

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
February 17, 2016**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, February 17, 2016. 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, and William Gritsavage, Art Simmons and Ivar Anderson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance:
Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer

ALSO PRESENT: Frank Bendl

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the January 20, 2016 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilman Anderson approved paying the warrants, Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

January 2016 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$15,696.90
General Fund "B"	3,217.20
Highway	17,335.09
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,318.43
Sacandaga Sewer District	1,286.18
Sacandaga Water District	3,108.34
Fire District	00.00
Trust and Agency Fund – "TA"	<u>452.79</u>
Total Warrants	\$42,414.93

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- February 2016 Fulton Co Regional Chamber of Commerce Newline
- USDA Federal Planning Assistance for Broadband and Sustainable Community Development, apply for Cool & Connected

Discussion: Supervisor Groff explained that he had just been to a meeting in Edinburg on all of the emergency services about broadband and cell communications. We might be able to get Broadband in the Village of Northville but I do know that they cannot get it in Edinburg-Saratoga Co. I believe because of the small population and the distance. Also they have a problem with

MOTION Re-Appointment: Councilman Anderson motioned to re-appoint James Conkling as member on the Town of Northampton Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice Report, there were a total of 22 cases handled and \$3,092.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by, 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

ANIMAL CONTROL: Supervisor Groff reported that Animal Control Officer, Vern Duesler is trying to get Veterinarian, Dr. Long to assist with the Town on sheltering animals. We need to have a contract drafted.

Joint Inter-Municipal Commission: We need to get the Town of Northampton together with the Northville Central School and the Village of Northville to talk about a joint maintenance facility on the Town of Northampton/Village of Northville property on State Highway 30 stated Supervisor James Groff. There is supposed to be monies out there for those that are doing shared services. I think with the three entities we might get some financing and get something done. About two weeks ago I spoke with Mrs. Ford about this and she was very receptive of the idea stated Councilman Gritsavage. I expressed our interest in this.

Youth/Rec: The next meeting will be held on April 14, 2016 at 7 p.m. Councilman Gritsavage stated that we did have a meeting on February 11, 2016 at 7 p.m. to talk about what our plan was going to be on the hiring of a new Director and we have decided that we are going to, at least this year; make it a year round Joint Youth program. Mayor Spaeth and I have met with Molly Whittaker prior to the 2/11/2016 meeting and determined that the position is approximately 500 hours of work a year. We will be advertising a replacement for the Director's position and the starting salary will be \$6,500.00. We will be getting ready to start the process of hiring lifeguards and staff for the upcoming Summer Program.

Molly Whittaker has volunteered to help the new Director get acclimated into the program and to ease them into their position this year.

Election: received a letter from the Fulton Co. Board of Elections (BOE) informing the Board that the old lever voting machines can no longer be used for school elections and what are the intentions of the Town Board on what they are going to do with the old equipment. I stated that either the school could get rid of the old lever voting machines or the Town could come over and get rid of them stated Supervisor Groff. . The machine could be scrapped because they are not worth anything now.

The Fulton County Board of Elections sent a notice out that they are hiring poll workers for 2016 Elections. Please contact the BOE at 736-5526.

AMBULANCE: The regularly held meeting was on 12/8/2015. The reported 2 call responses in Northville and 6 responses in the Town of Northampton. Patrick Sheeran Zachary Wilson will be attending the EMT classes at FMCC on 1/27/2016.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:

January 2016

Water:

-January 2015 usage – 880,000 gallons pumped

-January 2016 usage - 604,000 gallons pumped

Meters: Repaired one frozen and broken meter at 111 Riverside Avenue

-Repairs/Maintenance: Thawed one water service line at 111 Riverside Avenue

Wastewater:

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

-January-2016-daily average flow 27,300 gallons

Repair/Maintenance: Yearly D.E.C. plant inspection completed with a satisfactory report given.

- There is paperwork available on 2016 Municipal Restructuring Fund.
- NYS EFC water infrastructure grants to assist local governments in advancing their drinking water and wastewater infrastructure projects

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s January 2016 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

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

0-Nays

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report
January 01, 2016 - January 31, 2016**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	7	6.36
			Sub-Total:	\$6.36
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	185	1,870.00
			Sub-Total:	\$1,870.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	2	14.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	13.00
		Male, Neutered	2	14.00
			Sub-Total:	\$41.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	7	7.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	10	2.50
			Sub-Total:	\$9.50
B2115	Planning Application	Planning Application	1	650.00
			Sub-Total:	\$650.00
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	3	190.00
			Sub-Total:	\$190.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$2,766.86

Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	7.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation	108.64
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$2,882.50
Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$115.64

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

- A legal notice has been posted saying that 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 2015. The reports are available for review in the Town Clerk’s Office during regular business hours.

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the Town Clerk attending the Town Clerk’s Association Conference in Saratoga Springs from April 17-20, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,

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

0-Nays

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion: Time Warner Cable’s agreements with programmers and broadcasters along with certain changes in services

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 Simmons: I talked two weeks ago to the Public Service Commission Department. The NYS Department of Public Service Commission has been in contact with Time Warner again. Time Warner was supposed to contact us. The lady from Public Service Commission suggested that I call David Whalen a call which Councilman Gritsavage and I have spoken with several times. Mr. Whalen stated to me “you know I have 600 municipalities that I have to deal with”. I mentioned that this issue has been going on for two years. I asked him where the map was of the area in which they were covering, this is something that we asked for over a year ago and Mr. Whalen was sorry that he hadn’t gotten that to us but he stated that he would take care of it. I also asked if he had gotten in touch Dr. Ford at the NCS. No but he (Whalen) had put a call into Shannon Fitzgerald and was waiting for a call back from her.

SUPERVISOR:

I have received a letter of request for permission to use the Town park property from 9/15/2016 through 9/17/2016 for a wedding, along with placing port-a-potties and a tent on the property stated Supervisor Groff. As far as the noise I would assume it would come under the Village laws because the property is in the Village.

Councilman Simmons suggested that 30 days prior to the event she would be required to provide the Town with a copy of her insurance policy naming the Town for this event.

The requestor needs to talk with the Village of Northville Code Enforcement Officer to see if any permits are needed within the Village limits for this occasion stated Matthew Ginter.

Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the use of the Town property on the corner of South Main Street and Mechanic Street from 9/15/2016 through 9/17/2016. The requestor Amy-Jo Warner must provide the Town 30 days prior to the event a copy of her \$1M insurance policy naming the Town.

Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,

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

0-Nays

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn:Councilman Gritsavage motioned to adjourn at 7:34 p.m. Councilman Andersonseconded the motion.All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk