



As far as your road, here is a copy of regulations of what needs to be done to bring the road up to standards in order for us to consider taking it over, stated Supervisor Groff. I would like to have Mr. Ginter or the Attorney look at this and say that there are exceptions to the road standards remarked Mr. Taylor. You do make exceptions to the zoning on occasions.

The Town Board doesn't make exceptions to the zoning. It's the Zoning Board of Appeals who can make exceptions to the zoning stated Attorney Albanese.

You're on the road every day stated Mr. Taylor. Maybe Ken and the Attorney can look at the road and make exceptions stated Mr. Taylor.

There was discussion of Ken being on that road maybe 3 times a year to pump the sewer out. Supervisor Groff explained that it is no bigger than an oil truck delivery. The Town drives their truck in there to the sewer plant every day and you cannot get to the sewer plant any other way stated Mr. Taylor. You did consider another option.

The only option was an inquiry as to what it would cost for that right-of-way stated Supervisor Groff. At this point and time we are not financially in the position to take it over but if these conditions are met then that would be something we would look at. There was discussion of the width of the road, trees being in the way, a swimming pool close to the road, that there is no room for a turnaround at the end of the road, it comes right to the sewer plant fence and there are one or two garages at the end of the road.

Supervisor Groff explained that he has been working on the current cost for random customers, including the Water Tax, the Sewer Tax and Use Fee the average cost would be approximately \$120.00 a month, that's not quarterly.

We had filled out and applied a grant application for the water and sewer system with the North County Grants and we were denied stated the Supervisor. We are still trying, there is a CFA grant that will be coming up soon and we will apply for that.

Does the town have a procedure in place for improvement standards for private roads asked Mr. Naple Yes, there is stated Supervisor Groff.

### **Sacandaga Golf Course Proposal**

Councilman Gritsavage noted that a meeting was called by Mr. Conkling of the Town Planning Board. It was attended by John Mulcahy, their Attorney Ben McGuire, Dick Osborne, Councilmen William Gritsavage and Art Simmons, Jack Groff Planning Board member, Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer, and Scott Henze. We as a board have been talking about this for some time and you have a copy of the proposed layout that Mr. Mulcahy has provided. The meeting was to discussed as to what could be done to keep the golf course as a golf course. Mr. Mulcahy is willing to invest money whereby he would buy the golf course and would like the opportunity to sell off some of the lots in order to recover some of his investment. There are two options because the golf course is just zoned as a golf course only. In order to add those lots there are two things that can be done. 1. Would be to get a use area variance from the Zoning Board of Appeals. 2. Would be to rezone the golf course itself. By rezoning it, we would redraw some lines that would move parts of the golf course for these lots into a different zone so that they could be built upon. The consensus of the group that was there was by going with rezoning of that area instead of going for a variance explained Councilman Gritsavage. I would like to ask the Town Board to turn Mr. Mulcahy proposal over to the Town Planning Board to see what can be done. The Planning Board needs a referral from the Town Board in order to proceed to the next step. That next step would be rezoning the certain areas of the golf course. They would examine the lines and refer it back to the Town Board, to see if the Town Board would approve the new zoning done from the study. That does not mean

if the Planning Board looks at it, they like it and they send it back to the Town Board and we don't like it. We do not have to approve it explained Councilman Gritsavage.

How many homes will be connected to the water system asked Ken Cramer. We don't know how many there are going to be responded Councilman Gritsavage. The original proposal would of had 6 lots on the northern corner and they might possibly want to be on the water system. There were 3 lots originally proposed for the southern corner and they would not be on the water system. None of them are on the sewer system.

The Town Comprehensive Plan talks about "protection of the golf course" explained Mr. Ginter. By moving the boundary lines we are still protecting the golf course by not allowing single family homes on it. A lot of our discussion will be about the Comprehensive Plan.

By selling these lots that will bring in enough money to turn it into a successful operation asked Mr. Taylor? Is that a reasonable expectation? The basis for doing this long term, having houses built here the developer would use that money to improve the golf course to where it is a really good concern? That is our hope responded Councilman Gritsavage. Is that hope or would that be sold to somebody to invest in this you are going to get a payout and the condition is, this has to run asked Mr. Taylor? The only thing that we can enforce is that the rest of this land remains as a golf course stated Councilman Gritsavage. I think that Mr. Mulcahy idea is if he can sell lots and get some return from the properties stated Supervisor Groff.

I spoke with Mr. Mulcahy and it is a big concern and he understands he will have to put some additional money into the course to bring it up to a higher standards than it is today stated Mr. Casey.

There will be Public Hearings but this is the first step to get this to the Planning Board stated the Supervisor. Mr. Naple reviewed the process with the board and he believes it is going to be a very lengthy process.

Councilman Anderson stated that he is in favor sending it to the Planning Board. But in talking with NYS Parks and Recreation and Historic Preservation they say we should be applying for a Preservation Grant for it because of its age, its unique caricature that it has been here for so many years and also they have grant money for towns like us up to \$500,000 to buy and maintain or to do whatever for a course like that. I think that we should take that into consideration also. Councilman Gritsavage responded that he supposed that we have time that could do that. Why didn't you mention that last month? Councilman Anderson stated because we weren't really into that. Do these Historic Grants have to be applied for by the Municipalities? Yes, I think that this is something that we should look at and I am not discounting anything stated Councilman Anderson.

I would think that Mr. Mulcahy would like to know if this is the route that you are going to follow because of money that he will be spending for to proceed with this process stated Mr. Casey. If you are going to apply for a Historic Grant I would think he would want to know whether he wants to either wait or just say forget it.

Discussion ensued on the application for a Historic Grant. We do not have the money to match a grant but if you got the full price maybe. It's believed that it is a 50/50 grant. It was a thought that if we applied for a grant then we could possibly tie in the gray water for the sewer system.

I would like to see the Board proceed with what Councilman Gritsavage has presented but not totally discount what Councilman Anderson is talking about stated Councilman Simmons.

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to refer the proposal of John Mulcahy, as set forth in the map presented to the Town Board, to the Planning Board of the Town of Northampton for it to move

forward to establish minimum lot sizes and establish the appropriate moving of district lines to incorporate the proposed plan. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by  
A Voted of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Simmons and Anderson 0-Nays

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- April 2017 Fulton Co Regional Chamber of Commerce Newline
- Letter from Charter Communications – upcoming changes. I would like us to get a new contract with the cable TV, we have been trying to get one for years stated Councilman Simmons.
- Letter dated 2/27/2017 from the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network (SVAN) requesting a \$500.00 donation for their 2017 Summer Concert Series held in the Waterfront Park Program.  
After discussion, a motion was made by

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town of Northampton donation in the sum of \$500.00 to the Sacandaga Valley Art Network (SVAN) for their 2017 Summer Concert Series. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and

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

## JUSTICE

**MOTION:** Councilman Roosa motioned to accept the Justice Report, there were a total of 33 cases handled and \$5,286.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Roosa and Anderson 0-Nays

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Matthew Ginter collected \$360.00 in fees. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$10,000.00. A total of (2) permits were issued in March 2017; #008-17 License renewal; #009-17 Minor alterations; #P03-17 Temporary Use Permit and 1 Municipal Search.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Due to no new business coming before the board the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting in March was cancelled. The next meeting is as scheduled for May 24, 2017 at 7 p.m.

**PLANNING BOARD:** The April 11, 2017 Planning Board meeting was cancelled. The meeting was rescheduled and Public Hearings will be held on April 25, 2017 at 7 p.m. for two applicants.

**JOINT YOUTH:** Councilman Gritsavage reported that a meeting was held on April 12, 2017 at 7 p.m. The first father/daughter mother/son dinner dance program was held and it was very successful. Director Ken Adamczyk had mentioned about having a few of the Counselors help him with the dinner dance and he asked if we could somehow reimburse them for their time. Members of the Joint Youth Commission decided to give each of them a \$25 gas card for coming in for free. We were talking about keeping some of the Counselors on in the fall (not on a regular basis) but in the event that they are needed. They could come in for an hour or two for whatever they are needed to help with and they would be paid, we have money in the budget for assisting the Director with programs like that explained Councilman Gritsavage. The reason for the Joint Youth meeting was to discuss and we started the hiring process for the Assistant Director, Counselors, and lifeguards. Interviews will be held with the candidates for the Assistant Director's position on Thursday, April 20, 2017 between 5 p.m. and 6 p.m.

**ASSESSOR:** The Town of Northampton Grievance Day will be held in the Town hall on Tuesday, May 23, 2017 from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. and 6 p.m. to 8 p.m.

**CEMETERY:**The Cemeteries opened on April 17, 2017.

Discussion on repairing vault at Prospect Hill Cemetery.

Last year we inquired and received from three different contractors' bids to repair the Prospect Hill Cemetery vault. We received a price of \$4,000.0 from Darby Jensen for the repairs for the vault stated Supervisor Groff.

**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons motioned to approve Darby Jensen to proceed with repairing the vault at the Prospect Hill Cemetery at a cost of \$4,000.00. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

**AMBULANCE:** The Board mentioned that to their knowledge the Ambulance Service are not in receipt of a signed contract from the company for the new ambulance as of yet.

**HARDFILL:** The Hardfill site opened Saturday, April 12, 2017.

**HAULING FEES:** The month of March 2017 fees were as follows:

County Transfer	92.400Ton @ \$53	\$4,897.20
Curbside Recycling	6.120Ton @ \$20	\$ 122.40
Transfer Station Recycling	3.310Ton @ \$10	\$ 33.10
Electronics	0.930 Ton @ \$00	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total		\$5,052.70

**SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:**

**March 2017**

Water:

-March 2016 usage – 808,000 gallons pumped

-March 2017 usage – 976,00 gallons pumped

Meters: Replaced a frozen meter at 102 Lincoln Ave.

Repairs/Maintenance: The Annual Water Quality Report is completed and delivered with the April water billing.

-found the water leak it was back in the woods, between the main and the pit.

- I've talked with the engineer, the DOH about the water line on Osborn Road. I have to submit a plan with drawings to them and they will respond if it will fall within replacing with kind or if I will have to have to hire an engineer. I would like to install a flushing hydrant at the end of Osborn Road.

Wastewater:

-March 2016- daily average flow 50,100 gallons

-March 2017- daily average flow 38,840 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance: There is a section of sewer main behind the stone gate that after I ran a camera through there. I found was gone. I have to replace approximately 50' of line involved and I would like to remove the manhole that is there because it does nothing for them.

**Northville Fire Department:** For the month of March 2017 there were a total of 13 responses and a total of 110.36 man hours made by the Northville Fire Department. The Village of Northville had 1-Smoke from pellet stove; 1-landing zone for Med Flight; 1-Medical Assist and 1-Oven fire. The Town of Northampton had 1-Tree & Power line down across the road; 1-Fire alarm-accidental; 1-Co alarm and 1-Motor vehicle accident. Town of Benson 1-Power line down on vehicle; 1-Power line down; and Possible

structural fire. Town of Hope 1-Chimney fire and 1-Standby. 1-Mutual Aid Given. 4-Mutual Aid Received. Northville Fire Department participated in the following training: On March 13 – Members performed tours of Lexington facilities to familiarize with evacuation procedures and floor plans. 13 members present. On March 20 - Members practiced with self-contained breathing apparatus. 8 members present. On March 27 – Members performed monthly truck checks. 12 members present. Supervisor Groff mentioned that the Northville Fire Department and Edinburg Fire Department met and did a joint training together between a school bus and a vehicle. We all learned quite a lot with that training stated Supervisor Groff.

**TOWN CLERK:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s March 2017 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

04/01/2017

**Town Clerk Monthly Report  
March 01, 2017 - March 31, 2017**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	2	25.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	54	540.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$540.00</b>
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	1	7.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	13.00
		Male, Neutered	2	14.00
		Male, Unneutered	2	26.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	20	5.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$5.00</b>
B2115	Planning Application	Planning Application	1	30.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	2	305.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$305.00</b>
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	1	25.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
			<b>Total Local Shares Remitted:</b>	<b>\$990.00</b>
	Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses			45.00
	Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			12.00
<b>Total State, County &amp; Local Revenues:</b>	<b>\$1,047.00</b>	<b>Total Non-Local Revenues:</b>		<b>\$57.00</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:** Supervisor Groff has provided a copy of a letter he has received from the Association of Towns regarding Gov. Andrew Cuomo putting forward establishing a countywide shared services property tax savings plan, (countywide plan). It will be due by the end of August at the County level. If we don't do this they will take our money that is in the A Fund which we figured would be approximately \$9,000.00 stated the Supervisor.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Boy Scout Eagle Scout Project**

Discussion on the kiosks built for Zachary Payne's Boy Scout Eagle Scout Project on the Town hall property. It was mentioned that there is dirt piled behind the kiosks that needs to be removed and one of the legs has a bolt missing.

There is a sign with writing on it on the back of the kiosk and he (Simmons) noted that it looks like it could be easily moved to the front because no one can see it on the back.

**NEW BUSINESS:** Councilman Anderson mentioned that we've got money allocated for painting this town hall building and I think we should start looking for some quotes and getting it painted and stained. Councilman Anderson will have the bid packets prepared by the next Town Board meeting, May 17, 2017.

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to put out bid proposal for contractors to paint the trim and stain the town hall building at 412 South Main Street. Bids are to be due back at 7:15 p.m. on 5/17/2017. Seconded by Councilman Roosa, and passed by

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

Councilman Anderson: I noticed that surrounding towns are putting their paving projects out to bid. Whether it's cheaper or not, I don't know. I think that is something that should be looked into. Supervisor Groff will look into this and report back to the board his findings.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 17, 2017 at 7 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Having no further business come before the board Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Councilman Roosa seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk