

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
June 17, 2015**

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

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

**Other Town department representatives in attendance were:** Bookkeeper-Nathanial Matthews;  
Highway Superintendent-Christopher (Kip) Richardson; Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer and  
Ken Cramer-Water/Sewer Plant Operator

**ALSO PRESENT:** Steven Norris

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the May 20, 2015 Regular meeting minutes  
Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and  
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

**RES. #2015-16:** Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds within Accounts to meet certain Contractual Expenses for Accounts Payable from 2015 Budget Line Items.”  
Councilman Gritsavage offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.  
Councilman Anderson 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 June 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;

**June 2015**

\$500.00

From: A1950.4 – Judgments & Claims

To: A3520.4 – Control of other animals – Contractual

\$950.00

From: A5132.2 – Garage Equipment

To: A5132.408 – Garage - Contractual

\$2,000.00

From: A1990.4 – Contingent – Contractual Exp.

To: A7110.2 – Parks - Equipment

\$27,300.00

From: DB5130.4 – Machinery - Contractual

To: DB5130.2 – Machinery - Equipment

\$8,500.00

From: SW8310.2 – Water Administration - Equipment

To: SW8340.402 – Water Trans/Distrib. – Repairs/Maintenance

**AND BE IT FURTHER**

**RESOLVED**, that this resolution be recorded in the Town Clerk’s minutes and be a permanent record of the Town and a copy be filed with the Supervisors records for auditing purposes.

**ROLL CALL VOTE:**

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

**MOTION ON WARRANTS**

CouncilmanRoosa approved paying the warrants as set forth and seconded by Councilman Gritsavage.

Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa and Anderson

1-Nay: Simmons

**June2015 Warrants**

General Fund “A”	\$28,125.53
General Fund “B”	373.05
Highway “DB”	36,841.22
Sacandaga Lighting District “SL”	935.15
Sacandaga Water District “SW”	7,601.14
Sacandaga Sewer District “SS”	810.76
Trust and Agency Fund “TA”	0.00
Trust – Cemeteries – Expendable “TE”	<u>0.00</u>
Total Warrants	\$74,686.85

Supervisor Groff opened Public Comment at 7:02 p.m. Having no one from the public speak Supervisor Groff continued with the business of this meeting.

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures as of May 31, 2015
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Time Warner-Programming Notification
- Notice that there has been a bid by Charter Communications to Acquire Time Warner Cable: How It Will Impact Your Municipality.

**Update 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: I have been checking to see if Time Warner has sent us the things that they promised us and they have not.

Councilman Simmons: When Councilman Gritsavage and I spoke with Mr. Whelan, he was going to get us a coverage map of where the service is. Mr. Whelan was also supposed to call the Northville Central School and talk with the Superintendent. I did try calling the Superintendent’s Office today and I did not hear back from her so I’m not sure if Mr. Whelan has gotten a hold of her or not.

- Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of commerce Newsline
- APA Major Project Public Notice Application Determined APA Project #2014-49. The project is located in the Town of Mayfield. The applicant is seeking approval for a new commercial us

(Hardware Store) to be located in an existing residential structure served by on-site wastewater treatment system and on-site water supply.

- Supervisor Groff received a letter dated May 2015 from the Northville Civic Association requesting a donation from the Town of Northampton toward the July 4<sup>th</sup> 2015 4<sup>th</sup> of July “Doins” and yearly Fireworks display.

**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the Town of Northampton donating the sum of \$2,500 (two thousand and five hundred dollars) to the Northville Civic Association for the July 4<sup>th</sup>, 2015 “Doins” and yearly Fireworks display. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

**Discussion on the Motion:**

Councilman Simmons: What do we normally donate to the Civic Association for this?

Nathaniel Matthews: \$2,500 is usually the request.

Supervisor Groff: Do we have this \$2,500.00 Budgeted?

Nathaniel Matthews: Yes, it is budgeted

- E-mail from Community Coordinator for Internet.Frontier.com asking if the Town would add a Frontier listing to the Town of Northampton website local links site.

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Frontier to add a Frontier listing to the Town of Northampton website local links site. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa and Anderson

1-Nay: Simmons

**Discussion on the Motion:**

Councilman Simmons: I have some concerns with what Frontier has done with our phone system.

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Matthew Ginter collected \$2,452.50 in fees in May. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$410,080.00. A total of (23) permits were issued in May 2015; #016-13R2Permit Renewal;#017-15 2 Car Garage; #020-15Single Family Home; #021-14R3Permit Renewal; #022-15Deck; #023-15Deck; #24-15 Sign; #25-15 License Renewal (Lakeside Estates); #26-15 License Renewal (Silver Maple Park); #27-15 Septic system; #30-15 Solar panels; #31-15 1 Car Garage; #32-15 Fence; #33-15Solar panels; #34-15 Septic system; #35-15 Major alterations; #36-15 Addition; #37-15 Single family home; #38-15 Swimming pool; #39-15 Deck; #40-15 Major alterations; #80-14 Deck; and #0SE1-15 Special Event; and 1 Municipal Search.

Matthew Ginter: If the Town Board chooses to move on with the proposed changes to the Town of Northampton Zoning and Subdivision Law. The next step is to send those changes on to our Town Attorney for review and comment. They will review with there are any cross sections or any conflict. That will probably take time.

I still have not heard back from the Town Attorney on the proposed Town Trailer Park “late fee”. It has been a couple of months since I have sent them all of the information.

The Town Board unanimously agreed to have the proposed changes to the Town of Northampton Zoning and Subdivision Law sent on to the Town Attorney for review and comment.

Mr. Ginter has been appointed to the Fulton County Planning Board and he has attended his first meeting.

Supervisor Groff: I do have a meeting Friday morning with Scott Henze. The County is doing our CSFA grant application. That is part of our agreement with the County rather than having AES doing the grant.

The County is already doing the Smart Water program and this is part of the Smart Waters program.

They will try and hopefully help us in getting some money through the CSFA Grant for the collection system in the Sacandaga Park.

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to change the venue from AES to Fulton County doing the CSFA grant application for the Town of Northampton. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

**HIGHWAY:**

Kip Richardson: We did receive the new pickup truck about two weeks ago. We have the old pickup truck and a 2008 550 Ford dump truck. I think if we auction them off and sell them and buy the new truck. It might be a wash and we would have a new truck. I would like to check it out and see if it would work out. I would like to get an F4 1 ton dump truck. We just put a new plow on the 2008 truck and that new plow should fit right on the new one.

**MOTION:** Councilman Roosa motioned to allow Kip Richardson to auction off the 2011 pickup truck and the 2008 550 Ford dump truck. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

Update on the tractor

Kip Richardson:

**JUSTICE:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justice report, there were a total of 17 cases handled and \$2,948.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

**ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER:** Vernon Duesler reported receiving calls on

1. A dog that was in fact in Hamilton County and I called Hope Dog Warden to advise her of the problem.
2. Calls from Sheriff's Department of 2 dog bites. I later found that this was in the Town of Edinburg and I contacted the Edinburg Warden.
3. A resident on Mountain Road reported a stray was at her house. I picked it up and the Animal Control Deputy came and got it.
4. 2 strays were reported running on State Highway 30. Owner called and they had gotten away from her.
5. Sheriff Department called about someone gotten bitten by a dog.
6. Call on 5/25 of a dead dog in the lake. It turned out to be a deer. I called HRBRRD.
7. Another call on 5/29 of a dead dog in the lake.

**Update on the tractor**

Kip Richardson: The tractor is apart and all of the parts are ordered except for one which is obsolete. They had to send it out to the machine shop to get it magnflux to make sure there were no cracks. It came back fine. I spoke with Cooper and he should be up within a week and he should be able to put it back together.

Supervisor Groff: I received two calls on the Old State Highway road.

Kip Richardson: We are looking at getting it repaired but I can't use CHIPS money to repair it because it hasn't been ten years. If I have enough money and I know how bad the shoulders are, we will get it

corrected. If we don't have enough money to do the road and worse comes to worse I can at least get the shoulders corrected. That is the worst part of the road right now.

Joint Inter Municipal Committee: I see that they appear to be getting ready to pour the forms for the new building on the Town and Village property on the corner of High Rock and State Highway 30.

**ELECTION:**

Supervisor Groff: The alternate emergency polling site, I didn't check into it. I'll check into it either this week or next.

**ASSESSOR:** Gayle Waselauskas has retired and Mary Beth Salamone is the new Fulton County Real Property Tax Service Agency Data Coordinator.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**Z01-15 The Board granted an area variance to Rhonda Cucchi for the construction of a deck with stairs..

The Zoning Board of Appeals next scheduled meeting is June 24, 2015

**PLANNING BOARD:**PO4-15. The Board approved a building permit application for a single family home in the Sacandaga Park Overlay District to Sean Hanson.

The next scheduled Planning Board meeting is June 23, 2015 at 7 p.m.

**YOUTH /REC:** The Northville-Northampton Joint Youth Commission has posted an ad in the Leader Herald seeking lifeguards for the Summer Day Camp Beach program.

Director, Molly Whittaker has held a training class for the 2015 Joint Youth Summer Program hires on June 8<sup>th</sup>.

**AMBULANCE:** During May 2015 members responded to 5 calls in the Town of Northampton, 8 calls in the Village of Northville, and 2 calls in the Town of Hope.

A donation was received in memory of Janice Hanaway.

Greg Bedell was approved as a new member by the Northampton Ambulance Service and request approval from the Town Board.

**MOTION:**Councilman Anderson motioned the approval of Greg Bedell as a new member on the Northampton Ambulance Service. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and

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

**Update on Ambulance**

The Town of Northampton Ambulance is at Browns Ford for repairs. They got it back and they blew a head gasket.

Discussion on possibly bring the Ambulance elsewhere in the future to have work done on it.

Councilman Roosa: I see that Browns replaced the tires on the Ambulance. Did they just replace them or did they buy them State Contract?

Councilman Gritsavage: Browns Ford could not sell it to them for State Contract. To get it State Contract they would have had to get it from Warren Tire.

Councilman Roosa: You would have to be a dealer in order to get State Contract. The logical thing to say was no to Browns Ford and take the Ambulance over to Warren Tire.

Councilman Gritsavage: The problem with Warren Tire was that they couldn't align the tires because they didn't have the right kind of equipment to align the wheels. So they took it to Browns Ford who had the equipment they needed to align the tires.

Councilman Simmons: I stop on my way over here at the Ambulance building because there were some members there. The Ambulance has not come back yet and they were not sure when it was going to come back.

Councilman Simmons along with Councilman Gritsavage announced that the Ambulance Service is spec'ing a new ambulance for delivery next year?

Councilman Gritsavage: At one point at the Ambulance meeting we did mention that Jack Farquhar needed to make a presentation to the Town Board on what they spec'd out and what the cost was going to be. They're sure how much money that they have in the budget and what they are going to get yet.

Councilman Anderson: It should be put out to bid so that it is wide open. In the past it has been for only one vendor.

Supervisor Groff: If you don't get more than one vendor to bid on it you are probably paying top dollar for it.

Discussion ensued on the ambulance engine recall and the fact that we missed the recall. They had a five year window and it didn't break down for us after the five years now and Ford would not make it good.

Councilman Simmons: The new stretcher that the Ambulance Service is trying to get the grant for. It is supposed to go on the tracks inside. I wonder if that is just one manufacturer or is that a standard stretcher or thing wherever they get it?

Councilman Anderson: That would be standard.

Councilman Gritsavage: That is what they ordered it for the floor so that it would fit this stretcher.

**HARDFILL:** For the month of May 2015 there were a total of 86 vehicles that had come to the Hardfill site and \$15.00 was collected in fees.

**Refuse and Garbage:**

- The transfer station will be **closed** on Friday, July 3, 2015 & Saturday, July 4, 2015 for Independence Day.
- The Fulton Co Department of Solid Waste will offer the Household Drop-Off Day in August and
- The Latex Paint Exchange from June through August.
- The Latex Paint Exchange runs every Saturday morning from 7:15 a.m. from June 6 until August 8, 2015 at the Department of Solid Waste. This event is for residents only (no businesses) and there is no cost.
- The Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off Day is scheduled from 7 a.m. to noon on Saturday, August 8, 2015 at the Department of Solid Waste.
- E-mail from Larry Johnston (Transfer Station Employee) regarding a proposal to an issue with jam ups in the compactor at the transfer station.

Discussion: We're we going to look into getting a dumpster for the hardfill site for construction debris? I don't think that was the problem. We are very good at picking up the trash and just about anything in the Town and the Village. The problem was every once and a while they would get (example: a sofa) and they would place that in the crusher and it would jam up. They would have to get a back hoe with a chain to get it out and this process would hold everything up for hours. I think that we may reach a point where

we may have to make a decision to not take everything and maybe have one or two days a year to pickup up some of these items. The way I understand this is we can take these items in our own trucks to Mud Road just as cheaply as having them haul it over.

Councilman Anderson: We could also put out a dumpster in the back lot for construction debris and big bulky items.

Councilman Roosa: I was at the transfer station on Saturday there were three box springs dumped into the dumpster and two mattress's and along with that there were three pickup trucks with what appeared to be old docks, and maybe an old deck. The compactor is not designed to do that kind of stuff and it is old. If you don't have to compact it then put it in an open top, when it gets full then call down and they will pick up the dumpster. That is if they have an extra one and if they don't then maybe we can buy one used somewhere.

Councilman Simmons: I asked the Attendant how many times this happens and he responded four or five times a year it jams up.

Councilman Anderson: We are also paying a lot for construction debris which shouldn't go into the landfill. It should go in the bulk on top. I think it would be used better if used with an open top.

Councilman Gritsavage: Whether you put it in the compactor or in the open top, you are still going to pay for it. What's the difference?

Supervisor Groff: None

Councilman Anderson: It still goes in a different spot in the landfill.

Ken Cramer: There must be a reason we stopped doing it in the first place.

We had a dumpster in the back for that type of material.

Councilman Roosa: I think that the County realized that we were charging so much to use that.

I remember Jeff taking exception to that and we were the only township that was doing that.

So they pulled the dumpster.

Supervisor Groff: I will call Jeff tomorrow and ask he and see what he has to say.

Supervisor Groff: The County is interviewing several people for Jeff Bouchard's position.

**HAULING FEES:** The month of Mayfees are as follows:

County Transfer	97.510 Ton @ \$53	\$5,168.03
Curbside Recycling	12.760Ton @ \$20	\$ 255.20
Transfer Station Recycling	3.180Ton @ \$10	\$ 31.80
Metal Hauling Fee	3.770 Ton @ \$20	<u>\$ 75.40</u>
Total		\$5,530.43

**Northville Fire Department:** During May 2015 there were a total of 13 responses and a total of 311 man hours made by the Northville Fire Department. The Village of Northville there were 1-Smoke Detector Activation; 1-Brush Fire; and 1-Illegal Burn. The Town of Northampton there was 2-Illegal Burn and 3 Brush Fire. Town of Benson there was 1-Motor Vehicle Accident. Town of Hope there was 1-Brush Fire. In the Town of Edinburg there were 2-Brush Fires. In the Town of Wells there was 1-Structural Fire. Mutual Aid given: 1-Town of Hope; 2-Town of Edinburg and 1-Town of Wells. There were 3 Mutual Aid received.

The Northville Fire Department participated in the following training:

1. May 11 – members conducted driver training and familiarized drivers with new roads within the fire district. 11 members present.
2. May 17 – Members performed air pack checks
3. May 18 – Members practiced pumping water with the new truck (1014) and the portable pump. 15 members present.
4. May 14 – Members washed and cleaned all fire apparatus.
5. May 4 – Members conducted monthly vehicle checks.

### **SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:May2015**

#### Water:

- May 2014 usage 1,507,000-gallons pumped
- May 2015 usage-2,278,000-gallons pumped

#### Meters:

- No new problems to report

#### Repairs/Maintenance:

- Replaced 300' of 1 ½" galvanized shallow water main with 2" municiplex waterline that was place 5'-6' deep to offer deep year round water service in the Park Circle. Also, replaced five service lines to new curb valves.
- Also, turned on remaining shallow waterlines for the summer season.
- Discussion ensued regarding the water issue at David Wilson's property.

#### Wastewater:

- May1-2014- daily average flow 88,700 gallons
- May2015-daily average flow 26,700 gallons

#### Repair/Maintenance:

- William Keller returned and lowered the manhole on the Conway property below grade as was part of the contract agreement from last year's sewer project.
- They also replaced another sewer lateral behind Vic's Tavern that was overlooked at that time, finally they brought an existing manhole up to the proper grade located in the dirt road behind Vic's.
- The only remaining work to be finished is to dress a section of road and put topsoil and seed an area that was deemed unacceptable by Mr. Conway.

#### Discussion on the section of road on McKinley Ave ext

Ken Cramer: I don't see anything wrong with the road to begin with. It is in the same condition as when we started the job. I would suggest, stated the Supervisor is to just leave it the way it is and if he complains then we can explain that we can get some millings to put in there. If he wants it, alright but if he doesn't then he will have to pay for the crusher. I will go with you and explain that to the homeowner.

The Town Board unanimously agreed with the Supervisor that if the Homeowner wants the millings on the road, alright but if he doesn't then it will be up to the homeowner to pay for the crusher.

### **TOWN CLERK:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Town Clerk's May 2015 monthly report as presented and seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by,

**Town Clerk Monthly Report  
May 01, 2015 - May 31, 2015**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	56	68.46
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	2	25.00
	<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$93.46</b>
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	1	11.50
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	118	1,180.00
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$1,191.50</b>	
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	2	14.00
		Female, Unspayed	2	26.00
		Male, Neutered	10	70.00
		Replacement Tags	1	3.00
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$113.00</b>	
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	12	3.00
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$3.00</b>	
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	21	2,352.50
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$2,352.50</b>	
B2555.1	Special Event Permit	Special Event Permit	1	75.00
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$75.00</b>	
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	1	25.00
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$25.00</b>	
			<b>Total Local Shares Remitted:</b>	<b>\$3,853.46</b>
Amount paid to:	New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses			45.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			18.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation			1,171.54
<b>Total State, County &amp; Local Revenues:</b>	<b>\$5,088.00</b>	<b>Total Non-Local Revenues:</b>		<b>\$1,234.54</b>

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:**

The Rotary will be holding their Woodworking and Fines Arts Weekend 9-5 on July 17 and 18, and 10-3 on July 19, 2015 at the Bradt Building.

## **NEW BUSINESS**

Councilman Simmons

1. When we met with the people in Fish house last year they had ask us or we had offered when they have their rummage sale which is the 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> of July. We offered to maybe getting the speed sign from the Sheriff's Department for them. Last year they had a couple of accidents there.

Supervisor Groff: I am already working on that. I am inquiring about signs.

2. Jill Gagne stopped me last we and said that on Gifford Valley Road, Collins-Gifford Valley Road and the Winnie Road apparently there is a problem with drag racing or younger people horsing around with cars. It's an ongoing thing. She wanted to see what the Board could do about it.

Supervisor Groff: Is it days, nights, weekends?

Response: I think that she said it was nights. She didn't specify weekends.

Supervisor Groff: I will see if I can get the Sheriff up there and check it out.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, July 15, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 p.m. Councilman Gritsavageseconded the motion. All board members present were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik  
Town Clerk