

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
June 21, 2017**

Supervisor Groff called the regular meeting to order and led the salute to the flag at 7:00 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 412 South Main St., Northville, NY. on Wednesday, June 21, 2017.

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 Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer;
Kip Richardson-Highway Superintendent; Nathaniel Matthews-Bookkeeper,
Also Present: Skip Taylor, and Steve Naple

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the May 17, 2017 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

MOTION on Warrants

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

<u>2017 Warrants</u>	
General Fund "A"	\$28,521.85
General Fund "B"	5,854.26
Highway	3,523.76
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,014.37
Sacandaga Sewer District	2,369.45
Sacandaga Water District	2,973.06
Trust & Agency Fund	<u>\$ 421.40</u>
Total Warrants	\$44,678.15

Supervisor Groff opened the floor to the public at 7:02 p.m.
Skip Taylor inquired whether the water/sewer billing will include the tax amount or if it will be left out.
Supervisor Groff responded that they hadn't worked that out yet and the board would have to look into that first to make sure it can be done that way. There were concerns over the 2% tax cap. If the water/sewer tax were removed from the taxes it possibly could affect the tax cap.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- June 2017 Fulton Co Regional Chamber of Commerce Newslines
- Upcoming 2017 Association of Towns Planning & Zoning Schools
- Letter of appreciation from the Sacandaga Valley Arts Network
- County Resolution #205: Resolution authorizing the Sponsorship of a NYS Local Government Efficiency Grant Application Through the Soil & Water Conservation District for Purchase of an Excavator for Stream Restoration Purposes
- County Resolution #208: Resolution authorizing a 2017 Community Development Block Grant Application to the

- NYS Office of Community Renewal to Operate a Fulton County Micro-Enterprise Grant Program.
- County Resolution #217: Resolution Sponsoring a Dental Network Card Program by Health Economics Group, Inc. for Fulton County Residents.
- The Annual Workplace Violence Training schedule has been distributed to all Employees and anyone who Volunteers for the Town of Northampton in any capacity.

Department Reports:

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$845.00 in fees and Project totals \$191,570.00. A total of (16) permits were issued in May 2017; #007-16 Permit Renewal; #015-17 Single Family Home; #016-17 Demolition; #017-17 Minor alterations; #018-15 Permit Renewal; #019-17 Temporary Use Permit; #020-17 Minor alterations; #021-17 Minor alterations; #022-17 Fence; #023-17 Major alterations; #024-17 Storage building; #025-17 2 car garage; #026-17 Water well; #027-17 Demolition; #028-17 Storage buildings; and #037-15 Permit renewal.

Mr. Ginter explained that the NYS is proposing a Unified Solar Permit so that it would be the same permit across the state. The State is offering \$2,500 to the municipalities that adopt this Unified Solar Permit.

Res. #2017-05: Resolution Adopting New York State Unified Solar Permit

The foregoing resolution motion was made by Councilman Gritsavage and seconded by Councilman Anderson. Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice Report. There were a total of 37 cases handled and \$5,386.00 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

ANIMAL CONTROL: It was reported that the Town has received a Municipal Shelter Inspection Report and Dog Control Officer Inspection Report from NYS Agriculture and Markets.

JOINT YOUTH: Councilman Gritsavage noting the beach will be opening in a week. Life guards and counselors have been taking the necessary training and the Workplace Violence Training.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: The June 28, 2017 meeting was cancelled, due to no new business coming before the board. The next scheduled meeting is July 26, 2017 at 7 p.m.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to re-appoint Dennis Miller as member on the Town Zoning Board of Appeals. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

PLANNING BOARD: The next meeting of the Planning Board is scheduled for Tuesday, July 8, 2017 at 7 p.m.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to re-appoint Steven Naple as member on the Town Planning Board. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve Supervisor Groff to sign that the Town does intend to renew its Planning Service Agreement for 2018 in the amount of \$1,200.00. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

AMBULANCE:It was reported by Councilman Simmons they are in need of new members on the Northampton Ambulance. They are looking for drivers and EMT. They are looking at receiving the new ambulance a week or two after the 4th of July.

Refuse and Garbage: The Northampton Transfer Station will be closed on Tuesday, July 4, 2017 for Independence Day. The transfer station will be **OPEN** 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Wednesday, July 5, 2017. The Fulton County Department of Solid Waste has provided information regarding:
~The Annual Latex Paint Exchange,
~There will be a Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off day on Saturday, August 12, 2017 at 7 a.m. to noon at the Fulton County Solid Waste Department at 847 Mud Road, Johnstown.
~ Distributed A to Z Policy Guidebook to board members

HARDFILL SITE: There were a total of 72 vehicles logged at the Hardfill site and \$47.00 in fees were collected for tires for the month of May 2017.

HAULING FEES: The month of May 2017 fees were as follows:

County Transfer	118.690 Ton @ \$53	\$6,290.57
Curbside Recycling	10.100 Ton @ \$20	\$ 202.00
Transfer Station Recycling	2.720Ton @ \$10	\$ 27.20
Metal Hauling	3.780 Ton @ \$20	\$ 75.60
Electronics	2.200 Ton @ \$00	\$ 00.00
Leaves, Grass & Brush	102.22 Ton	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total		\$6,595.37

Northville Fire Dept.:

May 2017: There were a Total of 9 Responses and a Total of 152.4 Man-hours. The Village of Northville had 2-Standby for Edinburg and 1-Tree on power lines. The Town of Northampton had 1-Structure fire; 1-Tree on power lines; and 2-Smoke detector activation-Unintentional. The Town of Edinburg had 1-Structure fire; and 1-Fire alarm activation-No fire. There was 1-Mutual Aid Received.

Northville Fire Department participated in the following training:

May 2 -members practiced car fires at Edinburg.9 members present.

May 8 – members along with members from Hope Fire Department and Edinburg Fire Department practiced an alternate water supply system for the village by drafting water from two dry hydrants located on Water St. to the intersection of North Main and Water St. This application would supply large amounts of water for a long period of time. 16 members present.

May 15 – members performed a walk thru of Delany’s gravel pit. 12 members present.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:

May 2017

Water:

-May 2016 usage – 1,015,000gallons pumped

-May 2017 usage–1,321,000 gallons pumped

Repair/Maintenance:

- Replaced leaking back flow preventer at the treatment plant.

Wastewater:

-May-2016- daily average flow 29,000 gallons

-May-2017-daily average flow 56,400 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:Started disinfecting the final effluent for the summer season.

~ Replaced 40 foot of 4" clay sewer main at the end of line on County Route 152 behind the stone gates that serviced the Mesnick residence.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk's May 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

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

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	39	46.36
			Sub-Total:	\$46.36
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	1	10.00
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	119	1,190.00
			Sub-Total:	\$1,200.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Exempt Dogs	1	0.00
		Female, Spayed	24	168.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	13.00
		Male, Neutered	19	133.00
		Male, Unneutered	2	26.00
			Sub-Total:	\$340.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	2	2.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	10	2.50
			Sub-Total:	\$4.50
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	16	845.00
			Sub-Total:	\$845.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$2,435.86
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				52.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				793.64
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$3,281.50	Total Non-Local Revenues: \$845.64	

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:Application was received for Use of Municipal Facility from the Northville Rotary seeking approval for serving wine during the upcoming Reception. After discussion motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the Northville Rotary Club application and for serving wine during the 2017 Woodworking and FineArts Weekend Reception on July 14, 2017 only, from 4 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on the premises of the Town of Northampton Park, next to the Town hall at 412 S. Main St., Northville, N.Y. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by

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

SUPERVISOR: The Northville Central School will be applying for a Grant for WIFI that would mostly cover the Village for the time being. In order to apply for this Shared Services Grant, the Village of Northville and the Town of Northampton will have to be named on this grant at no cost to us.

At the County level, they have been discussing the Governor's request for Consolidation and Shared Services which has to been ready to be sent to the Governor. The Supervisors' are discussing the possibility of County Wide Assessing. There was discussion on County Wide Tax Collection and I don't see how that would work. It's easier for people to come here locally I think to pay their taxes. The next County meeting will be held July 10th at 6:30 p.m. This report has to be ready to go to the Governor by next month stated Supervisor Groff.

OLD BUSINESS: Update from the Committee on the Sacandaga Golf Course proposal. At the present time John Mulcahy would like to suspend his application stated Councilman Gritsavage. There are discussions going on and I would say to adjourn it for approximately one month.

Supervisor Groff explained that the Town of Northampton and Village of Northville will be applying for a Records Management Grant to clean up the records room. Supervisor Groff explained that the clerk has to go up and downstairs look to up or file confidential records for her office. Supervisor Groff stated that the clerk is in need of 2 fire proof safes for her confidential records and they would be secured in her office. Supervisor Groff went on to say that her office is in need of new carpeting and renovations.

Bookkeeper Nathaniel Matthews stated that he has been searching and has found two fire proof safes on sale for \$3,558.00 plus \$99.00 shipping each. The normal cost would be closer to \$11,000.00 to \$12,000.00 for the two of them explained Mr. Matthews and we are saving approximately \$2,400.00 each. Mr. Matthews informed the board that he was in contact with a lock smith to review the spec's for the safes needed for records of that nature. After research and review it was reported back that they were wonderful and at a phenomenal price and it was advised to buy them now. After further board discussion a motion was made as follows.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve Bookkeeper, Nathaniel Matthew to purchase for the Town Clerk's Office (2) Hollon - 2 Hour Fire Rated Safe Double Door each at the cost of \$3,558.00 plus \$99.00 for the freight shipping from Authority Safes. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by

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

Councilman Gritsavage motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:22 p.m. for Litigation purposes. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by

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

Councilman Simmons motioned to exit out of Executive Session at 7:26 p.m. with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by

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

Res. #2017-06: Resolution Property Authorizing Commencement of Supreme Court Action to Enforce Code Against Non-Compliant

The foregoing resolution motion was made by Councilman Gritsavage and seconded by Councilman Anderson.

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

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, July 19, 2017 @ 7:00 p.m.

Adjourn: Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn at 7:29p.m. Councilman Gritsavageseconded the motion and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk