

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
January 18, 2017**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, January 18, 2017. Supervisor Groff called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 412 South Main St., Northville, NY. Supervisor Groff led the salute to the flag.

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

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance were:

Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer and Bookkeeper-Nathanial Matthews

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Warner, Nancy and John Mulcahy, Stephen Naples, Bob Ellsworth, and Samuel Ellsworth

MOTION: Councilman Roos motioned to approve the December 13, 2016 Regular Town Board meeting and the January 4, 2016 Organizational 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

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the December 28, 2016 Year-end meeting/sign off on the Town Books as presented. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and

Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilman Gritsavage approved paying the warrants, Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by, A Voted of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

January 2016 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$59,478.79
General Fund "B"	7,178.90
Highway	51,229.03
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,364.19
Sacandaga Water District	8,792.46
Sacandaga Sewer District	8,096.07
Fire District	95,972.00
Trust and Agency Fund – "TA"	<u>442.48</u>
Total Warrants	\$232,553.82

Supervisor Groff opened for Public Comment at 7:02 p.m.

John Mulcahy provided a copy of a survey map of land of Richard Osborne (Golf Course) to the Town Board. Mr. Mulcahy, using the copy of the survey map, explained his proposal of a plan of purchase or lease of the Golf Course with revised changes he would make to the course and with proposed residential building lots that would need prior rezoning approval by the Town Board. These proposed lots we would

be selling as building lots stated Mr. Mulcahy. Mr. Ginter explained the process if the board were to choose to consider amending zoning.

It was suggested by a resident that if the Town Board were to change the zoning to residential and golf course, what if the lot would sell for more for the current owner, why not give him the opportunity to sell off the proposed lots mentioned.

The Town Board stated that they would have to have the committee (Councilmen Gritsavage and Simmons) review and study the information and material provided and report back to the Board.

A resident asked about why the town was not interested in the Chamber of Commerce at this time. The Town does not do as much activities as the Village does stated the Supervisor.

We are trying to focus on putting together a plan to apply for a grant to upgrade the sewer and water systems and try to get the infrastructure fixed stated the Supervisor.

It was asked why the Town would even consider buying a golf course. This resident felt that the Town should not be involved in the golf course business.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- January 2017 Fulton Co Regional Chamber of Commerce Newsline
- Notice of Public Hearing from the Planning Board of the Town of Broadalbin,
- NYS Associations of Towns 2017 Training School and Annual Meeting packet. The training will be held February 19-22, 2017 at the NY Marriot Marquis, New York City.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Nathaniel Matthews attending the NYS Association of Town 2017 Training School. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Voted of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice Report, there were a total of 24 cases handled and \$3,906.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

RES. 2017-02: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING ANNUAL EXAMINATION AND SIGN-OFF OF THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON JUSTICE COURT RECORDS AND DOCKETS

The aforementioned Resolution was offered by Councilman Gritsavage and moved its adoption.

Seconded by Councilman Roosa.

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

ANIMAL CONTROL: The Town Clerk has in her office a copy of the schedule of dates and times for the upcoming Fulton County Public Health Department 2017 Rabies Clinics. Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the ACO report. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Voted of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nay

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$85.00 in fees. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$3,000.00. A total of (2) permits were issued in December 2016; #088-14Permit Renewal; and #088-16Storage Shed. A total of 104 permits including renewals were issued in 2016. The total project costs were \$2,166,573.00 with \$8,922.50 collect in fees.The Planning Board received 6 applications. The Zoning Board received 1 application.There was a total of 9 permits issued for single family homes.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:The January 25, 2017 ZBA meeting has been cancelled due to no new business coming before the board and members will attending the Saratoga Conference that day.The next scheduled meeting is February 22, 2017 at 7 pm.

There will be a New York State Department of State Training for Local Officials sponsored by the Fulton and Montgomery Co. Planning Board held on February 6th at FMCC.

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve William Gritsavage, Heidi Darling and Ivar Anderson to attend the Saratoga Conference.Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by,
A Voted of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nay
Abstain:Gritsavage

PLANNING BOARD:The next scheduled meeting is February 14, 2017 at 7 p.m.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve Supervisor James Groff to sign the 2017 Contract between the Town of Northampton and the Fulton County Planning Department. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by,
A Voted of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nay

JOINT INTERMUNICIPAL: We spoke about accommodating snowmobilers in the Village of Northville to attract more business. I spoke with Anthony Lanzi who is working with the Wells Snowmobile Club they are looking at possibly connecting with the SmithBeach Road, stated Councilman Simmons. I (Simmons) did ask Mr. Lanzi to come to a Town meeting to explain what they are doing to the Board.

AMBULANCE: The new ambulance has been ordered stated the Supervisor.

Refuse and Garbage:The transfer station will be closed on Monday, February 20, 2017 in observance of Presidents' Day.

HAULING FEES: The month of December 31, 2016 fees were as follows:

County Transfer	82.910Ton @ \$53	\$4,394.23
Curbside Recycling	11.340Ton @ \$20	\$ 226.80
Transfer Station Recycling	2.600Ton @ \$10	\$ 26.00
Metal	0.000 Ton @ \$20	\$ 00.00
Electronics	1.090 Ton @ \$00	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total		\$4,647.03

Sacandaga Park Water & Sewer discussion on theJanuary 2017 year-round water/sewer billing

It was explained that Ken Cramer, Water/Sewer Plant Operator was asked to turn the water on, which he did at the home of David Koes in the Sacandaga water district. Ken then instructed the billing clerk to bill the homeowner (David Koes). After the homeowner received his bill, he called and questioned the

billing clerk on his being billed when the construction of the inside of his home was not complete and that the water was turned on only for the plumber to test the system.. Ken explained he was unaware that the inside construction of the home was not completed at that time the water was turned on. The Code Enforcement Officer has confirmed to the board that he had not issued a CO on the home of David and Debbie Koes because the construction of the home has not yet been completed. After discussion, **MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to waive the January 2017 year-round water/sewer billing #01-248 for David and Debbie Koes in the amounts of \$109.50 for water and \$128.92 for sewer making it a total that was due \$238.42. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

SUPERVISOR: I spoke with Dan Kelleher from the APA and he is going to come down when we have our meeting with the Engineer, Ron Peters from CRG, Scott Henze-Fulton Co. Planning and the grant writer we are going to come up with a plan to put together an RFP to see if we can get some kind of help with the Sewer and Water District. At the County level we are tying up loose ends on Smart Waters for the Vails Mills project.

Northville Fire Department: For the month of December 2016 there were a total of 5 responses and a total of 40.57 man hours made by the Northville Fire Department. The Village of Northville there was 1-Standby for Hope; 1-Ambulance lifting assistance; and 1-Malicious fire alarm. The Town of Northampton had 1-Structure fire. Town of Edinburg has 1-Stand by Edinburg station. 1- Mutual Aid Given. Northville Fire Department participated in the following training: On December 10, 2016 – Members practiced operating Argo. 4 members present. On December 12, 2016- Members practiced using Jaws of Life and other rescue tool. 14 members present. They have just recently drawn up a full time mutual agreement with the Towns of Edinburg and Hope. They will be all responding to any major structure fires because everyone is having man power problems explained Supervisor Groff.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s December 2016 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

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

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	3	2.49
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
			Sub-Total:	\$14.99
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	1	10.00
			Sub-Total:	\$10.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Male, Neutered	1	7.00

			Sub-Total:	\$7.00
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	20	5.00
			Sub-Total:	\$5.00
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	1	50.00
			Sub-Total:	\$50.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$86.99
Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses				22.50
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				1.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				42.51
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$153.00	Total Non-Local Revenues: \$66.01	

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

NEW BUSINESS

Consolidated Health Officer

Councilman Roosa motioned to table their making a decision on a Consolidated Health Officer until the February 2017 Town Board meeting. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by
A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

OLD BUSINESS:

MOTION:Councilman Anderson motioned to hire Candee Harrington as cleaner at a salary of \$9,250 annually retroactive to January 01, 2017 for the cleaning of the Town of Northampton Bradt Building and the Second Street Annex combined with the Village of Northville paying 40% for their portion. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by

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

MOTION:Councilman Simmons motioned to approve James Harrington as a substitute cleaner at a cost of \$50.00 per diem. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by

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

Morpho Trust USA

Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the application of Morpho Trust USA for the use of the Town hall. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by

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

Councilman Simmons mentioned that the Town and Village has done a great job on the roads.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 15, 2017 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn:Councilman Gritsavage motioned to adjourn at 8:00 p.m. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk