

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
April 18, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, April 18, 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, Art Simmons and Ivar Anderson  
Excused: William Gritsavage

**RECORDING SECRETARY:** Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

**Other Town department representatives in attendance were:**

Ken Cramer-Highway Superintendent and Nathaniel Matthews-Bookkeeper

**ALSO PRESENT:** Honorably Michael Albanese; Fulton Co. Sheriff Richard Giardino, Fulton Co. Undersheriff Dan Izzo, Michael Warner; Terry Quackenbush, Wendy Reu, Ed and Valerie Anker. Karla Kolbe entered 7:31 p.m.

**MOTION:** Councilman Roosamotioned to approve the March 21, 2018 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and Adopted by a Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson, and Simmons 0-Nays

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned approve to renew the Fulton Montgomery Regional Chamber of Commerce-Annual 2018 dues in the amount of \$290.00. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,  
A Vote of 3 Ayes: Groff, Anderson, and Roosa 1 Nays: Simmons

**WARRANTS**

Discussion on the motion: Simmons in favor of paying all other bills except the one to the Northville Central School for the Grant writing for the WIFI. It was in the past minutes and it was to be at no charge.

**MOTION:** Councilman Roosa approved paying the warrants, Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by,  
A Vote of 3-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, and Anderson  
1-Nay: Simmons

<u>2018 Warrants</u>	
General Fund "A"	\$28,675.12
General Fund "B"	146.26
DB Highway-Outside the Village	8,318.14
Sacandaga Fire	62.86
Sacandaga Lighting	1,145.70
Sacandaga Sewer District	806.92
Sacandaga Water District	2,209.33
Trust and Agency Fund	<u>634.34</u>
<b>Total Warrants</b>	<b>\$41,301.47</b>

Supervisor Groff opened the Public Comment Session at 7:03 p.m.

Wendy Reu up dated the board saying that the Town of Northampton and Village of Northville agreed to apply for a Shared Services Records Management Grant with the NYS Archives. As the grant is a reimbursement grant and the Town is not able to pay for items up front and then get reimbursed. Both the Town and Village agreed that the Village would be the lead agency for the grant. I am the Records Management officer for the Village and I was to submit the application. The creation of the design of the Town Clerks office is not part of the grant. It is being used as an in kind contribution by the Town and will not be reimbursed by the grant which was agreed by the Supervisor after speaking with the Mayor that the Town would do the renovations to the office. This grant if granted would give the Village the ability to get their records inventoried and the property maintenance records categorized by SBL. The remainder will be used to secure the justice records, purchase fire proof secure cabinets for the Town Clerks office for easier access to the Vital Records, for Town records to be inventoried and the property maintenance records categorized by SBL. These conditions were agreed upon by everyone involved.

Fulton Co. Sheriff Richard Giardino mentioned that both he and his Undersheriff Dan Izzo have an open door policy, noting that if anyone had any complaints from our constituents to please share that with them. We have been working tirelessly on a plan since December with the Law Enforcement Agencies, EMS and Fire trying to put together a walk through drill for school in session. He wanted to thank the Village for being very cooperative and helpful with a lot of questions he had involving the police policing. He also wanted to thank Supervisor Groff. We had a couple incidences where he had situations with advisory boards where he and I appeared at and people who do not have his experience and knowledge at the Sheriff's Department about the road patrol. I wanted to publically thank Supervisor Groff for stepping up and explaining the facts that we had gotten.

Sheriff Richard Giardino informed the Board and public present that Dan Izzo will be receiving an award in May from Senator Tedisco for going to the Veteran's Hall of Fame. Mr. Izzo has two Bronze Metals – one for Valor and he served overseas for us.

We have added three people last year and another Investigator, Director of Communications, and a Deputy on the road.

Councilman Simmons commented that he recently read that you got a drone, and a used car donated. I feel that we need more patrols up here particularly in the summer. What do you think about that?

There were more people on years ago and we now have three cars out explained Sheriff Giardino.

We have restored the snowmobile and boat patrol but we have to restore the road patrol first.

Terry Quackenbush questioned the availability of the Audit report that was done years ago. The response was to contact the NYS Comptroller. Mr. Quackenbush asked if the chipper was going to be fixed.

Supervisor Groff responded saying that we are working on that and that his concern was about the age of the equipment, putting a lot of money into an old chipper and have it break down again; the parts are becoming obsolete and the safety issues. He mentioned the possibility of purchasing a new one or maybe a good used one.

Discussion ensued on 1. the possibility in the future of building another town hall to house both the Town and Village offices and have this building turned into a museum on the lake. 2. on the town budget a few years ago versus where it is now with reserves. 3. Highway account where money was used to purchase a new vehicle using paving money to pay the bond payment. 4. The problem with the 2% tax cap.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- General Fund Balance Sheet
- April 2018 Fulton Co Regional Chamber of Commerce Newline
- Workers Compensation 1<sup>st</sup> Quarter Assessment
- Letter from Sacandaga Valley Arts Network requesting to help SVAN with the 2018 season  
**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons motioned to approve paying a donation in the amount of \$500.00 to help SVAN with the 2018 season. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Simmons, Anderson and Roosa 0-Nays
- Charter Communication-update on development affecting Charter Subscriber in our community
- Resolution No. 137 Resolution authorizing agreements between the Department of Highways and Facilities and certain Town Highway Departments for Mowing of County Right-of-Way.
- Letter from the Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation Inc.  
**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to donate \$500.00 for the annual stocking of fish in May 2018. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 4 Ayes: Groff, Simmons, Anderson, and Roosa 0-Nays

## JUSTICE

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice Report as presented. There was a total of 34 cases handled and \$5,106.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,  
A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Simmons, Roosa, and Anderson 0-Nays

## CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Matthew Ginter collected \$660.00 in fees. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$137,850.00. A total of (4) permits were issued in March 2018; #005-18 Manufactured Home; #008-18 License Renewal Permit (Sacandaga Beach Development); #009-18 Major Alterations; and #010-18 Septic Repair.

CEO attended the annual Northern Adirondack Code Enforcement Officials Association Conference in Lake Placid. Received 25 hours of continuing education required by NYS. The costs were split with the Town of Edinburg. CEO attended NYS Energy Code training 3/19/2018 in the Village of Mohawk. This training qualified for the 4<sup>th</sup> and final point that the Town needed to complete the application for the \$50,000 Clean Energy Community grant.

Councilman Simmons mentioned that we ought to have a sign out front indicating that we have the two Charging Stations out back. He also thinks the Village should post a sign down at the firehouse because they also have Charging Stations.

Carla Kolbe has provided a copies to the Town Board of her Preliminary Public Relations/Marketing Report.

**HIGHWAY:** Ken Cramer reported on Roads: Continued plowing and sanding; wind storm clean-up; Chip/winter recover and pave NY funds approved; and is waiting to sweep roads.

Repairs/Maintenance: Wood chipper breakdown; replaced spotting mirror on truck #3 from damage caused by falling tree; and working on new office room in the Garage.

New Business: Wood chipper purchase? Go forward with the chipper.

County Highway 152 from State Hwy 30 to Bridge Street will be paved on Monday.

I would like to hire someone for summer help, as the Village does, for the garbage pickup because I am down one person because the person who was the one who has left working for the cemeteries also helped

me too explained Mr. Cramer. The Village hired college kids and you need to put out a notice now stated Supervisor Groff.

Discussion on the motion

Will you use the temporary helper for other things ask Councilman Roosa?

That depends how many hours he will be hired for stated Mr. Cramer. I do have other uses for the helper.

The Board will need to discuss how many hours and at what pay rate for that position stated Mr. Matthews.

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Highway Superintendent Cramer to pursue temporary help for the summer. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

**ASSESSOR:** The target date for filing 2018 Tentative Tax Roll is April 16<sup>th</sup> pending no updates. Process 207 sales for the 2018 tax roll: 54 Village / 153 Town. Processed 184 STAR Enhanced exemption: 79 Village / 105 Town; plus 46 IVP renewals; also added 24 new STAR Enhanced exemption; 10 Village / 14 Town. Processed 9 new Veterans exemptions: 5 Village / 4 Town.

Tentative equalization rate will drop 5 points due to high sale prices compared to current assessments.

Since we are not in a reassessment mode legally I cannot assess based on sale price, this practice is commonly known as "Welcome Stranger". Equalization rates will continue to drop until we decide to a reval.

**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons motioned to accept the Assessor's report as presented.

Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

**ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**The next scheduled meeting is April 25, 2018 at 7 pm  
There is an application pending.

**PLANNING BOARD:**The next scheduled meeting will be held on May 8, 2018 at 7 p.m.

**JOINT YOUTH:**They did the 2018 Summer hires for Councilors and lifeguards reported Councilman Roosa.

We need to make a motion to have the Town of Northampton reduce our contribution to the Youth Commission Program by \$3,000.00 mentioned Supervisor Groff because they don't really need it.

They have be doing very well and they have not spent as much as they usually do.

Are they getting any money from the school because they hold most of the events are down there now asked Councilman Simmons? The School in all in kind that they contribute responded Councilman Roosa. I believe it was a fund balance issue.

Mr. Matthews explained that the school has contracted with the Town and the Village and other municipalities who do contribute with the youth program. This reduction to the Town contract is recommended based on the fact they have a fund balance that is more sufficient at this time and they just wanted to systematically draw it down.

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to reduce the amount of payment to the Northville/Northampton Joint Youth by \$3,000.00 from its original amount agreed to pay in the budget.

Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

**CEMETERY:** The cemetery will be official opened on Monday, April 23, 2018.

I have not heard back from Darby regarding the Vault stated Supervisor Groff. We didn't replace the one individual that worked with Mr. VanNostrand. Ken Cramer is going to help out so we will not have to hire another person.

**AMBULANCE:** I believe the ambulance has been completed reported Supervisor Groff. Councilman Simmons reported that the scheduled delivery date is for around May 1<sup>st</sup>. There are more people attending their monthly meetings then I (Simmons) have ever seen. I will inquire about getting a report for the Town Board.

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

County Transfer	68.61Ton @ \$53	\$3,636.33
Curbside Recycling	7.23Ton @ \$20	\$ 144.60
Transfer Station Recycling	2.92Ton @ \$10	\$ 29.20
Metal Hauling Fee	4.88 Ton @ \$20	\$ 97.60
Material 79TS (Electronics)	.79 Ton @ \$ 0.00	\$ 0.00
Material 90-NC (Ground Wood Chips)	93.04 Ton @ \$ 0.00	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total		\$3,907.73

**Northville Fire Department:**No report was received.

**SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER**

**March 2018**

Water:

- March 2017 usage – 976,000 gallons pumped
- March 2018 usage – 1,209,00 gallons pumped

Meters

- Replaced one frozen broke meter at Park Marine Base.

Repairs/Maintenance

- Water main break on County Highway 152
- 4” water main rupture.

- Service line leak located on Warner Hill Road

- Linda Melita water bill. New owner of camp on McKinley Ave

-2017 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report for the Town of Northampton-Sacandaga Park District is available for inspection in the Town Clerk’s Office and on Town of Northampton website.

Wastewater:

- March 2017- daily average flow 50,100 gallons
- March-2018- daily average flow 38,900 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance – no new problems to report.

During the last power outage at the sewer plant I had issues with the generator. After having it looked at the radiator is shot and the water pump is gone on it. The estimate I received was \$3,500.00 for a radiator and water pump for that generator. It is a 3,500 watt Vortec V6 Chevy engine I believe it is a 2000/2002 generator. I want to do some research on the generator itself. It is operable right now but only on a short time.

**TOWN CLERK**

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

A Vote of 4-Ayes Groff, Anderson, Simmons, and Roosa

0-Nays

**04/01/2018**

March 01, 2018 - March 31, 2018

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	1	0.28
	Registrar Fee	Registrar Fee	1	22.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$22.28</b>
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	65	650.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$650.00</b>
A2544	Dog Licensing	Male, Unneutered	1	13.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$13.00</b>
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	10	10.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	22	5.50
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$15.50</b>
B2110	Zoning Application	Zoning Application	1	75.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$75.00</b>
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	3	515.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$515.00</b>
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	1	25.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$25.00</b>
			<b>Total Local Shares Remitted:</b>	<b>\$1,315.78</b>
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				3.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				4.72
<b>Total State, County &amp; Local Revenues:</b>		<b>\$1,323.50</b>	<b>Total Non-Local Revenues: \$7.72</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

**OLD BUSINESS**

Update on Charter (Spectrum) TV station. Councilman Simmons mentioned that he is not sure what to do with them about the TV station. He is not sure whose fault it is, if it's Charter's fault, the schools fault, or both of them. We met with the school quite a while ago. They supposedly want the Public Education channel which Spectrum is required but the FCC. We used to have a channel at the library. You call Spectrum they blame the school. You call the school they blame Spectrum. Maybe the answer

is to have the Village and Town run it which is done in some places, or the churches could run it, or whatever. Does the board have any ideas?

**Res. #2018-06:** Resolution Authorizing Abolishing the Northampton Consolidated Health District. The foregoing resolution was made by Councilman Anderson and Seconded by Councilman Roosa. Adopted by 4-Ayes: Groff, Simmons, Roosa, and Anderson 0-Nays

**Res. #2018-07:** Resolution to Report Established Standard Reportable Work Day for an Elected Position in the Town of Northampton. The foregoing resolution was made by Councilman Roosa and Seconded by Councilman Anderson. Adopted by 4-Ayes: Groff, Simmons, Roosa, and Anderson 0-Nays

Discussion on the motion

Councilman Simmons would like to see a break down on the bill submitted each month by the attorney to the Town for payment.

**MOTION:**Councilman Roosa motioned to approve Supervisor Groff sign the Agreement between the Town of Northampton and Michael M. Albanese. Esq. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons 0-Nays

#### **NEW BUSINESS**

I was curious what is happening with the firehouse asked Councilman Simmons. We won't know anything until the middle of next month responded the Supervisor.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 16, 2018 at 7 p.m.

**Adjourn:**Councilman Simmons motioned to adjourn at 7:50 p.m. Councilman Anderson seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk