

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
March 21, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, March 21, 2018. Supervisor Groff called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Ken Cramer-Highway Superintendent
Excused: Nathaniel Matthews-Bookkeeper

ALSO PRESENT: Honorably Michael Albanese; Michael Warner; and Warren (Skip) Taylor

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the February 21, 2018 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

RES. 2018-05: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds to Fund purchase of BAS Tax Software and Snow removal - Salt. The aforementioned Resolution was offered by Councilman Anderson and moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Simmons. Adopted by a Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Simmons, Roosa, and Gritsavage 0-Nays

MOTION ON WARRANTS

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

<u>2018 Warrants</u>	
General Fund "A"	\$22,771.93
General Fund "B"	4,891.45
DB Highway-Outside the Village	39,876.83
Sacandaga Fire	62.86
Sacandaga Lighting	1,237.34
Sacandaga Sewer District	2,265.08
Sacandaga Water District	3,487.79
Trust and Agency Fund	<u>634.34</u>
Total Warrants	\$75,227.62

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- March 2018 Fulton Co Regional Chamber of Commerce Newsline
- A thank you letter was received for the flowers and fruit plater that was sent to the from the family of the late "Gerald Ginter".
- Letter from Fulton County Real Property Tax Service noting beginning 2018 County/Town Tax

New Business: Status on truck #13 (appraisal) and portable welder.

Tree removal on Olaf Johnson Road-Ken Cramer mentioned about needing to widen the right of way of a town road to remove some trees. Discussion ensued on the 3 rods to the center of the road, and anything (trees that may over draw or limbs) that is an impediment along that way can all be removed. It was recommended by the Attorney to first write a letter to the homeowner informing them of your intentions before starting your project.

SAM Grant update-Mr. Cramer mentioned that he has not heard back from anyone regarding his letter he submitted to the US Government System for Award Management (SAM). He did hear that someone from SAM had contacted Edinburg wanting to know if they had a need for a mini excavator, which he had mentioned the possibility of sharing with surrounding towns in his grant.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:The next scheduled meeting is March 28, 2018 at 7 pm
There is an application pending.

PLANNING BOARD:The March 13, 2018 meeting was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting will be held on April 10, 2018 at 7 p.m.

JOINT YOUTH: The next scheduled meeting is April 12, 2018 at 6:30 p.m.

AMBULANCE:

New Member

MOTION: Councilman Anderson approved the acceptance of Janine M. Jackson as a new member on the Northampton Ambulance Service. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and
Adopted by a Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Simmons, Gritsavage, and Roosa 0-Nays

They are looking at the new ambulance being delivered the first of May stated Councilman Simmons.

HAULING FEES: The month of February 2018 fees were as follows:

County Transfer	65.69Ton @ \$53	\$3,481.57
Curbside Recycling	11.90Ton @ \$20	\$ 238.00
Transfer Station Recycling	1.75 Ton @ \$10	<u>\$ 17.50</u>
Total		\$3,737.07

Northville Fire Department:No report was received.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER

February 2018

Water:

-February 2017 usage – 902,000 gallons pumped

-January 2018 usage – 1,242,00 gallons pumped

Meters read for primary for base reading. Some meters still not reading and pits not transmitting thru deep snow pack.

-A leak was found along Co Hwy 152 and has been repaired.

Wastewater:

-February 2017- daily average flow 23,392 gallons

-February-2018- daily average flow 28,000 gallons

-SWAP Support letter

TOWN CLERK

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s January 2018 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,

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

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report
February 01, 2018 - February 28, 2018**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share	
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	10	9.56	
	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	3	30.00	
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50	
			Sub-Total:	\$52.06	
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	72	720.00	
			Sub-Total:	\$720.00	
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Unspayed	1	13.00	
		Male, Unneutered	2	26.00	
			Sub-Total:	\$39.00	
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	1	0.25	
			Sub-Total:	\$0.25	
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	3	1,050.00	
			Sub-Total:	\$1,050.00	
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$1,861.31	
Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses				22.50	
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				9.00	
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				163.44	
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$2,056.25	Total Non-Local Revenues:		\$194.94

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

File for Liquor License

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve the Town Clerk receiving the receipt of the Notice to file for a Liquor License from Jason Gander d/b/a Jay’s Lakeside. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by

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

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Town Clerk receiving the receipt of the Notice to file for a Liquor License and per the owner's request the Town Board members present waives the 30-day waiting period notice to the Municipality portion of the application for a NYS Sate Liquor License for applicant Great Sacandaga Golf Management LLC d/b/a as "The Pines Bar & Grill".

Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by

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

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve the 2017 Annual Financial Report for the Town of Northampton, as received and reviewed by the Town of Northampton Town Board. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes 0-Nays

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the 2017 Annual Financial Report for the Consolidated Health District, as received and reviewed by the Town of Northampton Town Board.

Seconded by Councilman Simmons and

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

Bookkeeper, Mr. Matthews has been in contact with the Comptroller's Office and they are working together to try and dissolve the Northampton-Northville Consolidated Health District. A resolution will have to be drawn up in order to do that stated Supervisor Groff.

SUPERVISOR:

Promoting Town of Northampton

He has been discussing with the Mayor and several other people about the thumb drive with the video of the Town of Northampton and promoting it. This has not been placed on the Town website yet. After some discussion on this at the County to see what they are doing and it very often doesn't include the Town of Northampton. I think we need some promotion for the Town of Northampton, possibly a Facebook page. We do have money for the promotion of the Town of Northampton in our budget stated Councilman Gritsavage. I think that we should hire someone, Possibly Carla Kolbe suggested Councilman Gritsavage. I understand that she would be interested working on the publicity of the Town of Northampton. Councilman Simmons felt Mrs. Kolbe should be present at the meeting because the board hasn't seen her work and what she can do for the Town. He understands the Village does Facebook on social media but recommended the board talk with our web master. She has done quite a bit for the Village stated the Supervisor. Can our webmaster do something on our website asked Councilman Anderson. Peggy is always asking if there is anything more that she can post on the site explained Councilman Anderson. It was suggested to try Carla Kolbe until the end of 2018 and see what happens stated the Supervisor.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to enter into contract with Carla Kolbe starting April 1, 2018 to promote the Town of Northampton. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by,

A Vote of 4 Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Anderson 1-Nay: Simmons

OLD BUSINESS

Update on Charter (Spectrum) TV station. Councilman Gritsavage mentioned that the current contract agreement with Time Warner/Charter has been sent to the attorney's Miller and Mannix for their review and comment. He has not heard back from the attorney's office.

NEW BUSINESS

SWAP Letter

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Supervisor James Groff writing a letter to NYS Legislators Senator James Tedisco and Assemblyman Marc Butler showing the Town of Northampton Town Boards Support for Bill S3292/A3907 to create the Safe Water Infrastructure Action Program (SWAP). Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by

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

Councilman Simmons discussed

- The Upgrading and reconfiguring of the Clerk's Office. He would like to see a space for a table to be placed in the area of the copier for Councilmen so they have somewhere to set down and use.
- I heard on TV that US Senator Kirsten Gillibrand has Federal money becoming available for upgrading and repair of municipal water systems and recommended the Town check into this. Supervisor Groff mentioned that he and Ken will put together a letter to send to US Senators Kristen Gillibrand and Charles Schumer, Rep. in Congress Elise Stefanik, the Governor and others.
- It was his understanding that the townhall is currently undergoing a testing for a possible by the State of NY for a possible underlying environmental problem suggesting placing a news story informing the public of this. PESH has come and has done the air quality test and they didn't find anything stated Supervisor Groff. They are supposed to come back to do one other testing.

Mr. Taylor mentioned about a bill for the plowing on Roosevelt Terrace. Supervisor Groff stated for him to submit a voucher to the Town.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned Board members, along with Attorney Michael Albanese and Ken Cramer to enter into Executive Session at 7:36 p.m. to discuss employment history. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by,

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

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to come out of Executive Session at 7:46 p.m. with "no action taken". Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by,

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

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to waive the section of Article VI of the Highway Contract that states, All new employees will pay 100% of the additional cost if that employee requests the Family Plan, to read the employee will pay 15% of the additional cost of the total Insurance Premium. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by,

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

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 18, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Councilman Gritsavageseconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk