

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
December 13, 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 Tuesday, November 13, 2016 and led the salute to the flag.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance was Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer;
Ken Cramer-Water/Sewer Plant Operator; and Nathaniel Matthews-Bookkeeper
Also Present: Warren (Skip) Taylor, Cindy Close, and Gerald Fitzgerald

MOTION: Councilman Roosamotioned to approve the November 16, 2016 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and
Adopted by a vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, and Roosa 0-Nays

Resolution #2016-19: RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING TRANSFER OF FUNDS WITHIN ACCOUNTS TO MEET CERTAIN CONTRACTUAL EXPENSES FOR ACCOUNTS PAYABLE FROM 2016 BUDGET LINE ITEMS

Councilman Simmons 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 December 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;

End of Year Transfers 2016

\$5,000.00 From: SW9901.9 Cap. Reserve fund for Water

To: SW5031 Inter-fund Transfer

Reason: Amount to put in reserve

\$20,000.00 From: SS9901.9 Cap. Reserve fund for Sewer

To: SS5031 Inter-fund Transfer

Reason: Amount to put in reserve

\$20,000.00 From: A9961.9 Cap. Reserve fund for Ambulance

To: A5031 Inter-fund Transfer

Reason: Transfer to reserve

\$25,000.00 From: DB9950.9 Cap. Reserve fund for Highway Machinery

To: DB5031 Inter-fund Transfer

Reason: Transfer to reserve

\$1,000.00 From: A1620.1 Buildings – Personal services

To: A5132.1 Garage – Personal Services

Reason: cover end of year payrolls

\$1,500.00From: A1620.1 Buildings – Personal services

To: A8810.1 Cemetery – Personal Services

Reason: cover end of year payrolls

\$500.00From: A1320.2 Accounting - Equipment

To: A1320.1 Accounting – Personal services

Reason: cover end of year expenses

\$7,500.00From: DB5142.1 Snow – Personal services

To: DB5110.1 Street General – Personal Services

Reason: cover end of year payrolls

\$1,000.00From: B3120.4 Public Safety – Contractual

To: B6410.4 Publicity – Contractual

Reason: cover end of year expenses

\$3,000.00From: B3120.4 Public Safety – Contractual

To: B8160.405 Garbage – Repair/Maint.

Reason: cover end of year expenses

\$500.00From: SW8420.4 Water – Attorney Contractual

To: SW9060.8 Water – Health Ins

Reason: cover end of year expenses

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	Absent
William Gritsavage	Absent	Art Simmons	Aye
Darryl Roosa	Aye		

Warrants

MOTION:Councilman Roosa approved paying the warrants. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, and Simmons

2016 Warrants

General Fund “A”	\$23,472.26
General Fund “B”	3,223.85
Highway Fund Outside Village “DB”	1,096.09
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,062.96
Sacandaga Sewer District	3,705.54
Sacandaga Water District	2,271.16
Trust and Agency Fund	<u>421.40</u>
Total Warrants	\$ 35,253.26

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

Skip Taylor gave each board member a packet regarding Roosevelt Terrace in the Sacandaga Park which leads to the Sacandaga Park Sewer Treatment Plant. This packet includes Town Zoning Law specifications and the International Fire Code along with soliciting proposals for the reconstruction of the road. The proposals range from \$27,500 up to \$52,370. He explained that the road is breaking down and it needs to be repaired. We have been repairing it and have with the help of the town placing cold pack down every now and then. The residents of the Sacandaga Park would pay for the

reconstruction and repair of the road and under these provisions would the town consider future maintenance of Roosevelt Terrace?

Sacandaga Park Water/Sewer District Billing Discussion. It was discussed on the process of the meter readings and the cost per gallon. The town is working on getting them out the best that they can and as fair as they can, stated the Supervisor.

Golf Course Proposal

There was an Inter-Municipal meeting and that was discussed stated Councilman Simmons.

Cindy Close stated that she is here about the Town's possibility of supporting having a Dog Park within the Town of Northampton or the Village of Northville area. She had spoken with Code Enforcement Officer, Ginter about possible areas that could be considered. Suggestions of areas near the Prospect Cemetery and the Third Street property. Is there any reason why I should not proceed with this, trying to gather support and go ahead with it, if there is enough people interested in it? Supervisor Groff mentioned that if it within the Town of Northampton area she would have to come before the Town Board. If it were to be within the Village of Northville area, then she would have to come before the Village Board.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Letter from Charter Communications
- Fulton/Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce "Newslines"
- Letter from the Northville Rotary Club dated 7-19-2016 regarding ninth Annual Woodworking and Fine Arts weekend, July 14-16, 2017

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the Northville Rotary Club the use of the Town Hall and Town Park to hold their 10th Annual Woodworking and Fine Arts Show the weekend of July 14-16, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Simmons, and Roosa 0-Nays

2017 Fuel Bid

Councilman Roosa motioned to approve the posting for the Town of Northampton accepting fuel bids for the year 2017 with a due date of January 4, 2016. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and

Adopted by a vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, and Roosa 0-Nays

Department Reports:

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$115.00 in fees. A total of 2 permits were issued in November 2016; #086-16 Attached garage and #087-16 Solar Panels.

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve the Code Enforcement November 2016 monthly report as presented. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by,

A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: No meeting was held in November 2016.

Due to no new business coming before the Zoning Board of Appeals this month the scheduled December 28, 2016 meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is January 25, 2017. at 7 p.m.

PLANNING BOARD: No meeting was held on December 13, 2016, due to no new business coming before the Planning Board this month. The next scheduled meeting is January 10, 2016 at 7 p.m.

JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to accept the Justice Report. There was a total of 26 cases handled and \$4,620.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,
A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Simmons, and Roosa 0-Nays

ANIMAL CONTROL:

2017-2019 Town of Northampton/Northampton Animal Hospital Contract

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the 2017-2019 Contract between the Town of Northampton and the Northampton Animal Hospital. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,
A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Simmons, and Roosa 0-Nays

JOINT INTER-MUNICIPAL COMMISSION: A meeting was held on Wednesday, November 30, 2016 at 7 p.m. with Councilmen William Gritsavage and Art Simmons along with Mayor John Spaeth and Trustee John Markowitz stated Councilman Simmons. There two members of the public that were also there. Topics of discussion were about the possibility of a snowmobile trail to the Village of Northville having it typing into the trail from Speculator, Wells and Hope. Anthony Lanzi has been working on that, which do not think we knew stated Councilman Simmons. I think at some point we should meet with Mr. Lanzi to see what they're doing.
We talked about the probability of the Village and Town having only one (1) packer and possibly using the DEC packer as a backup. We discussed sending a letter to Mr. Osborne regarding the past discussions on the Sacandaga Golf Course.

YOUTH/REC: The December 15, 2016 meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is to be announced.

CEMETERY: I spoke with Darby about the vault in the Prospect Hill Cemetery and was informed that it can be repaired stated Supervisor Groff. We can look into doing work on the vault in the spring.

AMBULANCE: The ambulance members will be tentatively meeting with Mr. Sweet on Friday to finalize the ordering of the new ambulance stated Councilman Simmons.

Apparently, the furnace in the Ambulance building which is approximately 25 years old has constantly gone out on them two or three times within the last week stated Councilman Simmons. This is something we will have to look into in the future. Mr. Farquhar has been calling to have work done on the Justice and the Ambulance furnaces stated the Supervisor.

Town of Hope/Town of Northampton Ambulance 2017 Agreement

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve Supervisor Groff signing the 2017 Town of Hope – Town of Northampton Ambulance Agreement which the Town of Hope Agrees to the terms of the agreement and to pay the Town of Northampton the Sum of Four Hundred Dollars (\$400.00) per call if the ambulance transports to a medical facility and Two Hundred Dollars (\$200.00) per call if the ambulance does not transport. This agreement shall be effective the date this Agreement is signed and shall continue to and including December 31, 2017. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Roosa and Simmons 0-Nays

Refuse and Garbage:

~Coming soon: Fulton County Solid Waste Department "Singlestream Recycling".
~The station will be closed for the upcoming Martin Luther King Day, holiday on Monday, December 1/16/2017.

HARDFILL SITE: There were a total of 58 vehicles logged at the Hardfill site and \$38.50 in fees were collected for tires for the month of November 2016. The last day for the Hardfill site for 2016 was November 26, 2016.

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

County Transfer	91.870Ton @ \$53	\$4,869.11
Curbside Recycling	8.450Ton @ \$20	\$ 169.00
Transfer Station Recycling	4.260Ton @ \$10	\$ 42.60
Metal Hauling	4.280Ton @ \$20	\$ 85.60
Electronics	1.060 Ton @ \$00	\$ 00.00
Total		\$5,166.31

Northville Fire Dept.:

November 2016: There were a Total of 7 Responses and a Total of 67.58 Man-hours. The Village of Northville had 1-Med flight standby; 2-Standby for Edinburg; and 1-furnace malfunction. The Town of Northampton had 1-Co Alarm malfunction. The Town of Benson none. The Town of Hope 1-Downed power line. The Town of Edinburghad 1-Motor vehicle accident. There was 2-Mutual Aid Given and 0-Mutual Aid Received.

Northville Fire Department participated in the following training:

November 14– members attended classroom OSHA training on vehicle response safety, scene safety, hazard recognition for motor vehicle accidents and structural fires. 13 members present

November 21-members performed monthly vehicle checks - 9 members present.

November 28 – members practiced hydrant and pump operations. 14 members present

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:

November 2016

Water:

-November 2015 usage – 519,000 gallons pumped

-November 2016 usage – 733,000 gallons pumped

Meters: Changed all meter pits to new radio read

And replaced six defective meters.

Repair/Maintenance:

~ No problems reported

Wastewater:

-November-2015- daily average flow 21,200 gallons

-November-2016- daily average flow 11,000 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:

~No new issues to report

TOWN CLERK:

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

3-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report
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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	19	16.04
			Sub-Total:	\$16.04
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	2	82.50
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	4	40.00
			Sub-Total:	\$122.50
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	1	7.00
		Male, Unneutered	1	13.00
			Sub-Total:	\$20.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	10	10.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	20	5.00
			Sub-Total:	\$15.00
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	2	115.00
			Sub-Total:	\$115.00
Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$288.54
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				4.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				274.96
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$567.50	Total Non-Local Revenues: \$278.96	

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 informed the Town Board of receiving on December 7, 2016 a letter of resignation from Carolee Blowers for the cleaning for the Bradt Building and Second Street Annex effective date 12/31/2016.

MOTION: Councilman Roosa has motioned to acknowledge and accepted with regret the receipt by the Town Clerk of a letter of resignation from Carolee Blowers for the cleaning for the Bradt Building and the Second Street Annex effective date 12/31/2016. The Town Board wishes her the best. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by, A Vote of 3 Ayes: Groff, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

Supervisor Groff has received a letter of interest from Candy Harrington to continue cleaning the offices. The Town will get prices from two others that are interested in this position and report back to the board at our next meeting, stated the Supervisor.

SUPERVISOR: We did not get approved for the CFA Grant.

NEW BUSINESS:

Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board/Town of Northampton 2017 Agreement

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approved the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board/Town of Northampton 2017 Agreement. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

OLD BUSINESS

Sacandaga Golf Course Proposal Update

The 2016 Year end meeting has been scheduled for December 28, 2016 at 10 a.m.

The 2017 Organizational meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 4, 2017 at 7 p.m.

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 18, 2017 at 7 p.m.
It was mentioned that the sign for Lisa Esler has faded and needs to be redone.

Councilman Simmons motioned to adjourn at 7:17p.m. CouncilmanRoosaseconded the motion and passed by,
A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Simmons, and Roosa 0-Nays

Councilman Roosa motioned to reopened the Town Board meeting at 7:18 p.m. to discuss the possible purchase of a canvas to protect the entrance way on the Town Hall. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by,
A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Simmons, and Roosa

Discussion:

Supervisor Groff explained that he had a quote from Canvas Cover Up at 140 Tennantville Road, Edinburg, NY in the amount of \$1,032.09 to possibly purchase a canvas to protect the entrance way from any foul weather and the tracking in of any salt into the building. Councilman Simmons asked if the Town would ask the Village if they would contribute toward the cost of the canvas. Supervisor Groff stated that he would ask the Village of Northville and see if they would contribute toward the cost of the canvas.

MOTION:CouncilmanRoosa motioned to approve the purchase of the canvas to protect the entrance way of the Town Hall from Canvas Cover Up at 140 Tennantville Road, Edinburg, NY in the amount of \$1,032.09 and to approve the Supervisor asking the Village of Northville if they would contribute toward the cost. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by,

A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, and Simmons 0-Nays

Adjourn:Having no further business come before the Board, Councilman Roosa motioned to adjourn at 7:18 p.m. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion and passed by,

A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Simmons, and Roosa 0-Nays

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk