

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
October 19, 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, 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 were Ken Cramer-Water/Sewer Plant Operator; Nathaniel Matthews-Bookkeeper, Honorable Michael Albanese-Town Attorney
Also Present: Zachary Payne, Todd Payne, and Warren (Skip) Taylor

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to adopt the September 21, 2016 Regular Town Board meeting minutes with corrects to the Joint Youth Commission portion of the minutes. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the October 4, 2016 - 2017 Proposed Town of Northampton Tentative Budget Work Session minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and
Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays
Abstain: Gritsavage – He was not present at the October 4th meeting

Res. 2016-18: 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 Roosa 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 October 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;

October

\$750.00

From: A1410.101 – Clerk - Deputy Personal Services

To: A1410.407 – Clerk – Computer Support

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

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

HIGHWAY: Supervisor Groff has informed the Board that he has received a confirmation letter from the NYS Department of Transportation on the speed limit reductions on certain roads in the Town of Northampton that were requested by the Town Board. Plus, the Supervisor stated that the NYS DOT has reduced the speed limit on State Highway 30 down past Mountain Road per the his (Supervisor's) verbal complaints. We will be putting the signs up on Seven Hills Road because we do have them right now. Those people on Seven Hills Road have received a letter from the State saying that the speed limit has been reduced.

JUSTICE

MOTION: Council Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justice Report. There were a total of 32 cases handled and \$5,280.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Roosa 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. Councilman Anderson suggested at a Joint Inter-municipal meeting discussing with the Village of Northville his proposal of possibly having roads open to snow machines and four wheelers like other municipalities do in the Adirondacks. To give these vehicles access to come into the Village and stop at the local businesses. Councilman Anderson felt this should be discussed with the Village because would be a joint co-operation. This could possibly help promote tourism and bring more people into the Village stated Councilman Anderson.

ELECTION: The General Election will be held Tuesday, November 8, 2016. Polls will be open 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

YOUTH/REC: The next scheduled meeting is December 15, 2016 at 7 p.m.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Groff noted he has spoken with Stu VanNostrand who stated to him that no one has stopped to look at the deteriorating vault at the Prospect Hill Cemetery. Supervisor Groff noted that he has left messages with the three contracting individuals to inspect the Vault and to date no one has gotten back with him either, to see if the vault can in fact can be repaired or if it needs to be replaced; and to get quotes.

Supervisor Groff noted that they've started clearing the field for the sports field up next to the Cemetery. The Village has cut and removed a couple of the trees and they are going to start working on the soccer field. They would like to have the fields up and ready by next year stated Supervisor Groff. They will only be up there for a year to use the area for the sports field.

Public Safety: Dan Reidell has painted some of the cross walks for us stated Supervisor Groff.

AMBULANCE: The ramp into the Ambulance building has been fixed state Supervisor Groff. Councilman Simmons noted that he was at the Ambulance meeting last week he believed that the new ambulance hasn't been ordered as of yet. They are still working on the plans with the factory. Discussion ensued.

Refuse and Garbage: Veteran's Day Friday, November 11, 2016 and Thanksgiving Holiday, November 24 and 25th, do not affect the station hours. The station will be **open** on Saturday, November 26, 2016, regular hours.

HARDFILL SITE: There were a total of 41 vehicles logged at the Hardfill site and \$19.00 in fees were collected for tires for the month of September 2016.

Re-Appointment of Town of Northampton Deputy Historian

MOTION:Councilman Gritsavage approved the re-appointment of Joanne Blaauboer as the Town of Northampton Deputy Historian, term expires October 2017. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

Discussion on the 2017 Town of Northampton Tentative Budget

Councilman Simmons raised several concerns he had of changes that he would like to see on the 2017 Town of Northampton Tentative Budget. 1. Instead of an increase of \$0.01 per thousand to have a zero-tax increase in the proposed 2017 Budget; 2. remove the line item for the Chamber of Commerce; and 3. under the Public Safety for portable speed signs, he would like to see that reduced to \$5,000.00 and not \$10,000.00.

Councilman Simmons motioned to have a zero-tax increase per thousand in the proposed 2017 Town of Northampton Budget; to remove the line item for the Chamber of Commerce; and the \$10,000.00 budgeted for portable speed signs under Public Safety be reduced to \$5,000.00. Hearing no second to the motion, Councilman Simmons then thanked the board for their time.

Supervisor Groff mentioned that if the Town buy’s two of the signs with solar plus led lights, it will cost approximately \$3,200.00 to \$3,500.00 per sign. We need at least 2 signs stated Supervisor Groff. I (Groff) would suggest possibly investing into this and putting one at the South end of Houseman Street because of the foot traffic in the summer time from the campsite to the Marina to slow traffic down over there. As far as the (\$0.01) one cent increase, we do need to raise the taxes a little bit each year because this is how we got into this situation of being where we are stated Supervisor Groff.

Councilman Simmons: Regarding the Chamber of Commerce, I have not heard one thing on the radio on Northville/Northampton; there has been nothing on TV; and I’ve seen no ads or press releases in the newspapers. We are whizzing \$5,000.00 down the drain stated Councilman Simmons. We have local talent that can do what they do and the local talent knows the community better.

Supervisor Groff noted that we have not signed a contract with the Chamber of Commerce for 2017 yet. So, that money will stay in there in case we want to do something with somebody local because they are not going to do it for free. Please show me where we are getting a return for our money stated Councilman Simmons. The Albany Times Union newspaper does advertise Fulton County, Northville, show me where we are getting a return for our money. Please show me the press releases for events it is not there stated Councilman Simmons. Discussion ensued.

I will vote for the 2017 Town of Northampton Tentative Budget but I am not happy about a few things that are in there stated Councilman Simmons.

MOTION ON 2017 Town of Northampton Preliminary Budget

Councilman Roosa motioned to approve moving the 2017 Town of Northampton Tentative Budget to the 2017 Town of Northampton Preliminary Budget using the proposed following tax rates: General A Fund - \$1.19 (one dollar and nineteen cents) per thousand, an increase of \$0.01 (one cent) per thousand; Sacandaga Lighting District SL Fund - \$0.44 (forty-four cents) per thousand, a decrease of \$0.06 (-six cents) per thousand; Sacandaga Water District SW Fund - \$25.00 (twenty-five dollars) per point, remaining the same; Sacandaga Sewer District SS Fund - \$47.00 (forty-seven dollars) per point, remaining the same; and to post the Town will hold a Public Hearing on Wednesday, November 16, 2016 at 7:15 PM on the 2017 Town of Northampton Preliminary Budget. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

