

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
July 15, 2015**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, July 15, 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;
Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer and Ken Cramer-Water/Sewer Plant Operator

No public was present

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the June 17, 2015 Regular meeting minutes and the June 30, 2015 Joint Inter-Municipal meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

RES. #2015-17: 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 July 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;

July 2015

\$5,000.00

From: A9961.9 – Interfund Transfer – Ambulance Reserve

To: A4540.402 – Ambulance - Repairs

\$500.00

From: A1990.4 – Contingent - Contractual

To: A7520.4 – Historical Property – Contractual

\$1,500.00

From: DB5110.1 – General Highway – Personal Services

To: DB5130.1 – Machinery – Personal Services

\$4,000.00

From: DB5130.4 – Machinery – Contractual Exp

To: DB5140.402 – Brush/Weeds – Repair/ Maint.

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

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

July 2015 Warrants

General Fund “A”	\$33,876.34
General Fund “B”	21,868.75
Highway “DB”	11,356.02
Sacandaga Lighting District “SL”	919.98
Sacandaga Water District “SW”	9,664.81
Sacandaga Sewer District “SS”	2,262.39
Trust and Agency Fund “TA”	0.00
Trust – Cemeteries – Expendable “TE”	<u>0.00</u>
Total Warrants	\$79,948.29

Supervisor Groff opened Public Comment at 7:01 p.m. Having no one from the public present to speak Supervisor Groff continued with the business of this meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures as of 6/30/2015
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Time Warner-Programming Notification
- Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of commerce Newsline
- E-mail from the Empire State Capital Volkssporter who will be walking 5K to 10K around Northville and the lake beginning at 9:30 a.m. on August 26th, 2015. They are requesting board approval to be able to park their vehicles in the back of the Townhall and to use the bathroom facility on the aforementioned date at approximately 8:45 a.m.

Councilman Gritsavage: Is a charity thing?

Response: This group has been doing this walking event every year for the past several years now.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Empire State Capital Volkssporter walkers to be able to park their vehicles in the back of the Townhall at 412 South Main Street, Northville, NY and to use the bathroom facility for this event of walking 5K to 10K around Northville and the lake beginning at 9:30 a.m. on August 26th, 2015. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Simmons and Anderson 0-Nays

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$400.00 in fees in June. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$42,400.00. A total of (8) permits were issued in June 2015; #031-14R1 Permit Renewal; #041-15 Fence; #042-15 Water Well; #043-15 Septic repair; #044-15 Deck; #45-15 2 car garage; #046-15 Fence; #047-15 Septic repair; and #P05-15 Lot Line Adjustment; and 2 Municipal Search.
Matthew Ginter:

- The proposed changes to the Town of Northampton Zoning and Subdivision Law have been sent to our Town Attorney for review and comment.
- The cold storage building is progressing nicely. They are up there every day working at it.
- I noticed entering our Town from different locations we have a couple of signs that are real old talking about building permits required but nothing about the zoning. I would like to see the Town make sure that every one of the major areas entering into the Town of Northampton have a sign that states that “Town of Northampton Building Permits are required” and “Town of Northampton Zoning Laws are enforced”. I would like to do an inventory in both Fish house and on State Highway 30. I would like to see what the cost might be to have some signs made. Councilman Gritsavage: I think that would be a good idea and you see signs like that in a lot of communities. Not only does it let people know that this community is on top of these things but it also makes it difficult for someone to say “I didn’t know that I had to get a permit or that there was zoning”.

Sometimes I get calls from Attorney’s and/or Realtor’s with individuals that are looking to buy in this area and one of their questions is “do you have zoning there?”, stated Mr. Ginter.

The Town Board was in favor of Mr. Ginter looking into this.

Mr. Ginter: I will get a list of how many signs we would need and the cost for the Town Board at the next Town Board meeting.

It was suggested to contact Highway Superintendents Kip Richardson or Dan Reidell and check where they get their signs from.

HIGHWAY: Supervisor Groff: The Village has hired some young boys to work for them and Kip has been having the boys help him quite a bit. Mayor Spaeth, Danny Reidell, Kip Richardson and I (Supervisor Groff) have talked about it and we agreed to pay for some of the boys when they work for the Town. Does the Town Board want us to make a motion to just go ahead and pay the boys when they work for us; or do you want a Resolution; or an Inter-municipal Agreement?

Nathaniel Matthews: The starting rate is \$10.00 an hour and David has been there a year and he gets paid \$10.25 an hour.

Councilman Simmons: Do we have provisions in the Budget for this?

Nathaniel Matthews: Yes, the only time that I have seen where the boys are used for the Town is to help with the garbage truck.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Highway Superintendent; Kip Richardson to share Village of Northville temporary employees with the Town of Northampton to assist with public works at a salary reimbursement at current rate the Village of Northville pays the workers. Seconded by Councilman Roosa, and

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

JUSTICE: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice report, there were a total of 27 cases handled and \$4,630.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

Councilman Simmons: Before the ambulance meeting last night I was talking with Mr. Farquhar briefly and he (Farquhar) expressed a concern that we have a new grant year coming up for the Justice Court

building and he needs to know how much is left on the current grant. He has been trying to meet with Matt Ginter and Nate Matthews and he has not been able to do that. Mr. Farquhar is concerned about using the money from the current grant and closing it out.

I have told Mr. Farquhar three times how much money is there stated Supervisor Groff. I was given a price of approximately \$800.00 for the ceiling tiles I believe are (Armstrong 2011) for the justice building.

There is approximately \$1,700.00 left on that grant stated Nathaniel Matthews. The last time Mr. Farquhar asked me, I gave him a print out of what was left on the grant. I can e-mail it to him again. Supervisor Groff: The other thing is the carpet needs to be replaced. I would assume that with this next grant we should apply for the carpet.

The Town should have someone look at the back of the building where it was leaking last year, stated Mr. Cramer.

I received three phone calls while I was away about the A.C. not working in the Justice building and I told Allen and Palmer to fix it. I was quoted that it is going to cost approximately \$1,500 to fix the air conditioner.

What did we decide about the furnace asked Councilman Anderson?

It's been fixed stated the Supervisor. We got a new furnace and a new water tank.

New York State Unified Court System 2015-2016 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant.

MOTION Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Justice's proceeding with preparing information for the NYS Unified Court System 2015-2016 Justice Court Assistance Program (JCAP) Grant. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson, and Simmons

0-Nays

The Town Board will need a resolution in the future when we receive the proposed project on the Justice building to incorporate into that resolution

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER: Vernon Duesler reported receiving calls on

1. Fulton County Nursing Service called to report a dog bite.
2. Fulton County Nursing Service called to report a cat bite.
3. Forest Ranger Dave Callen called reporting a stray dog and it ended up being in the Town of Benson.

Supervisor Received the Municipal Shelter inspection Report from Agriculture and Markets I noticed that we have been paying Helping Paws \$400, yet they have some deficiencies in their place stated Councilman Anderson.

Supervisor Groff: Mr. Duesler had some deficiencies too. Let's wait and see what happens. They have 30 days to fix the deficiencies.

Joint Inter Municipal Committee:

MOTION:Inter-municipal Agreement between Town of Northampton and Village of Northville

ELECTION:

Supervisor Groff: The alternate emergency polling site. Fish House confirmed that we can use the Fish House Community Center as an alternate emergency polling site.

I also found some cones and sign for the Fish House rummage sale on the weekend. It slowed the traffic down and they didn't have any problems. I am going to try and find Event signs or slow caution signs for next year so that they can use them or we can put the out down at the campsite.

Fish house will be holding a Pancake breakfast at the Fishhouse Community Center on Sunday.

ASSESSOR: The Board of Assessment Review examined 5 complaints and approved 4 stipulations. Final tax roll was filed with the Town Clerk on June 29, 2015.

If a property owner is turning 65 years old during the calendar year 2016, they may qualify for STAR Enhanced. They need to come to my office with proof of age, residency and their 2014 income tax return for me to determine if they qualify. I have also put this notice in the Leader Herald, Sacandaga Times and outside my office.

I will be out of the office on the following dates: August 3rd, September 14th, October 19th and 21st, and November 2nd, 4th, 9th and 11th.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:The Zoning Board of Appeals next scheduled meeting is July 22, 2015, there is currently no applications filed.

PLANNING BOARD:

~ The Planning Board next scheduled meeting is for August 11, 2015 at 7 p.m.

~ Contract between Town of Northampton and Fulton County Planning Department. Does the Town intend to renew its Planning Services Agreement for 2016?

Discussion: Councilman Gritsavage stated that he felt having Scott Henze from the Fulton County Planning Department has been a big help.

Councilman Simmons: Is it the cost the same amount as last year?

Supervisor Groff: Cost would be the same as \$1,200 as the 2015 Agreement. If you want we can change that amount. If we run over that amount we have to pay it. If we don't use their services for that amount then the money left over just rolls over into the next year. The Fulton County Planning Department does provide 10 free hours of service. We have used 7 hours that we are not going to be billed for as of yet.

Councilman Gritsavage: I think that we should continue the 2016 Agreement for the same amount of \$1,200.00.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Town of Northampton intending to renew its Planning Services Agreement for 2016 and to continue with the same amount of \$1,200 as the 2015 Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Simmons, and
Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

YOUTH /REC: The Northville-Northampton Summer Camp Program is from July 13, 2015 – August 14, 2015 Monday thru Thursday. There are Special Additional Youth Activities that will take place on Friday's for a fee: Boater Safety Course July 13 & 15; Kayak Camp July 19; Splash Week Swim Lessons July 22; and Dance Camp focusing on 3 styles of dance: Ballet, Jazz & Contemporary July 27, 28, 29 & August 1, 2, 3.

The beach is open Monday thru Friday 1 p.m. – 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday 12 p.m. – 5 p.m.

AMBULANCE:

Update on Ambulance

Supervisor Groff: Mr. Farquhar has stated that he has had a problem with the Town of Northampton Ambulance running. It's seems to have corrected itself. I spoke with Mr. Farquhar today and my feeling is that we should bring it to someone other than Brown's if it happens again. There was discussion on several other places that they might use.

Councilman Simmons: I was at the Northampton Ambulance meeting last night and they might be coming before the Town Board to talk about a new ambulance. They have a concern that they have a lot of people that are on the roster that are members of the Ambulance Service but it always this small group that is answering calls. I think that they are going to send out a letter to try and get more current membership people to volunteer and get them involved maybe one day a week for four hours or whatever they come up with.

HISTORIAN: A book has been compiled by Gail Cramer, along with the members of the Northville's Historic Business District Tour Committee, in association with the Community Collaboration Council and the Northville-Northampton Historical Society "Northville's Historic Business District Walking Tour". The cost is \$10 per book – proceeds go to the Northville-Northampton Historical Society.

The Historian has a new office in the basement of the Town hall and it has been working out very well for her.

CEMETERY: Ken, do you know if there was a mess up at the Cemetery after the fireworks asked the Supervisor?
Nothing that I have heard of responded Ken Cramer.

HARDFILL: For the month of June 2015 there were a total of 66 vehicles that had come to the Hardfill site and \$50.50 was collected in fees.

Refuse and Garbage:

Discussion on the possibility of an open container being placed at the Hardfill site.

Supervisor Groff: I spoke with Jeff Bouchard and he felt it was not cost effect to the County to put in another container and haul it back and forth. There was discussion on Jeff and Cindy at the County being upset with Larry.

Councilman Gritsavage: Is Jeff upset because Larry has brought the problem to the Towns attention? We are going to pay for it one way or another. The County owns the compactor and if it is done right then it should take the garbage and it shouldn't be a problem, stated the Supervisor.

The County has hired a new Solid Waste Operator.

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

County Transfer	112.250 Ton @ \$53	\$5,949.25
Curbside Recycling	10.220Ton @ \$20	\$ 204.40
Transfer Station Recycling	2.330Ton @ \$10	\$ 23.30
Metal Hauling Fee	3.220 Ton @ \$20	<u>\$ 64.40</u>
Total		\$6,241.35

	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	1	10.00
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
		Sub-Total:		\$96.43
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	1	15.00
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	74	740.00
		Sub-Total:		\$755.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	59	413.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	13.00
		Male, Neutered	57	399.00
		Male, Unneutered	7	91.00
		Replacement Tags	1	3.00
		Sub-Total:		\$919.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	10	10.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	12	3.00
		Sub-Total:		\$13.00
B2115	Planning Application	Planning Application	1	40.00
		Sub-Total:		\$40.00
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	8	310.00
		Sub-Total:		\$310.00
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	2	50.00
		Sub-Total:		\$50.00
		Total Local Shares Remitted:		\$2,183.43
Amount paid to:	New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses			22.50
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			140.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation			2,255.07
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$4,601.00	Total Non-Local Revenues:		\$2,417.57

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

- Disabled American Veterans Fulton County Chapter 122 has a flyer on information providing transportation TO ALL VETERANS to Albany Stratton VA Medical Center in Albany, NY. The flyer with this information is available in the Town Clerk's Office.
- Frank Ruggiero has notified the County that he will be retiring.

OLD BUSINESS:

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 stated that he was pretty much laid up this month and we haven't done a lot. Councilman Simmons: Councilman Gritsavage and I spoke with Mr. Whelan in May. Mr. Whelan was going to get us a list of where the Time Warner coverage was along with a map of coverage and they (Time Warner) were going to work on the proposed contract agreement and they were going to call the NCS they next day. I talked with Dr. Ford of the NCS last week. The NCS has not heard from Time

Warner.

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.

Supervisor Groff: Did anyone check on Houseman Street for any issues?

Councilman Anderson: I did check on Saturday and at that time there weren't a lot of cars.

Ken Cramer: I believe the Trooper's had to go down because of the traffic. I guess they were parking two deep from the Marina down to the Northampton Campsite.

Supervisor Groff: I did get a complaint of people speeding on Houseman Street.

The sign that the County Sheriff's office put up worked. I'm not sure if they have the sign running again. Maybe I will ask them and see if we can use it next weekend. I see that they have one that is solar powered.

I might be able to get the Chapin's to feed power to it around their property, stated Councilman Anderson. That is about where the people start to speed.

It has to be on a flat area stated the Supervisor.

NEW BUSINESS

Councilman Simmons: Congresswoman Elis Stefanichad one of her Representatives in Mayfield last week. Supervisor Groff attended to talk about trying to get some Grant money for the Water/Sewer District in the Sacandaga Park. I spoke with the Representative on getting Elis Stefanic here to talk to her and maybe the Village may have a few things that they would like to talk to her about. Maybe we can have a joint meeting. Maybe we can give Congresswoman Stefanic a tour of the Sacandaga Park and show her where the problems are. Apparently they have someone in the Watertown Office that is very good in Grant writing. We are waiting to hear back from Congresswoman Elis Stefanic.

Councilman Anderson: Boat noise on the Great Sacandaga Lake. I don't know what we are going to do about it. There are more boats out there and they are making a lot more noise.

Councilman Gritsavage: I don't think that I heard as many as there were last year but there are one or two that are loud.

Supervisor Groff: It can't be any worse than some of the motorcycles or cars in the Village. Some of these boaters are coming over here because they are getting hassled all the time in Lake George.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 19, 2014 at 7 p.m.

Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 p.m. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk