keeping in mind that anyone of those ideas that is offered doesn't preclude anybody else's nor does it obligate you to actually take any action on any of those ideas. Many of them will never come before you anyway particularly on infrastructure or zoning would have to come available to some Town Board but there is no obligation at all. As soon as the Village of Northville and Town of Northampton Boards accepts this plan, we have already begun to line

up funding sources. There is a half a million dollars there and how do we apply for the funding? If you look at the report there are other funding sources that have been identified and incentives that they will bring in.

Both Janet Meuweissen and I went to the Adirondack Area Association of Village and Town Conference in Lake George on Economic Development. There was positive energy of those people in these Adirondack Communities of taking control of their local economies and doing what they could.

I want to say, the day of the APA is the enemy is over stated Mr. Conkling. To progress is by cooperating with the APA, DEC, and other agencies who now have been instructed to be friendlier. That is clear on the cooperation that we had on this report, it was clear at the Conference. Mayor Spaeth has made several phone calls on water front and amazing he has gotten further ahead than anybody has to my knowledge. Our Committee is called the Collaborative Committee and their phrase talks about Community, Cooperation with State, Local and Regional Authorities.

Supervisor Groff: Mayor Spaeth and I have spoken on this Economic Development Program. The Adirondack Park Agency has realized that they are considered the enemy. So they helped put together this Economic Development Group to work with Communities. This group has been in business for at least two years and nobody has called them.

Councilman Gritsavage: Did anybody know that they existed?

Supervisor Groff: It is probably partially that and partially that nobody wants to deal with the APA because of past practices. We called them and they are very enthusiastic about this. If you read the Mohawk Valley Grants in this last round that were given out by the State. \$400,000.00 was granted for Art Work for a pedestrian bridge in Amsterdam that goes nowhere and we can't even get a grant to work on our Sewer and we can't get a grant to fix the bridge and Fulton County got none of that money. That is payback from our Democratic Governor.

James Conkling: DEC has put out the SMART Grant applications again and they are encouraging Adirondack Communities to receive up to \$50,000.00 per grant for planning purposes for infrastructure or I am hoping for things such as the Senior Task Force.

Supervisor Groff: They thought that we were the Capital of the Southern Adirondacks because we're the largest community in the Southern Adirondacks and because of the lake. Ron Davis and Mark Kilmer were very interested in this along with Dustin Swanger.

We're hoping to find a grant to help repair the Sacandaga Park Sewer System.

Councilman Gritsavage: What is the advantage and legal effect of the Boards approval of this plan of carrying out at least part of the plan, for example, if applying for sewer and water or recreation?

Supervisor Groff: There is no legal effect. You are just accepting the plan basically. It is for your support for the Community Collaboration Council trying to develop the Economic Program.

James Conkling: It requires two communities to be involved and working together for applying and to be eligible for that SMART Grant. That is the advantage of the report. In every grant we apply for we say that we have a local Economic Development Plan that involves both of our communities together. That is one of the gateways for funding.

Councilman Roosa: In last week newspaper it was posted who received those awards. That list was for all down in the lower Mohawk Valley. Why weren't we included for our Sewer Project? Did they at least look at what we were asking for?

Supervisor Groff: Because they didn't award us anything. We applied for the Sewer District with the help from Rob Streeter.

Steve Norris: Where are our elected Officials, to put pressure also on getting these grants? It's not just the Governor.

Supervisor Groff: It was not supposed to be any political pressure. That is why they split these Economic Development Areas up. The Governor was supposed to that the politics out of it but he controls it. He does not listen to anybody up here.

Councilman Anderson: I was told by Dustin Swanger that "you guys are out of sight and of mind up there".

Steve Norris: If you are going to do Sewer and Water. I think that long term you should consider bringing in natural gas. Natural gas is going to get less and less expensive and large companies need natural gas to heat.

Councilman Anderson: 1. Cuomo just turned down fracking today. 2. When it was Niagara Mohawk they said you do not have the population for us to run piping and National Grid has said the same thing.

Steve Norris: It's a catch 22. If you bring in gas you will probably have a larger population.

Councilman Anderson: They don't look at it that way. If we to get a development down at the old red barn we probably could talk them into it.

James Conkling: What we learned when we started this plan and part of this I believe we discussed in the Comprehensive Plan was the way these things began to justify sewer and water and what you are talking about the natural gas, is it starts literally in the Commercial Districts that attract people to come in. In coffee shops that are connected and once people, in this case, start coming off the road and begin to move in, build their homes here, and buy homes here in this area and the Commercial areas grow. That begins to justify the need for those kinds of services. This is where the phrase "you start with, where you are, with what you have" and you build on that. We have a beautiful community that we should be advertising and getting people to come here and live so that we can do that type of limited expansion. We don't want a Lake George or Saratoga which is impossible because of the APA. But we can certainly grow and be as vibrant as we were in the 1950's and we could grow bigger than that in order to justify these things. We probably aren't going to get a lot of action around water and sewer. At the conference I was at they were talking about trying to get away from the concept of when we redid the Village waters, of being forced to do so, waiting for someone to force you to do something and then you are trying to find funding.

What you will need to do is to identify your need, get your plans (I mean a real plan- this is not a detailed plan. This does not include the costs or architectural or engineering work). But get ready so you justify as these funds become available. For nothing precludes a community putting forth five years plans.

Example: This is what we want to do in the Town of Northampton using the County's initiative of water and sewer. This is the first 5 years; this is the second 5 years... stop thinking that someone is going to give you a big bunch of money to save your butt because it probably is not going to happen. You have to get a coordinated plan ready that is workable, that is sustainable. If you talk about water and sewer coming across from Amsterdam or up from Gloversville. One thing is going to be said, once it is said and done "Do we have enough people to pay for its day to day operation?" We need to get started because there is so much that we can do to revitalize our community and have an impact on local taxes.

The option in my opinion stated James Conkling, of doing nothing has to be taken off the table. The traditional role, the Adirondack Government has been that we will do only what we had to do. We're going to plow the roads. We're going to have an Ambulance Corps. We are going to pick up the garbage. We are going to have a Fire Department.

Councilman Anderson: Let's promote the Southern Adirondacks. Who promotes Indian Lake? Who promotes Northville?

James Conkling: There are people that are doing that in Indian Lake.

Councilman Anderson: There is no one doing it for the Town of Northampton, Village of Northville and the Sacandaga Lake.

Supervisor Groff: This is why the APA is trying to help us out.

Councilman Anderson: We have to have people representing us and going to these things so that they know that we are here and are willing to work with them.

James Conkling: I was speaking with Mayor Speath and I stated that I don't understand why we don't have a Board member attending the Association of Towns and Villages meetings. As a paid member of the Adirondack North Country Association that actually "specializes in Local Economy's products and sales", as an individual. But we don't as a Town Board or a Village Board. As a matter of fact, a tradition I am talking about breaking up to this point is heresy, that if the real people who did most of the work up until recently in Local Government happened to be the Supervisor and the Mayor and maybe one other person. So when you go down the line, if you say to a Trustee of the Village and ask, what is your specialty; and what do you bring to the table; and where are we going with it? There is a silence. The same with the Planning Boards where are you going and what are you going to do and how are you going to get there?

Supervisor Groff: You are asking us to read the plan and approve it next month?

James Conkling: Yes, I am hoping they'll approve the plan this next month. So that we can get going but if there are any questions a couple of us will come here or feel free to call me.

This isn't my plan. I worked on it but there are a whole lot of people who worked on this and the process was led by the people from the APA. This is a community plan, it comes from the people in this community, and the ideas that they offered, and the direction in which they would like to go. I would appreciate your support.

Supervisor Groff: I know that we will get some positive response from Ron Davison.

Councilman Simmons: This funding is an absolute disgrace. I think that we need to find out from Mr. Peters who is our Representative and we did have an application in, how did it fair. At least with that application what was wrong with it? What was right with it?

Supervisor Groff: What was wrong was that they were totally against Fulton County. Fulton County didn't get a thing.

Supervisor Groff continued with the regular meeting

MOTION: CouncilmanRoosa motioned to approve the November 12, 2014 2015 Preliminary Budget Public Hearing minutes as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson and Simmons

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the November 19, 2014 Regular meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage and Simmons

Abstain: Councilman Anderson, he was not present at the November 19, 2014 meeting

MOTION ON WARRANTS

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

November 2014 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$16,681.91
General Fund "B"	6,761.73
Highway "DB"	9,056.70
Sacandaga Lighting District "SL"	1,526.05
Sacandaga Sewer District "SS"	60,114.99
Sacandaga Water District "SW"	5,284.75
Trust & Agency Fund	00.00
Trust – Cemeteries – Expendable "TE"	<u>00.00</u>
Total Warrants	\$99,426.13

Resolution #2014-19: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds within Accounts to Meet Certain Contractual Expenses for Accounts Payable from 2014 Budget Items.

Councilman Anderson 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 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	Aye	Art Simmons	Aye
Darryl Roosa	Aye		

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues & Expenditures
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Minor Project Public Notice Application received P2014-217 from Roy Meyer for Construction of a one single family dwelling project proposed in the Town of Northampton, Fulton Co. on or near NYS Route 30.
- Notice from Time Warner on Rate Notification.
- Notice from Time Warner on Programming Notification.
- Invitation to the Town of Caroga meeting on December 11, 2014 7 p.m. at Caroga Town Hall with Bob Albrecht of Keep Mohawk Valley Beautiful and Steve Smith of the Mohawk Valley Economic Dev. District to discuss tools that have to fight BLIGHT.
- Major Project Public Notice Application Completed APA Project P2014-48 from NY Land and Lakes Dev., LLC proposed to subdivide 1,119 acres (former Woodworth Lake Boy Scout Camp) into 24 building lot in the Towns of Bleecker and Johnstown, Fulton Co., project located near Woodworth Lake Road, Woodworth Lake and Hines Pond.
- Minor Project Public Notice Application Determined APA Project No.2014-149 from Shelley Scunziano for a three-lot subdivision project in the Town of Northampton, Fulton Co., on or near Tennantville Road.
- Thank you letter from the Sacandaga Senior Travel Committee.
- Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce Newsline December 2014 issue
- FMCC Annual Report 2013-2014

Resolution #2014-20: Resolution Establishing Repair Reserve for Highway Equipment

Councilman Anderson offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption

Councilman Gritsavage offered a second

WHEREAS: the Town of Northampton has the need to establish a “Repair Reserve for Highway Equipment”; **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that pursuant to Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law, as amended, there is hereby established a repair reserve fund designated as DB231.4 to be known as the “ Repair Reserve for Highway Equipment” (hereinafter “Reserve Fund”). The purpose of this Reserve Fund is to accumulate moneys to finance the cost of repairs of highway equipment. The repairs to be financed from the Reserve Fund are the repairs of highway equipment.

The chief fiscal officer is hereby directed to deposit and secure the moneys of this Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 10 of the General Municipal Law. The chief fiscal officer may invest the moneys in the Reserve Fund in the manner provided by Section 11 of the General Municipal Law, and consistent with the investment policy of Town of Northampton. Any interest earned or capital gains realized on the moneys so deposited or invested shall accrue to and become part of the Reserve Fund. The chief fiscal officer shall account for the Reserve Fund in a manner which maintains the separate identity of the Reserve Fund and shows the date and amount of each sum paid into the fund, interest earned by the fund, capital gains or losses resulting from the sale of investments of the fund, the amount and date of each withdrawal from the fund and the total assets of the fund, showing cash balance and a schedule of investments, and shall, at the end of each fiscal year, render to the Board a detailed report of the operation and condition of the Reserve Fund.

Except as otherwise provided by law, expenditures from this Reserve Fund shall be made only for the purpose for which the Reserve Fund is established. No expenditure shall be made from this Reserve Fund without the approval of this governing board and such additional actions or proceedings as may be required by Section 6-d of the General Municipal Law or any other law, including a permissive referendum if required by subdivision 4 of Section 6-d [subdivision 7 of Section 6-g].; **AND BE IT**

FURTHER

RESOLVED: that each and everything be done to further the purport of this resolution.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Resolution #21 of 2014: Permissive Referendum re Transfer of funds from Capital Reserve for the Narrow Band Radio to Repair Reserve for Highway Equipment

Councilman Anderson offered the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption

Councilman Gritsavage offered a second

WHEREAS, it is the intention of the Governing Body of the Town of Northampton to transfer funds that have been accumulated and fully utilized in a reserve fund the purpose of purchasing narrow band radios, which fund is designated DB231.3 to Repair reserve for highway equipment, which fund is designated DB231.4 under General Municipal Law 6-d, **AND**

WHEREAS, it is evident that there are no further plans for purchase of narrow band radios in the near foreseeable future, **AND**

WHEREAS, the amount that will be transferred to the repair reserve fund for the repair of highway equipment will be in the amount of \$5,065, **AND**

WHEREAS, the Finance Law of the State of New York requires a permissive referendum in the event of taking such action, **NOW THEREFORE BE IT**

RESOLVED, that the clerk of the town of Northampton be directed to take appropriate steps with respect to holding a permissive referendum on the issue of whether to transfer funds in the amount of \$5,065 from the reserve fund for purchase of narrow band radios, **BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that in the event that a sufficient number of valid petitions by registered voters is not received within 30 days of passage of this resolution; the resolution will take full force and effect. **AND BE IT FURTHER**

RESOLVED, that copies of this resolution be retained by the Supervisor as part of the records of the Town and that it 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		

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$210.00 in fees in November. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$9,500.00. A total of (6) permits were issued in November 2014; #078-14Septic System/repair; #079-14-Fence; #081-14 Deck/porch; #082-14 HVAC; #083-14 Storage building; and #084-13R1 Permit renewal

I have registered for the Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Seminar in Lake placid. The classes will be held in March 2015 and the costs will be split with the Town of Edinburg.

JUSTICE: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice report, there were a total of 20 cases handled and \$4,105.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

COMMITTEE REPORTS

INTERMUNICIPAL:

Supervisor Groff: The Village of Northville held a bid opening on November 21, 2014

Bids received were as follows:

Rozell Industries in Queensbury, NY	\$163,999.73
Stephen Miller in Mayfield, NY	\$249,580.00
Gallo Construction in Watervliet, NY	\$201,800.00
D & J Construction in St. Johnsville, NY	\$243,518.60

The Village of Northville approved the public bid from Rozell Industries in Queensbury, NY in the amount of \$163,999.73 for a new Cold Storage Facility between the Town of Northampton and the Village of Northville at their regular meeting last night. The Town of Northampton has set aside as the Town's share and approved \$70,000 for the construction of a new Cold Storage Facility. As part of our share the Town will do the preparation for the site work as part of the in house work. There were some changes that we would like to make that would reduce the price somewhat.

Councilman Simmons: In effect the Village of Northville is going to be paying more toward the cost of the new joint Cold Storage Facility? Our Resolution and our Permissive Referendum is for the amount of \$70,000.00. If we have to do some work as long as we do not go over the \$70,000.00.

Supervisor Groff: That's the deal.

Question: Please clarify what is a Cold Storage Building is.

Supervisor Groff: It is a building without any heat in it. It is for storage and to keep equipment out of the weather and the elements.

MOTION ON BID for a new Cold Storage Facility:

Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the bid received at the November 21, 2014 Village of Northville public bid opening for construction of a new Cold Storage Facility for a use of a Cold Storage building to be built and used between the Town of Northampton and the Village of Northville on the State Highway 30 property (old Delia property) and approved the Village of Northville's approval of the bid from Rozell Industries in Queensbury, NY in the amount of \$163,999.73. The Town of Northampton has set aside as the Town's share and approved \$70,000 for a new Cold Storage Facility (see Resolution #2014-09). As part of Town of Northampton's share the Town will do the preparation for the site work as part of the in house work. The Village of Northville has agreed and will pay the remaining balance.

Seconded by Councilman Simmons and

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

AMBULANCE: The members on the Northampton Ambulance have been working on a protocol on Ebola issues. Some protective equipment and clothing has started to come in. The Ambulance members have been working hard on what is mandated by the State.

ELECTIONS: The Town Clerk received the Certified Results from the November 4, 2014 – General Elections.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:Case #Z06-14 Anthony Aiello. The Board approved a side yard variance for a single family home.

The Zoning Board of Appeals meetings are held the 4th Wednesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Town hall.

The Zoning Board of Appeals met on Wednesday, November 5, 2014 and minutes of that meeting were given to the Town Board.

The Town Clerk has posted an ad in the Leader Herald newspaper for positions that are open on the Town Planning Board, the Town Zoning Board of Appeals and the Assessment Board of Review.

We have received a letter of resignation from Patrick Donovan, as Alternate member on the Town of Northampton Zoning Board of Appeals

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the letter of resignation from Patrick Donovan as Alternate member on the Zoning Board of Appeals, seconded by Councilman Roosa, and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson and Simmons

PLANNING BOARD:Case #P09-14 Leo Cristiano. The Board approved a lot line adjustment. The Planning Board met on Tuesday, November 10, 2014 and minutes of that meeting were given to the Town Board.

The Planning Board will meet the second Tuesday of the month at 7 p.m. in the Town hall.

Councilman Simmons: We all met with the Planning Board on September 9, 2014 to go over some proposed changes and clarifications to the Town of Northampton Zoning and Subdivision Law.

Matthew Ginter, Code Enforcement Officer is asking what has happened to that? I thought that we came to an agreement on quite a few of those changes.

Councilman Gritsavage: I thought we would be presented with those changes.

Councilman Simmons: Where do we go from here with that?

Supervisor Groff: I think that we need to go over which changes that we want to have. Then we have to have the public hearing before we can approve it. Sometime after the first of the year we will have a meeting to go over those changes and see which ones we want to change.

Supervisor Groff: I would like to have the verbiage changed for payment of members of the various Town boards and officials attending conferences. I would like to encourage the people to attend these Conferences.

Councilman Gritsavage: I would like to see that. That is standard procedure.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned on the change of verbiage in payment of attending conferences as follows: If there is a conference that is coming up the Town will pay for the Conference rather than the individual having to pay for it up front and then getting reimbursed. That would include giving the individual a voucher that they can take. Seconded by Councilman Anderson Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson and Simmons

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned approval of Jack Groff and Ivar Anderson attending the Saratoga Co. Planning and Zoning Conference on January 28, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson and Simmons

YOUTH /REC: The December 10, 2014 Joint Youth Commission meeting was cancelled and the rescheduled meeting date is set for December 22, 2014 at 7 p.m.

The Joint Youth Commission met on Wednesday, September 17, 2014 and minutes of that meeting were given to the Town Board.

Cemeteries: The cemetery caretaker has announced the Official winter closing date for the Prospect Hill and Main St. cemeteries is December 1st 2014.

HARDFILL:The Hardfill site has closed December 1st, 2014.

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

County Transfer	79.810 Ton @ \$53	\$4,229.93
Curbside Recycling	10.760Ton @ \$25	\$ 269.00
Transfer Station Recycling	2,340 Ton @ \$12.50	\$ 29.26
Metal Hauling	0.000 Ton @ \$20	\$ 00.00
Leaves, Grass & Brush-	N/C	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total		\$4,528.19

NORTHVILLE FIRE DEPT.:For the month of November 2014 the Northville Fire Department reported a total of 8 responses and a total of 88man hours.

The Village of Northville had 1Standby and 1 Carbon Monoxide Alarm; the Town of Northampton had 1 Hazardous Conditions; 1Motor Vehicle Accident; and 2 Brush Fire;the Town of Benson 1 Fire Alarm andthe Town of Hope 1 Chimney Fire. Mutual Aid Given to the Town of Hope.

Department Notes:

1. Northville Fire Department participated in the following training:
 - Landing zone locations and protocols. 2 hours x15 members.
2. Members also conducted truck checks (inventory, fluids checks and ran portable gas powered equipment). 2 hours x 10 members.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:November2014

Water:

-November 2013 usage 1,303,000-gallons pumped

-November 2014 usage-698,000-gallons pumped

Meters: No problems to report

Repairs/Maintenance: No problems to report

Wastewater:

-November-2013- daily average flow27,600 gallons

-November2014-daily average flow 13,800 gallons

Repair/Maintenance: No problems to report

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Sacandaga Park Water/Sewer November 2014 monthly report as presented by Ken Cramerand seconded by Councilman Roosa and

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

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the Town Clerk's November 2014 monthly report as presented by Elaine Mihalik and seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and

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

12/01/2014

**Town Clerk Monthly Report
November 01, 2014 - November 30, 2014**

: Account#

A1255	Conservation	Conservation	24	24.83
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
		Sub-Total:		\$37.33
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	10	100.00
		Sub-Total:		\$100.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	1	7.00
		Male, Neutered	1	7.00
		Sub-Total:		\$14.00
A2770	Budget Copy	Budget Copy	1	10.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	4	1.00
		Sub-Total:		\$11.00
B2110	Building Permits	Building Permits	2	70.00
		Sub-Total:		\$70.00
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	4	140.00
		Sub-Total:		\$140.00

Total Local Shares Remitted: \$372.33

Amount paid to:	New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses	22.50
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	2.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation	425.17

Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$822.00 Total Non-Local Revenues: \$449.67

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:

Steven Grimm, Wastewater Technician from NY Rural Water Association has informed the Supervisor that an Assessment Management Plan will soon be mandated by the State before too long. The Supervisor expressed interest in preparing an Assessment Management Plan for the Sacandaga Park Wastewater and Mr. Grimm stated that he will help assist the group in putting together an Assessment Management Plan for the Wastewater in the Sacandaga Park.

Mr. Grimm has asked the Supervisor to form a Water/Sewer Committee which is made up of Supervisor-James Groff; Town Clerk-Elaine Mihalik; Nathaniel Matthews-Bookkeeper; Wastewater Plant Operator-Ken Cramer; Councilman Darryl Roosa, a resident of the Sacandaga Park Scott Vinton and one other resident of the Sacandaga Park which is to be decided later. The members of Water/Sewer Committee will be meeting with Mr. Grimm on January 7, 2015 at 11 a.m. in the Town hall to start this process.

OLD BUSINESS:

Discussion on the 2015 Franchise Agreement to provide Cable Television Services between Town of

Northampton and Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC c/b/a/ Time Warner Cable.

Supervisor Groff: A copy of the proposed Cable Television Franchise Agreement between Time Warner Cable and the Town of Northampton has been given to the Town Attorney for review and comment. Councilman Simmons has provided a letter he has submitted a while ago to Time Warner Cable trying to get the local TV station back on the air.

We have a lot of questions and we have requested having a meeting date and time with a Time Warner Representative to discuss the proposed 2015 Franchise Agreement to provide Cable Television Services between Town of Northampton and Time Warner Cable Northeast LLC c/b/a/ Time Warner Cable since October 15th, 2014. I have provided a copy of the e-mail to all board members. Councilman Gritsavage and I are still waiting to hear back from them. If we have questions about the contract I don't see how we can schedule a Public Hearing until we meet and discuss this with a Representative from Time Warner Cable.

Councilman Gritsavage: I don't see a lot in that contract that I object too. But I do think that 15 years is a bit excessive. It's too long. Councilman Simmons and I did meet with the Northville Central School with Dr. Ford, the Principal and a couple of other representatives. We do not have a cable station in the Town of Northampton. We used to at the Library and it is no longer being kept up. We are entitled to it. I would like with the people of Time Warner to see what they can provide us with if anything and with what we need because we need the TV station that we can post Town meetings on. But also the school did express some interest in taping some of their meetings and sporting events and such.

Councilman Roosa: Using it as a teaching tool.

Councilman Gritsavage: The school is sending us a copy of the equipment that they do have.

Councilman Simmons: We are supposed to be meeting with the Representatives from the Northville Central School again sometime in January 2015 but we have not set a date as of yet.

Councilman Gritsavage: Part of that is that we have to hear back from Time Warner and we don't have anything that we can bring back to bring back to the school. We need to hear back from Time Warner first.

Councilman Simmons: This Town has been off the air for a year and Michael at the library has said it's because the library had gotten new computer equipment that was not compatible with Time Warner. Michael had spoken with Time Warner a year ago and they (Time Warner) had stated that they would get back with him and he never did hear back from them.

Councilman Gritsavage and I have been talking and subject to the approval of the Town Board, it might be a better place for us to have that being operated in the school as opposed to the library.

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to postponing posting of a Public Hearing date and time in order to allow the Franchise Committee men Councilmen Simmons and Gritsavage in order to continue to try and schedule a meeting with a Representative from Time Warner Cable to review and discuss 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 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

0-Nays

Discussion on DSL

Steven Norris: I believe the contract with Frontier for DSL I think is up with the Village of Northville and the Town of Northampton. I know that the library gets internet service from Time Warner for free. If you are negotiating a contract I think that you have leverage to ask for that. I don't know why the Village and the Town are paying for two lines. I questioned that years ago but they were already locked into a contract and there was no way of dropping it. But I am sure that is over now.

Supervisor Groff: We will look into it.

Councilman Simmons: There had been discussion on plowing in Fish House. You were talking about contacting the Providence Supervisor.

Supervisor Groff: I can't find anyone who wants to do it. Providence is in Saratoga County and they only plow in Saratoga County.

Councilman Simmons: The website committee is at some point going to meet with webmaster Peggy Young?

Councilman Gritsavage: I talked with Peggy and she wondered if there was there anything that we really need to talk about. She said that she will put the information on the website.

Councilman Anderson: I've spoken with Peggy and she has asked can't you get anyone from the Town and Village to give me the upcoming events so I can put that information on the website. She'll gladly put the information on the website. She can only put on what people send her. It's not her fault.

Councilman Simmons: I know that it is not Peggy's fault but she is involved in the discussion.

NEW BUSINESS:

2015 Fuel Bid

A 2015 Fuel bid was received from Shepard Oil Company, Inc., Industrial Park, P.O. Box 298, Johnstown, New York 12095. The bid read as follows:

#2 Fuel Oil price	Albany rack	+.18 cents =	\$2.3179 a gallon
Kerosene price	Albany rack	+.18 cents =	\$2.595 a gallon
Diesel (60/40 winter blend) price	Albany rack	+.18 cents =	\$2.3962 a gallon

Councilman Anderson motioned the approval and awarded the "2015 Fuel Bid" for the Town of Northampton that received from Shepard Oil Company, Inc., Industrial Park, P.O. Box 298, Johnstown, New York 12095. The bid read as follows:

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Kerosene price	Albany rack	+.18 cents =	\$2.595 a gallon
Diesel (60/40 winter blend) price	Albany rack	+.18 cents =	\$2.3962 a

gallon Seconded by Councilman Roosa and

Adopted by a vote of 5-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.

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve Supervisor Groff signing the 2015 Contract between the Town of Northampton and Fulton County Planning Department

Seconded by Councilman Simmons and

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

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned the approval of holding the Signing off on Town Books and the 2015 Organizational meeting on Monday, December 29, 2015 at 10 a.m. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and

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

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 21, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk