

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON**  
**REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING**  
**November 16, 2016**

Supervisor Groff called the regular Town Board meeting and Public Hearing on the 2017 Preliminary Budget along with the Northville Fire Department and Kenyetto Fire Districts Contracts at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 412 South Main St., Northville, NY. on Wednesday, October 19, 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 was Honorable Michael Albanese-Town Attorney  
Also Present: Warren (Skip) Taylor, Bob Ellsworth, Melissa Ellsworth, Carla Kolbe, Bill Coffey, Brian Correll, and Peter Junquera

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the October 19, 2016 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and  
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa                      0-Nays

**Warrants**

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage approved paying the warrants. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Simmons and Anderson

<u>2016 Warrants</u>	
General Fund "A"	\$49,988.40
General Fund "B"	7,922.65
Highway Fund Outside Village "DB"	40,317.91
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,019.76
Sacandaga Sewer District	14,157.67
Sacandaga Water District	11,201.56
Trust and Agency Fund	<u>1,017.69</u>
Total Warrants	\$125,625.64

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

Publicity, Promotion and Advertising

Bob Ellsworth: I was present at the Village Board meeting last night and I would like to complement the Town Board for spending money to promote the Town with the Chamber of Commerce. I didn't see anyone from the Chamber present at last night's meeting or here at this meeting. Some of the Board members have acknowledged they have never been here. There is no one here to answer to. I don't know what we had gotten for the ten thousand dollars between the Town and Village. I believe we lost the Octoberfest because of the communication issue they had.

I think that we could do better with people from our community. People that love this community and are vested in our community. They could come to the Board meetings and answer to the Board. You would know what they were doing and they would be dedicated just to us.

I would like the Town Board to consider doing this differently. I think it's great that you would spend the money but I believe you could do it better and you would get a lot more for your money. You can give them assignments and goals.

You would think that someone from the Chamber would come to the board meetings to explain what they have done and plan to do to promote the area stated Mr. Ellsworth.

From what I've seen and for whatever reason it seems that the Chamber of Commerce does everything through the Community Collaborative Committee (CCC), stated Councilman Simmons. I do want the money in the budget for publicity, promotion and advertising in the community stated Councilman Simmons. The pilot program I feel didn't go well and I believe that the local talent would be 10 times better.

Bill Coffey: The information that was e-mailed to me regarding the Octoberfest from the CCC was incorrect.

Supervisor Groff mentioned they are trying to get all the organizations in Town working on doing things together. The problem is we are not getting everyone to show up.

### Senior Housing

It was asked if the board was aware of Pathstone Corporation and how they have presented a proposed project of a 40 unit multi housing project laid out in the Village of Northville? With a three parcel, overall project proposed on South First Street, the Corner of Division and Third Street and the old Northville hotel. Does the Town have a position on this in the way that Pathstone has their project laid out?

For various reasons, we are in favor of Senior Housing stated Mr. Correll. But not for the 20 plus unit housing for low income.

I have expressed my displeasure to the Sacandaga Senior Task Force and the Village of Northville about it, stated Supervisor Groff.

I think the Town could be heavily invested in this, stated Councilman Gritsavage because we are the ones who pay for the Ambulance Services, the Police Services, and we pay a lot for the Fire Department Services and I believe that they are going to be effected. I think we are intertwined with the Village of Northville that the decisions that the Village may have to make has a big effect on the entire Town. If you look at the Pathstone proposal they take in areas as far North as Johnsburg and areas that are around the Town of Northampton. I am not in favor of the project stated Councilman Gritsavage.

For this to happen the Village has to pass this new Comprehensive Plan that they have been working on which has a zoning change in the plan to allow this to happen stated Supervisor Groff. The Village already has an Ordinance allowing Senior Housing. They do not have an Ordinance allowing Senior Housing with multiple housing units.

### **Supervisor Groff opened the Public Hearing at 7:18 p.m. on the 2017 Town of Northampton Preliminary Budget.**

Skip Taylor questioned Fire District line item, Sacandaga Park and what was the source of the revenue? All of the Fire Districts are paid from sales tax money and that amount is their portion of the revenue for the fire protection in that district stated Supervisor Groff. This line item is not on your tax bill. We have a Fire contract with the Village of Northville and they bill what the fire protection amount is for the Town.

Skip Taylor questioned the line item for the Sacandaga Park Lighting District.

Mr. Matthews explained that was interest earned based on where you live within your District. The Sacandaga Park Lighting District is independent from all other Lighting Districts. Street lights come out of a line item that is Street Lighting which is Town wide.

Skip Taylor explained the Sewer billing increase that took place a few years ago, thinking it was for the \$6M needed for the replacement of the system. He thought that part of that money was going to be put aside in a Reserve Account.

You have to have a permissive referendum in order to get money out of the Reserve Account explained the Supervisor.

Mr. Matthews explained the availability of different types of Reserves.







**TOWN CLERK:**

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

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

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

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	53	109.97
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$122.47</b>
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	1	19.00
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	20	170.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$189.00</b>
A2544	Dog Licensing	Exempt Dogs	1	0.00
		Female, Spayed	2	14.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	13.00
		Male, Neutered	1	7.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$34.00</b>
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	7	7.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	3	0.75
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$7.75</b>
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	17	1,407.50
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$1,407.50</b>
			<b>Total Local Shares Remitted:</b>	<b>\$1,760.72</b>
Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses				22.50
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				6.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				2,188.03
<b>Total State, County &amp; Local Revenues:</b>		<b>\$3,977.25</b>	<b>Total Non-Local Revenues:</b>	
				<b>\$2,216.53</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

**SUPERVISOR:**

Board members were provided a copy of the 2017 County Budget. The Budget is within the Tax Cap with a very small increase. The final work session will be Monday and I believe we will have the final hearing the following week stated the Supervisor.

**Discussion on the Use Agreement between the Town of Northampton and the Northville Central School District**  
Supervisor Groff explained he had a copy of the Use Agreement between the Town of Northampton and the Northville Central School District. This is a three-year agreement and we can terminate this agreement upon thirty (30) days written notice to either the Town or the District by the other party, at no expense to us.

We originally talked about one season and now we are up to three years asked Councilman Simmons.  
According to Dr. Ford in order to have an agreement the School has to have a lease agreement in order to use the property and to insure it. I believe they have to have a minimum of 3-years agreement. She originally spoke of 25 or 50 years and I said no stated Supervisor Groff.

Have they said anything about that they would like us to be involved with the Tennis Courts or the Basketball Court?  
I was asked stated the Supervisor. That is their project. This lease agreement is strictly for use of the Cemetery property for the Soccer fields.

Do you know if they are interested in moving the Tennis Courts over to the Village property on corner of Division Street and Third Street property?

I don't know stated the Supervisor.

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson approved the Supervisor signing the Use Agreement between the Town of Northampton and the Northville Central School District for temporary use of a portion of the Prospect Hill Cemetery for 2 soccer fields, while the District athletic fields are under construction. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

**Motion to Close the Public Hearing**

Councilman Gritsavage motioned to close the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m. on the 2017 Town of Northampton Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

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

**MOTION To Adopt the 2017 Town of Northampton Budget**

Councilman Gritsavage motioned to adopt the Preliminary Budget of the Town of Northampton for the fiscal year 2017 and the 2017 Fire Contracts with the Village of Northville and with the Broadalbin Kenneyto Fire Co., Inc. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and adopted by a

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

**MOTION signing the 2017 Fire Protection Contracts between the Town of Northampton and the Northville Fire Department District and with the Kenneyto Fire Co., Inc.**

Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve Supervisor Groff signing the 2017 Fire Protection Contract between the Town of Northampton and the Village of Northville the sum of \$85,500.00 and the signing of the 2017 Fire Protection Contract between the Town of Northampton and the Broadalbin Kenneyto Fire Co., Inc. in the sum of \$10,722.00.

Seconded by Councilman Anderson and adopted by a

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

I don't feel we should get a 10% increase next year for fire protection I feel that was a little steep because that is what it amounted to stated Supervisor Groff.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Eagle Scout project update**

Councilman Simmons: I saw Zachary the other day and he stated that he was in the process of meeting with the Village Code Enforcer.

