



This is basically a motivational program for municipalities to become leaders in reducing energy use, raising energy efficiency and when possible promoting alternative energy such as solar. There are 10 \$50,000.00 grants available. The Town of Northampton has achieved one of the four steps.

The 10 High-Impact Actions are 1. Benchmarking; 2. Clean Energy Upgrades; 3. LED Street Lights; 4. Clean Fleets; 5. Solarize; 6. Unified Solar Permit; 7. Energy Code Enforcement Training; 8. Climate Smart Communities Certification; 9. Community Choice Aggregation and 10. PACE Financing.

Benchmarking is record keeping and is achieved by a resolution of a municipality to agree to keep records of electric and fuel usage, if the fuel is not electric. If you have heat by electric then you would just keep the electric records and you would be fine. You would also agree to make those records available to the public on a once a year basis, at least. The reporting platform that they want you to use is called Energy Star Portfolio Manage. It is a free software platform that the EPA wanted. You can download your annual report and you can put it on your website and that would satisfy your requirement. That would give you your second credit requirement out of four actions.

I (Sullivan) discussed with Mr. Ginter previously on the value of one of the other actions which was the Energy Code Enforcement Training. Mr. Ginter expressed his interest in this training. It is a three-step process. 1. The initial meeting where the engineer and architect come out to the CEO and explain the program. The CEO has to provide the trainers with two sets of plans on projects that are ongoing. The plans will be then sent to the architect and they get marked up for compliance or non-compliance with the energy code (2016). 2. Then there will be a training class on the results of the plan review and they will observe where the energy code has and where it has not yet been met. 3. They will do site visits. They will go out to the two site projects that are going on. You will then observe in the field the application with the state energy code. These two steps (2 & 3) can be done on the same day.

The other action (Clean Fleets action) you could get credit for the installation at the municipal building of an electric vehicle charging station which you could purchase with the \$2,500 approved grant, if you choose. By doing the four actions the Town can apply for the \$50,000.00 grant. The \$50,000.00 grant monies must be used to increase your energy efficiency stated Mr. Sullivan.

Can the grant money be used for LED lighting in the Town hall asked the Supervisor? Yes, it can Mr. Sullivan responded.

Can the grant money be used for a new furnace asked Councilman Gritsavage? Yes, it can Mr. Sullivan responded. Once you receive your four actions designation you have 90 days to submit your project. You have to finish your designation by September 2019 because that is the end of the program.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- July 2017 Fulton Co Regional Chamber of Commerce Newslite
- Fulton Co. Workers Compensation 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Assessment
- Charter Communications - upcoming changes.
- NYS Department of Public Service RE: Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. d/b/a National Grid proposed Rate Increase

**Discussion on the motion:** Councilman Gritsavage noted that he was not familiar with the National Grid request. Councilman Simmons responded that this has been in the newspaper several times over the last month and it is a substantial increase.

After discussion, a motion was made as follows.

**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons motioned having the Town of Northampton Board write a letter to the Consumer Advocate and Commissioners – New York State Department of Public Service to the Towns response to this notice indicating our opposition to the National Grid proposed Rate Increase. Councilman Simmons further noting that this is not good and that the Town recommends that the New York State Public Service Commission not pass the proposed increase in its electric and gas delivery rates. Which serves approximately 3.2 million customers in 37 counties in Upstate, Central and Western New York State. The Town Board further recommends that the New York State Public Service Commission **not pass** any proposed increase in the electric and gas delivery rates. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and

passed by: A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Simmons and Roosa

1-Abstained: Gritsavage

- A request for a CFA Grant Support letter from the Town of Northampton was received from David Mosher-Fulton County Soil and Water Conservation District.

**Discussion:** Supervisor Groff: The County Soil and Water Conservation District is requesting a letter of support so they can apply for a grant to purchase an excavator. Their reasoning for needing an excavator is for remediation of creeks and water run-off. Basically, in the Adirondack Park we cannot do river side or creeks remediation stated Supervisor Groff. I don't see where this equipment would come in handy for us. I believe the County has an excavator, so when the demolition team is not doing demolition at the county. I (Groff) don't see why can't they don't use that one instead of buying another one? Plus, they have to store the excavator.

Is it a fully paid grant asked Councilman Gritsavage? Response was that it was supposed to be. After discussion, a motion was made as follows.

**MOTION:** Councilman Roosa motioned approval to send a letter of support to the County Soil and Water Conservation District so they can apply for a grant to purchase an excavator. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by

A Vote of 3-Ayes: Gritsavage, Roosa and Simmons

1-Nay: Groff

## **JUSTICE**

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justice Report. There was a total of 37 cases handled and \$5,354.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by: A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons and Roosa

0-Nays

**CODE ENFORCEMENT:** Matthew Ginter collected \$1,332.95 in fees. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$578,700.00. A total of (15) permits were issued in June 2017; #018-17 Commercial Structure; #019-16 Permit Renewal; #20-15 Permit Renewal; #021-14 Permit Renewal; #029-17 Sign; #030-17 Deck; #031-17 Single family home; #032-17 (2) Car garage; #033-17 Addition; #034-17 (2) Car garage; #035-17 Temporary Use Permit; #036-17 (1) Car garage; #037-17 Commercial alterations; #039-17 Additional lot in park; and #040-17 Storage Building.

Mr. Ginter gave a brief review of what has been transpiring with the home in Fish House.

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:** Due to no new business coming before the board the Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on July 26, 2017 has been cancelled. The next meeting is as scheduled for August 23, 2017 at 7 p.m.

**PLANNING BOARD:** The June 13, 2017 Planning Board meeting was cancelled due to no new business coming before the board.

The next scheduled Planning Board meeting is for August 8, 2017 at 7 p.m.

**JOINT YOUTH:** The Joint Youth Director, Ken has reported to Councilman Gritsavage saying that the Joint Youth Program is coming along quite fine. Attendance appears to be up report Mr. Matthews.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY:** Discussion on Houseman Street

Supervisor Groff received complaints of parking along Houseman Street during the 4th of July weekend. He spoke with someone at the gate of the Northampton Campsite also wanting to know who owned the area on the left before going into of the Northampton Campsite because it was quite congested. Since that day it has been better.



-June 2017 usage – 1,611,00 gallons pumped

Meters: Replaced a broken meter base on County Highway 152.

Wastewater:

-June 2016- daily average flow 12,200 gallons

-June2017- daily average flow 31,800 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance: Replaced 50’ of 6” clay sewer main on McKinley Ave.

Sewer main became blocked forcing sewage up through the road.

Line was power jetted open and line has been temporarily repaired until such a time it can be excavated and further repairs completed.

**Northville Fire Department:** For the month of June 2017 there were a total of 9 responses and a total of 29.71 man-hours made by the Northville Fire Department. The Village of Northville had 1-smoke detector activation unintentional; 1-dead battery in smoke detector and standby for Med Flight. The Town of Northampton had 1-Hazardous condition/EMS assist; unattended burn; and 1-Pump out. Town of Edinburg 1-MVA and Cover assignment and 1-Fire alarm activation-No fire. 2-Mutual Aid Given. Northville Fire Department participated in the following training:

On June 2 - Members practiced with Edinburg Fire Department and Edinburg EMS in extracting students for school bus accident. 4 members present.

**TOWN CLERK:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s June 2017 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa and Simmons 0-Nays

07/01/2017

**Town Clerk Monthly Report  
June 01, 2017 - June 30, 2017**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	31	43.99
	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	3	30.00
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$86.49</b>
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	1	47.00
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	93	930.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$977.00</b>
A2544	Dog Licensing	Exempt Dogs	1	0.00
		Female, Spayed	35	245.00
		Female, Unspayed	5	65.00
		Male, Neutered	35	245.00
		Male, Unneutered	4	52.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$607.00</b>
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	2	2.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	61	15.25

			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$17.25</b>
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	15	1,332.95
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$1,332.95</b>
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	1	25.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
			<b>Total Local Shares Remitted:</b>	<b>\$3,045.69</b>
Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses				22.50
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				97.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				754.01
<b>Total State, County &amp; Local Revenues:</b>		<b>\$3,919.20</b>	<b>Total Non-Local Revenues: \$873.51</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 mentioned that they did get our sewer system into the Shared Services report with the County.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

**Update on the Sacandaga Golf Course Proposal**

Councilman Gritsavage reported that Mr. Mulcahy has requested adjournment another month. I was invited to attend a meeting with the group in the Sacandaga Park who are looking into the issues and what they can do.

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned Board members, along with Attorney Michael Albanese and Bookkeeper-Nathanial Matthew to remain, to enter into Executive Session at 7:40 p.m. to discuss personnel and legal matters. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by  
A Vote of 4 Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa and Simmons      Nay-0

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to come out of Executive Session at 7:52 p.m. with no action taken. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by  
A Vote of 4 Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage and Simmons      Nay-0

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage moved to make it a policy that from this day forward that any new hired non-union part time employees are not eligible for any health insurance through the Town of Northampton. Effective immediately. Until further resolution by the Town Board it can be changed at any time. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by  
A Vote of 4 Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa and Simmons      Nay-0

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, August 16, 2017 at 7:00 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Having no further business come before the board Councilman Gritsavage motioned to adjourn at 7:55p.m. Councilman Roosaseconded the motion. All board members present were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk