

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
2017 PROPOSED TENTATIVE BUDGET
WORK SESSION
October 4, 2016**

The Town of Northampton held a 2017 Proposed Tentative Budget Work Session on Tuesday, October 4, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Municipal Building, 412 South Main St., Northville, NY.

PRESENT: Supervisor: James Groff
Councilmen: Ivar Anderson, Darryl Roosa and Art Simmons
Excused: William Gritsavage,
RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk

Other Town department representative in attendance was:
Bookkeeper/Budget Director- Nathaniel Matthews

No one from the Public was present

Supervisor Groff: The Tentative 2017 Town of Northampton Budget is below the .69 Tax Cap.

Nathaniel Matthew, Budget Officer has provided the Town Clerk and Town Board a proposed Tentative Town of Northampton 2017 Budget. The proposed salaries are included in the Tentative Budget which is below the Tax Cap. The biggest is the highway crew who are contracted In the last couple of years have been transition years on getting the budget in the proper format and a proper line item so that a lot of shifts in different departments not necessarily in dollar amounts but reallocating in the proper area.

“A” General -Townwide Fund

Appropriations	\$811,100.00
Revenues	\$333,300.00
Less Appropriated Cash Surpluses	\$180,883.00
Raised by Tax	\$292,917.00

Page 8 The (.1) codes are salary and they were pretty much a 2% increase with a couple of exceptions.

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Elections – A1450.4 –decreased because we will not have the extra Primary next year. That is based by the estimate provided by the County.

Buildings – there is an increase in the buildings to cover the renovations to the town hall that are currently happening. I did budget for a water fountain this year but it did not get

replaced because of tight funds and with everything else going on. But it does need to be replaced.

The increase included salary under buildings which includes approximately 200 hours of building done by the Building Maintenance Supervisor and the Cleaners salary.

Councilman Anderson questioned whether money has been appropriated in reserves for painting the outside of the Town hall building.

Response: that should come out of the reserve depending on the cost.

Councilman Anderson stated that he was looking at a cost of approximately \$12,000 to \$16,000 is needed to paint the outside of the Town Hall. Response: that would come out of the reserve fund.

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Special items-there was a \$10,000.00 decrease overall.

A new account line item was added: Traffic Control –this is for any type of street signs or Traffic Control Devices. This is supposed to come out of the General Fund and not the Highway Fund.

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Employee Benefits – there is a substantial increase the State Retirement, the Hospital and Medical insurance. These benefits drastically jumped up because I reallocated them from the Highway Fund “DB Fund” entirely to the General Fund. Going through the training classes I’ve learned the Highway Fund should not be funding benefits. Highway Fund is for road maintenance, snow removal, machinery and things of that nature.

I also allocated the off-setting Revenue into the General Fund. There is no change other than the Fund in which it is coming out of.

Revenues

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The Non-Property Tax Items - Sales Tax. It is the off-setting to the Employees Benefits that is moved from the Highway Fund. Sales Tax distribution I increased from \$140,000.00 to \$234,000.00.

Tentative Budget General A Fund, B Fund, DB “Highway” Fund, Fire Fund, “SF” Fire District Northampton/Fishhouse Fire District Fund, “SS” Sewer Fund, and “SW” Water Fund, Year Ending December 31, 2017 for:

“B” General –Outside the Village Fund

Appropriations	\$193,300.00
Revenues	\$141,000.00
Less Appropriated Cash Surpluses	\$ 52,300.00
Raised by Tax	\$ -

Page 22 Law Enforcement – we might be able to use this fund for a battery or solar operated portable speed limit sign now that we have several roads where the speed limit

has changed. It was asked if we were to get this could we lease it to the Village to get some revenue? Discussion ensued.
The Publicity line item was added last year.

Page 23 There was a slight decrease due to the diesel payment we made last year to the NCS. We are bringing the amount back down to where it normally is.
Councilman Anderson stated that we own two garbage trucks. Do we have a reserve fund for a new garbage truck? Response, no. Discussion ensued on our current garbage truck and its need of repair so that it lasts.

Revenues

Page 25 Allocation of Revenues Sales Tax Distribution increased from \$105,000.00 to \$120,000.

“DB” Highway-Outside the Village Fund

Appropriations	\$579,528.00
Revenues	\$356,500.00
Less Appropriated Cash Surpluses	\$223,028.00
Raised by Tax	\$ -

Employees Benefit – this is a reallocation of where they are spending they are actually working based on their time sheet I receive.

Page 27 We have decreased the paving from \$110,000.00 to \$70,000.00, there are still C.H.I.P.S. Funds I believe at \$60,000.00. So we will have \$130,000.00 available for paving. The reason being we will need some of the funds from paving to purchase the new truck. The only other area we would be able to take this from is Sales Tax and if we short the General Fund by Sales Tax it would mean that we would have to increase Taxes to cover the cost.

Page 30 That is the Debt Service for the first payment of the new truck.
The Employee Benefits – State Retirement and Hosp. & Med. Ins. have been zeroed out because they have been reallocated.

Page 31 Highway Fund Revenue - Sale Tax Distribution reduction because this has been reallocated to the General Fund.

“SF” Fire District Northampton/Fishhouse Fire District Fund

Appropriations	\$ 96,250.00
Revenues	\$ 96,250.00
Less Appropriated Cash Surpluses	\$ -
Raised by Tax	\$ -

Fire Fund

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The Village of Northville Fire Contract in I believe stayed the same.
Kennyetto Fire District for Fish House increased by approximately \$1,000.00.

A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

0-Nays

Discussion

The proposed tax increase would be one cent increase (\$0.01).

The Tax Cap levy limit is .69%. The overall levy would be .51%. This based on the current evaluation. The Lighting I am projecting it to go down stated Mr. Matthews. The Water and Sewer increase a little because of the points increasing. A \$0.01 increase which is overall in the General Fund.

Councilman Simmons: What would it take to get is back to \$1.18 per thousand? It might be nice to say, even though it is a penny that there will be no increase.

Even at a \$1.18 there will be an increase not in the rate per thousand but based on assessments explained Mr. Matthews.

The penny is not that much and it is under the tax cap, we need to stay ahead stated Supervisor Groff. When you look at the surrounding Towns and the majority of them their taxes are higher. One of the things that hurts us is that we are not 100% assessed. Sooner or later we are going to have to address that. That also hurts us in our Sales Tax formulas because we are not at 100% assessment. If we were assessed at 100% it would help us with our Budget.

Supervisor Groff mentioned that the residents are asking for speed bumps to be placed on Lincoln Ave.

My big problem is the Chamber of Commerce stated Councilman Simmons.

Discussion on the motion

Do we need to have an agreement or contract with NCS so that anything that if there is damaged there asked Councilman Simmons?

We will have an agreement with the NCS stated Supervisor Groff.

This is so the Northville Central School knows that we will participate and after that comes the paperwork stated Councilman Anderson.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to allow the NCS to use a portion of the Prospect Hill Cemetery for an Athletic Field during the Northville Central School Renovations. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

0-Nays

Having no further business come before the board, Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:45 PM. Seconded by Supervisor Groff and passed by,

4-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Roosa, and Simmons

0-Nays

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk