

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
February 18, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, February 18, 2015. 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 Ivar Anderson  
Absent: Councilman William Gritsavage

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

**Other Town department representatives in attendance were:**

Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer  
Absent: Bookkeeper-Nathaniel Matthews

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the January 21, 2015 Regular Town Board meeting, as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa

The Town Clerk has received the Annual Financial Report for the Town of Northampton and the Annual Financial Report for the Northampton-Northville Consolidated Health District for the fiscal year ending 2014 for the Town of Northampton. Notice was posted in the Leader Herald on February 6, 2015.

**MOTION ON WARRANTS**

Councilman Simmons approved paying the warrants as presented, Seconded by Supervisor Groff and passed by, 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

<b><u>January 2015 Warrants</u></b>	
General Fund "A"	\$16,174.73
General Fund "B"	299.60
Highway	18,417.34
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,832.05
Sacandaga Sewer District	767.86
Sacandaga Water District	986.37
Fire Protection – "SF"	85,250.00
Trust and Agency Fund – "TA"	<u>0.00</u>
Total Warrants	\$123,727.95

**Res. 2015-10: Transfer of Funds**

Councilman Anderson offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.

Councilman Roosa seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, within the budget certain appropriated amounts are insufficient to meet certain accounts payable expenses from Budget line items from 2015 Budget for the February transfers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be authorized to transfer the below indicated funds from within existing accounts of the 2015 budget to cover anticipated expenses;

February 2015

\$2,500.00

From: DB5110.1 – General Repairs – Personal Services

To: DB5130.1 – Machinery – Personal Services

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	Absent	Art Simmons	Aye
Darryl Roosa	Aye		

Supervisor Groff **opened and closed Public Comment at 7:02 p.m.** Having no one from the public present Supervisor continued on with the meeting.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures 12/31/2014 and 1/31/2015
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- APA Notice of Public Hearing will be held on March 4, 2015, 6 p.m. Adirondack Park Agency, 1133 St Rte. 86, Ray Brook, NY and on March 5, 2015 at 2 p.m. at the DEC, 625 Broadway, Room 129, Albany, NY on Proposed action: Addition of 572.15 and amendment of Section 572.22 of Title 9 NYCRR. Statutory authority: APA Act, Executive Law, Article 27, §§ 804 (a), 806 (4), 809 (14), (15) and 814 (4). Subject: Emergency Projects. Purpose: To define when jurisdictional land use and development constitutes an emergency project.
- Bookkeeper attending the NYS Associations of Towns 2015 Training School February 15-18, 2015 at the NY Hilton Midtown, New York City.
- 20/15/2015 programming notification from Time Warner
- Notice of Public Hearing on Thursday, 2-26-2015 at 7 p.m. at the Edinburg Town Hall on the matter minor subdivision of land submitted by Walter Mosher on Johnson Road.
- Fulton/Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce February 2015 issue of Newslines.
- Letter from SVAN requesting \$500 to help SVAN with the 2015 Season Summer Concert Series to be held in the Northville Waterfront Park
- **MOTION**: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve \$500 to help SVAN with the 2015 Season Summer Concert Series to be held in the Northville Waterfront Park.  
Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,  
4Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Simmons, and Roosa                      0-Nay

### Discussion on the motion

Councilman Simmons: Last year we gave SVAN \$400. This is supposed to be a very tight fiscal year I would prefer we give them the \$400.

Councilman Anderson: But I believe we budgeted \$500.

Councilman Simmons: Yes, but we don’t have to spend it.

Supervisor Groff: Based on how we handled the budget we came out a little ahead and better than we planned on.

Councilman Anderson: I feel it is a worthwhile investment.

Councilman Simmons: I’m not saying it isn’t. I am led to believe by the bookkeeper and other people that it is a very tight year. A \$100 here and \$100 there adds up.

### 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.

Councilman Gritsavage has rewritten 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 with the Attorney's previous suggestions. A copy has been distributed to the Council members to review and to also set up a meeting with the Town Attorney to review and make comments or suggestions on the revisions.

Councilman Simmons: We still to date have not had the courtesy of hearing back in an e-mail, or a phone call, or hear anything regarding our contacts from Time Warner over the last three or four months.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Matthew Ginter collected \$510.00 in fees. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$420,050.00. A total of (2) permits were issued in January; #001-15 Storage building; #002-15 Single Family Home. P01-15 Temporary Use Permit; P02-15 Lot Line Adjustment and P03-15 Lot Line Adjustment. 1-Municipal search.

- I attended the Saratoga Co. Planning & Zoning Conference on 01-28-2015
- I will be attending the Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Education Conference from March 1-5 in Lake Placid. This conference will give me the 24 hours of training required by NYS. The conference and hotel fees will be split with the Town of Edinburg.

Supervisor Groff: You're using the Town of Edinburg vehicle to go to the conference?

Matthew Ginter: Yes.

Supervisor Groff: Make sure you get the fuel from the Town of Northampton.

- A couple of months ago the APA had a hearing here regarding a property owner (Butler) on State Highway 30. It was about an increase of the height of a structure because he is within the 75 foot shoreline setback. It has been ongoing for quite some time. It has come to a conclusion at the APA meeting this last month and the property owner (Butler) was denied. There was a lot of time and effort that went into that project.

#### **Assessment Board of Review (BAR):**

The Supervisor has received a letter of interest from Norman Richardson on a vacancy on the BAR.

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Norman Richardson as member on the Town of Northampton Assessment Board of Review (BAR). Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** The next scheduled meeting is March 25, 2015 at 7 pm

**MOTION:** Councilman Roosa motioned approval of re-appointing Tom Corrigan as member on the Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa

We are still short one member on the Zoning Board of Appeals and the Planning Board.

#### **PLANNING BOARD:**

- The Board approved a temporary use permit for Peter Cucchi for the use of a camper for 90 days on an undeveloped lot during the summer of 2015.
- The Board approved a lot line adjustment for Robert Kastner and Richard Osborne in the Sacandaga Park.
- A letter was received from Scott Henze with the proposed Zoning Amendments to the Town of Northampton Zoning and Subdivision Law for the Town Board to review, make recommendations, and comments.

Councilman Simmons: Mr. Ginter had mentioned to me that there were a couple of issues with some of the Amendments. Before we get to the point of having a Public Hearing we might want to wait until some of the summer people are back that might want to be involved.

Matthew Ginter: If you would like to know anything or have any questions on the proposed

Zoning Amendments I would gladly provide you with that information. There is not total agreement between Planning and Zoning. Some of this there is argument there.  
Councilman Simmons: Isn't most of what we made suggestions on this in here from back in September?

Matthew Ginter: Yes.

Supervisor Groff suggested to the Board to review the proposed Zoning Amendments and write down any suggestions on anything they might want to change and maybe after the next regular Town Board meeting we could sit down and discuss it.

- Next scheduled meeting of the Planning Board is March 10, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Councilman Anderson: In this month's issue of the Town and Topics, Parks and Recreation and Historic has \$4.5M to \$5M to preserve. If someone could write a grant it might be worthwhile for us to hire a Grant Writer.

### **Justice Report:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons motioned to accept the Justice report, there were a total of 34 cases handled and \$4,885.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by, 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

The State of New York Unified Court System has awarded the Northampton Town Court a grant in the amount of \$7,000.00 under the 2014-15 cycle of the Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP). Matthew Brucker, we already received his bid; he will be doing the insulation in the ceiling at the Justice Court building. Carl Ingalls has already done the painting of the walls at the Justice Court building.

### **ANIMAL CONTROL:**

~Received Dog Control Officer Inspection Report from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.  
~Received Municipal Shelter Inspection Report for Helping Paws Rescue from NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

Councilman Anderson: We're using the Helping Paws Rescue. We have the City of Johnstown who wants to build an Animal Shelter. The City of Gloversville has a Shelter that isn't big enough and we have Brennan Humane Society. Has the County said to these people can't you get together and do something and get your one single grant to do something that is sensible? They are all fighting each other.

### **HIGHWAY:**

**Res. 2015-11:** Resolution RE: UNDERTAKING, for the benefit of the NYS Department of Transportation, In connection with work affecting state highways (For use by NY municipalities and federal agencies)

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

WHEREAS: Periodically an UNDERTAKING for the benefit of the State of New York Department is submitted to the municipality who receives permits from the New York State Department of Transportation who otherwise conducts activities and operations upon highways and/or within right-of-way controlled by the State of New York with work affecting state highways within the Town of Northampton; AND

WHEREAS: the New York State Department of Transportation requires that the UNDERTAKING be reviewed and action be taken by the Town Board; AND

WHEREAS: The Town Board has reviewed the UNDERTAKING and affirms it is in the best interest of the Town of Northampton in case of work being done on the State Highway; AND

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED: that the Council of the Town of Northampton does agree to the terms of this UNDERTAKING, and approves its execution by Supervisor James Groff, and BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that each and everything be done to further the purport of this resolution and that it be recorded in in the Town Clerk's minutes and be a permanent record of the Town.

ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> Day of February at the meeting of the Town of Northampton.

VOTE:

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

Councilman Anderson: I am addressing our town purchasing agent on this. I was talking with Tracy Eldridge, County Highway Superintendent in Hamilton. He goes to State purchasing but he basically goes out and puts his equipment to bid to outside vendors. I am just wondering why we don't. I see an awful lot of towns doing it and they seem to be coming back with the lesser money than buying it on state purchase.

Councilman Roosa: I think that most of the time it is a case of convenience.

Councilman Anderson: Couldn't you put out your own specifications? Tracey stated that he gets approximately 5% to 10% more on the truck.

Councilman Roosa: Maybe we can go on the State Contract and get the specifications and put it out to bid ourselves.

**Election:** There will be an election in the Town of Northampton for the Titles of (1) Town Justice and (2) Councilman seats.

**Youth/Rec:** The scheduled meeting for February 9, 2015 at 7 p.m. regarding 2015 Budget was cancelled due to lack of a quorum. The next tentative Joint Youth Commission meeting date is for May 2, 2015 at 7 p.m.

**AMBULANCE:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons approved the acceptance of Patrick Sheeran and Zachary Wilson as new members on the Northampton Ambulance Service. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Simmons and Anderson 0-Nays

**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons approved the By-Laws as presented by Town of Northampton Ambulance Service. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Simmons and Anderson 0-Nays

Councilman Simmons: I was at the recent Ambulance meeting and this was not mentioned at the meeting. I feel that sometime next year they are going to want to start considering a new ambulance.

**HEALTH OFFICER:**

Supervisor Groff: When the Town Board approved George Dasher as the Town of Northampton Health Officer in January Dr. Dasher was ill and was unable to come into the Clerk's Office to be sworn in.

I(Supervisor) have spoken with Dr. Dasher and he has stated his wanting to continue to be the Town of Northampton Health Officer.

**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons has motioned to appoint Dr.Dr. George Dasher as the Town of Northampton Consolidated Health Officer at a salary of \$1,000.00 for the Year 2015. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and  
Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Simmons and Anderson 0-Nays

**HAULING FEES:** The month of January 2015 fees are as follows:

County Transfer	58.450 Ton @ \$53	\$3,097.85
Curbside Recycling	11.630Ton @ \$20	\$ 232.60
Transfer Station Recycling	1.840Ton @ \$10	\$ 18.40
County Transfer Haul-Com	17.700 Ton @ \$20	\$ 354.00
Metal	0.000 Ton @ \$20	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total		\$3,702.85

**SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:**

**January 2015**

Water:

-January 2014 usage -1,379,000gallons pumped

-January 2015 usage-880,000 gallons pumped

Meters:

-Replaced one frozen/broken meter base

Repairs/Maintenance:

-No issues to report

Wastewater:

-January-2014- daily average flow 38,100 gallons

-January-2015-daily average flow 25,900 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:

-Met with Steve Grimm from NY Rural Water. A Committee has been formed and we started an asset management program in preparation for the new D.E.C. requirements will be implemented the next few years.

**MOTION:**Councilman Anderson motioned to waive the January 2015 Water/Sewer billing for Edward and Donna Conway at 121 McKinley Ave Ext in the Sacandaga Park Water/Sewer District on parcel #32.13-2-13.1. Amount waived on bill #01-63 is Water \$65.49 + Sewer \$77.11 with a total amount waived \$124.60. Due to verification by Ken Cramer, Water/Sewer Maintenance Supervisor that Allen and Palmer did in fact turn the water off on 10/2014 at the aforementioned property. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and  
Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Simmons and Anderson 0-Nays

Councilman Anderson: Have we gotten recent meter readings so that we can continue with proposed rates?

Town Clerk: Ken Cramer did do a meter reading approximately a month and half ago and Nathaniel Matthews has been working with Brendon. Brendon did call the other day but Nate has been getting ready for his trip to NYS Associations of Towns 2015 Training School Conference and was unable to call Brendon back. I know that Nate has put together another survey with the current data on it from that reading but I'm not sure what more Brendon needed from Mr. Matthews.

**Northville Fire Department:** For the month of January 2015 there were a total of 3 responses and a total of 163 man hours made by the Northville Fire Department. The Village of Northville there was 1-Standby and 1-Chimney Fire. The Town Northampton had 1-Motor Vehicle Accident. The Town of Benson there was 1-Motor Vehicle Accident. Mutual Aid was given in the Town of Hope for 1-Co Alarm and 1-Standby; Town of Edinburg for 1-Standby and Town of Wells 1-Structural Fire. There were 2 Mutual Aid Received.

**Department Note:**

1. Northville Fire Department participated in the following training:
  - On January 5, 2015—members performed the monthly truck checks. 1hour x10 members.
  - On January 12, 2015 – members attended the Annual OSHA Scene Awareness and Safety training. 2 hours x 19 members.
  - On January 19, 2015 – Watched video on Reading Smoke and discussed same. 2 hours x 19 members.
  - On January 26, 2015-Performed walk through of all 3 Lexington houses. 2 hours x 14 members.
2. On January 25, 2015-Members conducted air pack checks. 2 hours x 3 members.

**TOWN CLERK:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk's December 2014 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

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<b>Town Clerk Monthly Report</b>					
<b>January 01, 2015 - January 31, 2015</b>					
Account#	Account Description		: Fee Descrip		
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	6	6.35	
	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	2	20.00	
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	2	25.00	
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$51.35</b>	
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	172	1,720.00	
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$1,720.00</b>	
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	2	2.00	
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	22	5.50	
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$7.50</b>	
B2115	Planning Application	Planning Application	3	110.00	
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$110.00</b>	
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	2	375.00	



bring it up to the Town Board. As long as the cars can be kept behind the white line I don't have a problem with it.

There was a brief discussion on the similarities to Willem Monster docks on County Highway 152 just down the road.

Councilman Anderson: This came up before about five or six years ago Rose Antis at the same property came to the Town Board asking this very same thing. There really isn't room unless you park the cars down in the ditch and they stay off the white line. As long as it is stipulated, that they park outside off the white line.

Supervisor Groff: I told Mr. Reese that all vehicles had to be parked legally off the white line.

**MOTION:**Councilman Anderson motioned approval of parking on County Highway 152 by the property of Mr. Reese and Rose Antis with the stipulation that all parking be on the right side of the road and they need to park the vehicles legally behind the white line and if at any time there are any problems the Town of Northampton will have the right of not issuing permission next year. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

Vote: 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons                      0-Nays

~ We have the Press Release that Councilman Simmons has drawn up on the 2014 Town of Northampton accomplishments.

Councilman Simmons suggested to the Town Board that another Press Release be done every couple of months. Maybe I (Simmons) can put something together for Boards approval based on January and February?

The Board has asked Councilman Simmons to bring another Press Release in for Board recommendation and approval.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 18, 2015 at 7 p.m.

Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn at 7:49p.m. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik  
Town Clerk