

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
September 21, 2016**

Supervisor Groff called the regular Town Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 412 South Main St., Northville, NY. on Wednesday, September 21, 2016 and led the salute to the flag.

PRESENT: Supervisor: James Groff
Councilmen: Darryl Roosa, Art Simmons, Ivar Anderson and William Gritsavage

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance were Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer; Kip Richardson-Highway Superintendent; Ken Cramer-Water/Sewer Plant Operator; Nathaniel Matthews-Bookkeeper, Honorable Michael Albanese-Town Attorney

Also Present: Chris Garber, Skip Taylor, John and Nancy Mulcahy, David Bellinger, Zach Payne, and Todd Payne

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the August 17, 2016 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

Res. 2016-15: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds within Accounts to Meet Certain Contractual Expenses for Accounts payable from 2016 Budget Line 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 2016 Budget for the September transfers;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be authorized to transfer the below indicated funds from within existing accounts of the 2016 budget to cover anticipated expenses;

September

\$500.00

From: A1950.4 – Judgements and claims

To: A7550.4 – Celebrations - Contractual

\$2,000.00

From: A9050.8 – Unemployment Ins

To: A9060.8 – Health Ins

\$20,000.00

From: DB5142.1 – Snow removal – Pers. Services

To: DB5110.1 – Street General – Pers. Services

\$2,000.00

From: DB5148.1 – Serv. Other Gov'ts – Pers. Services

To: DB5140.1 – Brush/Weeds – Pers. 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 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		

Discussion on the Warrants

Councilman Simmons stated that he objected to paying the two Chamber bills this month because one bill is for an x amount per quarter and asked “what are they doing”. There is nothing itemized with the billing.

MOTION on Warrants

MOTION:Councilman Anderson approved paying the warrants. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, and Anderson
Councilman Simmons voted Nay to paying the two Chamber of Commerce bills. He noted that he voted Aye to pay all other bills that were presented to the board.

2016 Warrants

General Fund “A”	\$32,580.69
General Ambulance Fund Account “AA”	00.00
General Fund “B”	9,203.42
Highway Fund Outside Village “DB”	13,728.39
Sacandaga Lighting District	981.07
Sacandaga Sewer District	5,037.67
Sacandaga Water District	6,059.29
Trust and Agency Fund	<u>557.69</u>
Total Warrants	\$68,148.22

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- September 2016 Fulton Co Regional Chamber of Commerce Newslines
- Letter from Charter (cable TV)

Supervisor Groff opened the floor for Public Comment at 7:01 P.M.

Zachary Payne – Boy Scout Eagle Project

Zachary Payne explained that he is a Boy Scout in Troop 55 and he is coming before the Town Board tonight because it was recommended to him by the Village Board. He is asking the Town Board approval to allow him to possibly erect this Chimney Swift Tower on the Town Property behind the Town hall or to ask the Board if they know of a suitable piece of property that he may erect his project. This Chimney Kiosk Tower project needs to be somewhat visible from the sky and must be located in an area that the swifts can easily swoop into.

He is proposing to not build a new chimney but to build a new structure called a Chimney Swift tower for his Eagle Scout Project. He would construct a Kiosk Tower with a bulletin board educating the public about Chimney Swift birds, their habits and life cycle. He would need approximately a 30’ square footprint. He would border and surround this structure with greenery so that it would be able to house the Chimney Swifts but not interfere with their nesting. I would need approval before the ground freezes so the foundation can be poured.

Councilman Anderson will help assist Zachary Payne in finding a suitable spot to place the Chimney Kiosk Tower on the town property behind the Town hall property.

MOTION:

Councilman Anderson motioned to accept Boy Scout Zachary Payne’s proposal for a Chimney Kiosk Tower to be placed on the Town property behind the town hall at 412 S. Main St., with the stipulation that a suitable spot is found for it.

Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by a

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

0-Nays

David Bellinger-Roosevelt Terrace Road

David Bellinger stated that the residents on Roosevelt Terrace have expressed a desire and agree to move forward with the proposal to pave Roosevelt Terrace road and bring the road up to code and work with the Town to convey the Road to the Town of Northampton. As owners we are going to chip in to pay to have the road fixed stated Mr. Bellinger. It was mentioned that someone (resident) would have to meet with the Highway Superintendent, Mr. Richardson to find out what the qualifications are. Mr. Richardson would check into this to see if this can be done before the Town would consider doing something like that. If so, what the initiate cost would be, what needs to be done, and the process. What is the minimum right of way that we can have going through there asked Councilman Anderson? Discussed ensued.

John Mulcahy-Sacandaga Golf Course Proposal

John Mulcahy has provided the Town Board with his proposal for the Sacandaga Golf Course. His proposal was for Investors to purchase the golf course. Investors lease the golf course back to the town (with or without capital improvement dollars). Investors would be allowed to sell 6+ building lots (design of buildings to be in accordance with Sacandaga Park scheme). Investors would not pay property or school taxes on the lots while on market. Benefits of this proposal. Town of Northampton and Sacandaga Park maintains the benefit of having a golf course. Improved golf course will increase current property and school tax revenue. Tax revenue from newly built camps. Revenue from golf course/restaurant/apartments. Municipality possibly would not have to pay property or school taxes. A logical and environmentally friendly solution for the Sacandaga Park waste water. Town now has a marketing asset. Revenue from the increase in transient golf players. Possible job creation and maximum use of town's property maintenance equipment. Response: The taxes cannot be forgiven or not having to pay the taxes unless the municipality owns the property. The previous Board had created a district that doesn't allow for residential. Supervisor Groff stated he would like to get a committee together to sit down and talk with you on this. Councilman Simmons offered and it was accepted for him and Councilman Gritsavage to be on that committee. Discussion ensued.

Department Reports:

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$292.50 in fees. A total of 8 permits were issued in August 2016; #52-15 Permit renewal; #056-16 Solar Panels; #057-16 Pellet stove; #058-16 Fence; #059-16 Demolition; #060-16 Water Well; #061-16 Storage Building; #062-16 Water well; and 2 Municipal Search.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No meeting was held in August 2016. The next scheduled meeting is August 24, 2016 at 7 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD: No meeting was held in September 2016.

The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for October 19, 2016 at 7 p.m.

There is an application for a restaurant on the corner parcel of Co Hwy 152 and State Highway 30 with the potential to hook into the Sacandaga Park Sewer System across the road explained Mr. Ginter. That parcel would need to be annexed into the Sewer District. This parcel is within the Sacandaga Water District but it is not within the Sacandaga Park Sewer District. It would eliminate an on-site waste water treatment for the restaurant.

The three hurdles that would have to be cleared 1. It would need to be annexed into the Sewer District so they would have the ability to tap into it. 2. To obtain an easement on to the property where it currently ends. 3. The engineering design to possibly put his own infrastructure in.

Ken Cramer stated that he has spoken with Rob Streeter and someone from the APA regarding this. The property owner would have to clear the three hurdles mentioned. We have an easement to maintain the line that is there but the problem is where the line ends on the north end of his property. Mr. Cramer proposed going behind his residence parallel to State Highway 30 and to bore under Co Hwy 152. This would create the least amount of disturbance to the person's property as possible. According to our Sewer Ordinance they, the owner(s) are responsible for the installation and costs of said installation of the whole project, from the restaurant to the existing main.

Would it be to the Town's benefit to extend that main with the possibility of development down State Highway 30 inquired Supervisor Groff? Discussion ensued.

Councilman Simmons asked in doing that would that help our case with applying for any grants?

Response: Not sure.

The Attorney explained to the Board what the process according to Town Law would be to annex into the Sewer District.

HIGHWAY:

Res. No. 16 of 2016 Authorizing Issuance of Statutory Installment Bond of Town of Northampton, Fulton County, New York in the Amount of \$180,000.00 Dollars. (truck described as Dump/Plow)

The foregoing resolution was adopted by Councilman Anderson. Seconded by Councilman Simmons

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

Highway Agreement to spend Town Highway Funds

We agree that money levied and collected for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the state for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows.

1. **General Repairs.** The sum of \$142,866.44 may be expended for general repairs upon 2.2 miles of Town Highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and board walks or the renewals thereof.
2. **IMPROVEMENTS:** The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the improvement of town highway:
 - (a) On the road commencing at Old Route 30 and leading to end, a distance of .5 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$45,633.32. Type #3 Binder Overlay Width of traveled surface 18'; Thickness 2 inches. Subbase old pavement
 - (b) On the road commencing at Houseman Street and leading to end, a distance of 1.1 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$55,726.23. Type #6 Top Overlay Width of traveled surface 20'; Thickness 2 inches. Subbase old pavement
 - (c) On the road commencing at Hampton Point and leading to end, a distance of .4th miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$26,852.18. Type #3 Binder Width of traveled surface 18'; Thickness 2 inches. Overlay Subbase old pavement
 - (d) On the road commencing at First Street and leading to end, a distance of .1th miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$7,364.31. Type #3 Binder Overlay Width of traveled surface 18'; Thickness 2 inches. Subbase old pavement
 - (e) On the road commencing at Second Street and leading to end, a distance of .1th miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$7,374.31. Type #3 Binder Overlay Width of traveled surface 18'; Thickness 2 inches. Subbase old pavement

Supervisor Groff motioned to approve the foregoing Highway Agreements. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

Res 2016-17: Town of Northampton Standard Work Day and Reporting Resolution for Elected and Appointed Officials RS 2417-A for the Town Clerk and Superintendent of Highways.

The foregoing resolution was approved by Councilman Gritsavage. Seconded by Councilman Roosa.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justice Report. There were a total of 17 cases handled and \$2,188.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by,
A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

JOINT INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMISSION: Councilman Gritsavage noted that no meeting has been set to date.

ASSESSOR:

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to reappoint Robert Brooks as member on the Town of Northampton Board of Assessment Review. Term October 1, 2016 to September 30, 2021. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by
A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

YOUTH/REC: The August 18, 2016 meeting was rescheduled for Monday, September 19, 2016 at 7 p.m. The Town of Northampton/Village of Northville Joint Youth Commission approved the 3-Year Agreement Contract for next year and I am presenting it to the Town Board for approval for the Supervisor to sign the contract stated Councilman Gritsavage.

We discussed the ski program. The Director gave plans that he has for Halloween and Christmas. We discussed the surveys that were provided to the Joint Youth Commission.
The next scheduled meeting is December 15, 2016 at 7 p.m.

Discussion on the motion

Councilman Simmons asked if the amount the Town of Northampton going pay to the Joint Youth Program to remain the same?

Response: Yes

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve Supervisor, James Groff signing the 3-Year Agreement Contract between the Town of Northampton and the Northampton/Northville Youth Commission commencing June 1, 2017 and ending May 31, 2010. Seconded by Councilmen Anderson and passed by
A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

CEMETERY: Supervisor Groff noted that something needs to be done with vault at the Prospect Cemetery it is deteriorating. Last year we had to use the Edinburg vault because we have a crack in it and it is separating.

Discussion on the Vault at the Prospect Hill Cemetery needing repairs or whether it needs to be replaced. It was unanimously approved to allow Supervisor Groff to proceed with contacting individuals to inspect the Vault and see if it can in fact can be repaired or if it needs to be replaced. Also to get quotes.
It was suggested to contact Darby and Richie Horton.

AMBULANCE: The Northampton Ambulance Service responded to 11 calls in the Town of Northampton; 3 calls in the Village of Northville; and 1 Town of Hope.

Refuse and Garbage: The Northampton Transfer Station will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2016 for Columbus Day.

HARDFILL SITE: There were a total of 61 vehicles logged at the Hardfill site and \$56.50 in fees were collected for tires for the month of August 2016.

HAULING FEES: The month of August 2016 fees were as follows:

County Transfer	114.430Ton @ \$53	\$6,064.79
Curbside Recycling	10.890Ton @ \$20	\$ 217.80

Transfer Station Recycling	5.220Ton @ \$10	\$ 52.20
Metal Hauling	3.970 Ton @ \$20	\$ 79.40
Electronics	.710 Ton @ \$00	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total		\$6,414.19

Northville Fire Dept.:

August 2016: There were a Total of 13 Responses and a Total of 232.89 Man-hours. The Village of Northville had 1-Fire Alarm; 1-Standby for Hope; and 1-Wires down burning. The Town of Northampton had 1-Fire alarm malfunction; 1-Trees across roadway; 3- Tree on Powerline; 1-Tree on Powerline; and 2-Motor vehicle accidents with injuries. The Town of Benson 1- Tree on powerline. The Town of Hope had a Standby in Hope Station. The Town of Edinburg had none. There was 1-Mutual Aid Given and 3-Mutual Aid Received.

Northville Fire Department participated in the following training:

August 8 – members practiced pump operations. 17 members present

August 9 - members participated extrication principals using the jaw of life. 5 members present.

August 15- members practiced vehicle stabilization for motor vehicle accidents. 13 members present.

August 22- members reviewed tools and equipment. 15 members present.

August 29 – members practiced using ropes and knots. 16 members present

August 30 – members reviewed hydrant and fires scenarios, truck placement with mutual aid departments in the area of Allen & Palmer in the village. 10 members present

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:

July 2016

Water:

-July 2015 usage – 1,403,000 gallons pumped

-July 2016 usage – 1,389,00 gallons pumped

Meters: No problems reported

Repair/Maintenance:

No problems reported

Wastewater:

-July-2015- daily average flow 26,000 gallons

-July-2016- daily average flow 17,000 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:

- Supervisor Groff to receive estimate from Siena fence Co. on replacing fence around sewer plant. Current fence is falling down and beyond repair in several areas. With children now living next door to the plant there is a safety concern that needs to be addressed.

August 2016

Water:

-August 2015 usage – 1,291,000 gallons pumped

-August 2016 usage – 1,322,00 gallons pumped

Meters: No problems to report

Repair/Maintenance:

~ Repaired leak on water service lateral on 127 Lincoln Ave.

Wastewater:

-August-2015- daily average flow 15,000 gallons

			Sub-Total:	\$7.25
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	8	242.50
			Sub-Total:	\$242.50
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	2	50.00
			Sub-Total:	\$50.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$888.27
Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses				22.50
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				8.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				2,451.98
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$3,370.75	Total Non-Local Revenues: \$2,482.48	

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

The Town Clerk has received a letter from NYS Department of State stating that Local Law #3 of 206 entitled, "Smoking Law of the Town of Northampton, County of Fulton" has been filed on August 24, 2016 with the NYS Department of State.

SUPERVISOR: I spoke with DEC regarding Richard Reece on County Highway 152. Mr. Reece wants to add 20 docks to the existing 8 docks for a total of 28 docks onto his permit. I discussed the problem with parking on County Highway 152 and DEC stated that they would look into it.

Discussion ensued on the lack of parking along County Highway 152.

NEW BUSINESS:

Great Sacandaga Lake Association GSLA has filed an application and documentation with the Town Clerk to present to the Town Board for Use of Municipal Facility for Monthly Board meetings.

The Town Board unanimously agreed to table a motion on the application provided by the Great Sacandaga Lake Association GSLA to the Town Board. In order to give them the opportunity to provide the Town Board dates and times along with an insurance policy naming the town.

Councilman Anderson talked about having things for the people to do in the winter time in the Northampton and Northville area. I'm suggesting on possibly having roads open to snow machines and four wheelers like other municipalities do in the Adirondacks. My idea was to get ECON to open up the boat launch and possibly we could plow it for people to park their vehicles, trailers and sleds. People then can maybe go to the Village. We could ask the Village if we could use the right of way to the wells to Old Route 30 and come up the back way to the Village. I would like to see this explored some more. It would give us access to come into the Village and stop at the businesses, such as Stewart's. I do plow the beach for extra parking stated the Highway Superintendent.

There is a tremendous amount that park down at the Campsite.

Councilman Anderson stated that he was thinking if we needed more parking we could use the boat launch area.

The problem with the river is every once and a while the ice goes out, stated the Supervisor.

I understand that but I feel this could possible help promote tourism and bring more people to the Village.

I hear that the Sacandaga Snowmobile Club is in the process of trying to get the trail down here to Northville.

They are working on getting a trail from here to Wells.

Discussion ensued on whether there is a rule on a snowmobile going on pavement.

Councilman Anderson stated this is one of those things that the Village would have to go along with us on this and agree to.

It was agreed to have Councilman Anderson to talk with the Village Board regarding his proposal and report back to the Town Board.

Discussion on Renovation of offices within the Town hall.

Supervisor Groff stated that we are going to do some building renovations the Bookkeeper will be moving into the Mayor’s current office. While we are doing this we should replace the carpet and lay down another floor in that office. The Village Office where the Bookkeeper is will have a wall erected between the Clerk and the Mayors new office. The Village of Northville has agreed pay the cost up front and the Town won’t have to pay their share until next year. The cost is not to exceed \$8,000.00 for all of the work and the Village has agreed to split the renovations cost 50/50.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson approved town hall renovations to the rooms for the Village offices and Bookkeeper/Treasurers office. The cost is to be split 50/50 for renovations between the Town of Northampton and Village of Northville. The Town of Northampton Board has agreed to split 50/50 for these renovations not to exceed \$8,000. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by

A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

Discussion on the hall lighting needing to be replaced in the Town hall

The lights in the town hall hallway have been either been flickering or have gone out completely and need replacement stated Supervisor Groff. I was quoted a price for 5 lights at \$140 each.

Matthew Ginter stated that someone from Warren Electric is coming up and reviewing the list with accounts given to us from a study done by National Grid. Even though we are not taking advantage of National Grids offer for the LED lighting, if we change the lighting to LED we are still eligible for the rebates reimbursement.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson approved purchasing new LED lighting for the Town of Northampton Town hallway t a cost not to exceed \$700. The Town will install the new lighting. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by

A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

Games of Chance (Bell Jar and Raffles) Law

What is the Village doing with the Games of Chance Law? Response: The process was followed but it has to be voted on by the people. It can’t go up for vote on the ballot this November 2016 election because the Villagedoesn’t have an election this year. Discussion ensued.

A Tentative 2017 Budget Work Session has been set for Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 6:30 p.m.

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, October 19, 2016at 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn:Having no further business come before the Board, Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn at 8:17p.m.

Councilman Simmonsseconded the motion and passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik

Town Clerk