

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING AND PUBLIC HEARING
December 20, 2017**

Supervisor Groff called the regular Town Board meeting at 7:01 p.m. in the Municipal Building at 412 South Main St., Northville, NY. on Wednesday, November 15, 2017 and led the salute to the flag.

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 was Honorable Michael Albanese-Town Attorney
Ken Cramer-Water/Sewer Maintenance Operator and Highway Superintendent Elect
Matthew Ginter-Code Enforcement Officer; Robin Wilson-Town Tax Collector Elect; and Mike Wilson

PUBLIC HEARING: Supervisor Groff opened the Public Hearing at 7:00 p.m. on the proposed Local Law No 01 of 2017

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the November 15, 2017 Regular Town Board and Public Hearing minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

Warrants

MOTION: Councilman Anderson approved paying the warrants. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,
A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

2017 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$38,035.55
General Fund "B"	688.19
Highway Fund Outside Village "DB"	13,320.55
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,229.60
Sacandaga Water District	3,725.10
Sacandaga Sewer District	2,494.85
Trust and Agency Fund	<u>444.39</u>
Total Warrants	\$ 59,938.23

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Report of Revenues and Expenditures
- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Charter Communications – Upcoming changes
- Fulton/Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce "Newline" – December 2016
- Fulton County board of Supervisor Res. No. 381 – Resolution setting date of Public Hearing to Amend Local Law No. 4 of 1985 Relating to the Appointment of Deputies in the Department of Highways and Facilities
- Fulton County Board of Supervisors Res. No. 479 – Resolution Authorizing Agreements with Various Municipalities/Affiliations for Planning Services for 2018

Department Reports

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Matthew Ginter collected \$542.50 in fees. A total of 9 permits were issued in November 2017; #073-16 Permit renewal; #077-13 Permit renewal; #081-17 Water Well; #082-17 Addition; #086-17 Water

Well; #087-17 Solar Panels; #088-17 Water Well; #089-17 Storage building; and #090-13 Septic System. Project Totals - \$145,118.00.

A Boundary Line Adjustment was approved for #P07-17.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Code Enforcement November 2017 monthly report as presented. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by

A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

Mr. Ginter mentioned that he has completed three of the four requirements for our NYSEDA Clean Energy Community project Grant, which the fourth one needs a final done to complete all of the requirements,.

It was mentioned that the charging stations that were installed at the town hall will need the snow to be plowed out in order to keep the area open.

HIGHWAY

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Town Clerk posting under “Employment” in the official local newspaper for the upcoming vacant Highway Department position. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice Report. There was a total of 41 cases handled and \$4,635.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

ASSESSOR: Assessor, Melissa Mazzarelli has informed the Town board that “the Opt out of Solar Exemption” she was advised that a new resolution and local law is not necessary. The Town of Northampton along with the other towns in Fulton County did not Opt out of the original Solar exemption it does not apply to the newly added system. Said systems could be added to Fulton County Solar Pilot that all Towns are piggybacking on.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: A Public Hearing has been scheduled for December 27, 2017 at 7 p.m. for an application for an Area Variance.

PLANNING BOARD: The next scheduled meeting is January 9, 2018 at 7 p.m.

YOUTH/REC: The GSLAC held two public showings on November 25th of “Harnessing Nature” for over 800 people at the NCS auditorium. 303 DVDs of the Harnessing Nature was sold that night and a donation of \$2,424 from the proceeds was made to the Joint Youth Program for use of the theater for the showing.

With the donation we purchased a Commercial grade 40’ inflatable obstacle course; a Commercial grade 13’ x 13’ inflatable bounce house; two commercial grade blowers for the inflatables and Industrial grade 12 oz. popcorn machine. December-January is Bidy Ball (mini basketball). December 22 is NCS last day before the break fun day – they are using the soccer inflatable and the Director is cooking lunch for the 120 High school students. Saturday February 10, 2018 will be the Family Ball – previously known as the Father/Daughter – Mother/Son Dinner Dance.

AMBULANCE: The 2018 contract with the Town of Hope has been renewed.

Refuse and Garbage: The Transfer Station will be closed for the upcoming holiday on Monday, January 15, 2018 Martin Luther King Day.

The 2018 Fulton County Recycling Calendars are available in the Town Clerk’s Office.

New in 2018 –

- Dig out fees – Starting January 1st, 2018 we will be implementing a fee for all containers needing assistance from DSW to unload. Dig-Out (up to 50-yd container) is \$50 per load; Dig-Out (over 50-yd container) is \$100 per load.
- Tipping Fees – for Out-of-County Commercial and Out-of-County C&D is \$60 per ton as of January 1st, 2018.
- Scale Ticketing Upgrade – They will be upgrading the scale ticketing software on Tuesday, January 9th. They will need to go to manual weights for a short time during the upgrade. Therefore, paper tickets may not be immediately available.
- Radon Testing – They will be implementing new NYS DEC RADON scanning of all loads utilizing the Landfill.

HARDFILL SITE: There were a total of 31 vehicles logged at the Hardfill site and \$42.00 in fees were collected for tires for the month of November 2017.

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

County Transfer	109.480Ton @ \$53	\$5,802.44
Curbside Recycling	10.280Ton @ \$20	\$ 205.60
Transfer Station Recycling	3.6400Ton @ \$10	\$ 36.40
Metal Hauling	4.000Ton @ \$20	\$ 80.00
Electronics	1.140 Ton @ \$00	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total		\$6,124.44

Northville Fire Dept.

November 2017: There were a Total of 6 Responses and a Total of 38.8 Man-hours. The Town of Northampton had 1-Service Call-Tree on vehicle. The Town of Edinburg had 2-Alarm Activation; 1-Structure Fire/Chimney Fire; 1-Smoke Scare and 1-Furnace malfunction. 5- Mutual Aid Given.

Members had a classroom training of traffic and scene safety. Learning and refreshing the basic safety principles of traffic and scene operation.

Members did their monthly truck checks to insure all equipment was in working order.

Members were issued their gear, switching out the old with the new.

Members did a breath down with SCBA and full turnout gear.

Planning the annual Ice Rescue Training for middle of February.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER

November 2017

Water:

-November 2016 usage – 733,000 gallons pumped

-November 2017 usage – 669,000 gallons pumped

Meters: No problems to report

Repair/Maintenance:

~ New 1: water service installed for Brian Horton’s Business

Wastewater:

-November-2016- daily average flow 11,00 gallons

-November-2017- daily average flow 17,700 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:

- No new issues to report for the month of November
- Just noticed that the flow at the sewer plant has dropped. It seems we have an issue behind the townhouse development. That is something we will probably have to address in the future explained Mr. Cramer.

Adirondack Septic did pump some material out with a power jet. We are going to be putting a camera down through shortly.

TOWN CLERK

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s November 2017 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosaand passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

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

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	10	11.30
	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	2	20.00
			Sub-Total:	\$31.30
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	2	89.00
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	3	30.00
			Sub-Total:	\$119.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Exempt Dogs	1	0.00
		Female, Spayed	2	14.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	13.00
		Male, Neutered	1	7.00
		Male, Unneutered	1	13.00
			Sub-Total:	\$47.00
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	3	0.75
			Sub-Total:	\$0.75
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	9	542.50
			Sub-Total:	\$542.50
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$740.55
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				9.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				193.70
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$943.25	Total Non-Local Revenues: \$202.70	

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

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Closing Public Hearing

MOTION:Councilman Gritsavage motioned “having no further comment on the proposed Local Law 01-2017” he was closing the Public Hearing at 7:17 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

Resolution 2017-14: Resolution Authorizing Adoption by Northampton Town Board of Local Law No. 01-2017 entitled “Amendment of Local Law No. 1 of 2009 Entitled ‘Local Law Establishing a Real Property Tax Exemption for Cold War Veterans’”. Councilman Gritsavage motioned the resolution. Seconded by Councilman Simmons.

Roll Call Vote

Supervisor James Groff	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
Art Simmons	Aye	Ivar Anderson	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye		

WIFI: Discussion on the invoice submitted to the NCS from the Grant Office, LLC for the cost of developing the New York State Local Government Efficiency grant application in regard to a community WIFI initiative. The NCS had requested the Town of Northampton pay the amount of \$1,633.00, which represents 1/3 of the cost for this grant application process for the WIFI initiative stated Supervisor Groff. This is because they are trying to include this WIFI service in the entire School District in the Town of Northampton. The Town Board members were expressing their concerns on the accessibility of the WIFI service within the Town of Northampton. Councilman Simmons would still like to stand with the 6/2017 board meeting saying that “it would be at no cost to us”. The WIFI would be no cost but because we are applying for the grant explained Supervisor Groff. That would be 1/3 cost for the Northville Central School, 1/3 for the Village and 1/3 for the Town of Northampton stated Councilman Gritsavage. Councilman Roosa asked if it would cover the residents on Mountain Road, Maple Grove, Seven Hills Road wanting to know if they could use it. I understand what Councilman Simmons is taking about but this going to be a great benefit to us, the Village and certainly to the school. How will it benefit the Town asked Councilman Anderson? It will be in the park and to the town barn explained Supervisor Groff. It would impossible for the whole town to receive WIFI because of the terrain and the area.

After discussion a motion was made as follows:

MOTION:Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approved the Town of Northampton paying the sum of \$1,633.00, which represents 1/3 of the cost, along with the NCS and the Village of Northville for their 1/3 the cost each of developing the New York State Local Government Efficiency grant application in regard to a community WIFI initiative. Seconded by Supervisor Groff and passed by,

A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage and Roosa 2-Nays: Anderson and Simmons

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Charter (Spectrum) TV station at NCS: Councilman Gritsavage mentioned that he has been in contact with Dr. Ford of the NCS. They requested that we set up a meeting with the NCS to discuss the logistics. We need to contact Time Warner to see what we need logistically to get this to move forward explained Councilman Gritsavage. Councilman Simmons mentioned that after our last Town Board meeting I was to contact the State Public Service Commission. I spoke with the person from Charter and had conversation with him two months ago and told him that we wanted to get together with him on getting the TV channel on the air. This gentleman was going to send the Supervisor a letter and the Supervisor to-date has not received any letter. I have called him again and have not heard back from him. The Town Board is ready to move forward and the NCS is ready to move forward. I think our next move would be is to send them a letter. Councilman Gritsavage mentioned that he would like to try and contact Time Warner.

NEW BUSINESS

Discussion on new Software for the Tax Collector

Mr. Matthews explained that the Robin Wilson, Town Tax Collector Elect attended a BAS computer training. The BAS program is compatible with the Real Property program at the County. The Town of Northampton is the only Tax Collector in Fulton County that is not computerized stated Mr. Matthews. The program would be placed on an older existing computer that we already have which has already been cleaned up by our computer programmer. I was assured

by the company that they would have the Tax program up and running before January 1, 2018. The cost of the BAS program is \$4,400.00 and training plus there will be an annual maintenance fee. After discussion a motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve purchasing the new BAS software for the Tax Collector including training at a cost of \$4,400.00. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by,
A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

Resolution 2017-15: Resolution Appointing the Planning Board as the Comprehensive Plan Committee to Update the Town of Northampton Master Plan. Councilman Gritsavage motioned the resolution and Seconded by Councilman Simmons.

Roll Call Vote

Supervisor James Groff	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
Art Simmons	Aye	Ivar Anderson	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye		

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to authorize the Town Clerk to post in the local newspaper for the 2018 Fuel Bids, they will be opened at the next Town Board meeting January 17, 2018. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

Executive Session

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to enter into Executive Session with Honorable Albanese to discuss the Ambulance at 7:42 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,
A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to exit out of Executive Session at 7:50 p.m. with “no action taken”. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion and passed by
A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

Res. 2017-16: Resolution authorizing transfer of Funds within accounts to meet certain contractual expenses for Accounts Payable from 2017. Councilman Gritsavage offered the following resolution and moved its adoption. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote:

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

The Bookkeeper mentioned that for a trial period he will for several months have new hours starting in January 2018. He will have 4- nine (9) hour days Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday he will work 7 a.m.until 4 p.m.and on Thursday he will have a four (4) hour day and will come in at noon until 4 p.m.

The Organizational meeting will be held on January 2, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

The next scheduled Town Board meeting is going to be held on Wednesday, January 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: Having no further business come before the Board, Councilman Gritsavage motioned to adjourn at 7:46 p.m. Councilman Roosaseconded the motion and passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk