

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
August 15, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, August 15, 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, William Gritsavage, Art Simmons and Ivar Anderson

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance were:

Ken Cramer-Highway Superintendent and Matthew Ginter-CEO
Nathanial Matthews-Bookkeeper

ALSO PRESENT: Honorably Michael Albanese

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the July 18, 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, Roosa, Simmons, Anderson and Gritsavage

RES. #2018-11: Resolution authorizing Transfer of Funds within accounts to meet certain contractual expenses for Accounts Payable from 2018 Budget line item.

MOTION: Councilman Simmons offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.
Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage approved paying the warrants, Seconded by Councilman Roosa and was passed by,

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

<u>2018 Warrants</u>		
General Fund "A"	\$ 46,045.90	
General Fund "B"	12,690.25	
DB Highway-Outside the Village		1,916.07
Sacandaga Lighting	962.66	
Sacandaga Sewer District	11,482.39	
Sacandaga Water District	37,264.05	
Trust & Agency Fund		<u>863.26</u>
Total Warrants	\$111,224.58	

Supervisor Groff so noted that there was no public present.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers

Animal Control: Received Dog Control Officer Inspection Report dated 7/13/2018 from NYS Ags and Markets.

Public Safety: Supervisor Groff mentioned about addressing putting together a resolution this fall for posting permanent no parking signs along Houseman Street.

Councilman Simmons mentioned that the temporary signs that were posted along Houseman Street Unless in pursuit or called in by another agency that started in the village and they have no jurisdiction there. It was recommended to remove the current signs and get town signs.

After discussion a Motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Roosa to keep the erected “no parking signs” posted along Houseman Street until September 1, 2018 and to cover up the verbiage Village portion of the sign. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion and passed by

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

Councilman Gritsavage explained that he has inquired about the noise from the boats on the Great Sacandaga Lake. He has received materials from the Association of Towns and from the Town of Day. He found and had some questions on statewide Navigation Law on decibels of boat speed and prohibition along with mufflers and non-mufflers. He feels that none of these laws are being enforced.

In doing this research Councilman Gritsavage has questions regarding the Navigation Law Section 44.

1. Does this law apply to the Great Sacandaga Lake? 2. The State apparently set and enforces the speed limit under the bridge at 5 MPH but above the bridge 30 MPH. If they can enforce those laws why can't they enforce the noise law? 3. Can a person using an illegal muffler or no muffler be prevented from launching his boat at State run boat launches? 4. What regulatory powers does the HRBRRD have over the Great Sacandaga Lake as far as boating is concerned? 5. Is there some reason the Great Sacandaga Lake can't have the same speed limits as Lake George? Lake George has a 45 MPH speed limit during the day and a 25 MPH speed limit at night.

Councilman Anderson mentioned that we have good enforcement during the day but when it gets to be sundown and at night around 8 p.m. is when you hear all the boats, jet skiers going by and they are riding without their lights on.

The laws are there but there is no enforcement explained Supervisor Groff. Lake George has the Commission, the Sheriff's Office from Warren County, the State Police. They have five or six different patrols on their lake. We do have ECON, the State Police, and the Sheriff's Office. The HRBRRD has no say on boating. We have the laws but they are not enforcing them.

Maybe we should meet with all three of them-ECON, the State Police, and the Sheriff's Office and discuss this with them suggested Councilman Simmons.

It was explained by the Attorney that the Commission has the power to set the speed limit and what happens lake wide on Lake George. There is an additional enforcement mechanism that if they have boats on the lake that it enforces the regulations as well as the State Police and the Sheriff from the Towns and Counties in where they are located. Discussion ensued.

It was suggested that the Town could possibly hire a Police Officer to ride around in a boat that enforces the law within the Town boundaries.

Councilman Simmons mentioned that he sees in the newspaper that the Sheriff's Office is giving out life jackets, bicycle helmets in other towns. What are they doing here?

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

There is no new business coming before the Zoning Board of Appeals in August.

PLANNING BOARD:The Planning Board has been meeting to review the Comprehensive Plan. The next scheduled meeting is September 11, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Joint Youth Program: Councilman Gritsavage noted that it has been a successful season so far. Barely for the days that the program was held here at the Town Hall they have not been a problem stated the Supervisor. Friday night movies in the Park have been terrific.

AMBULANCE:

The new ambulance has been delivered and as soon as it is road ready the old ambulance will be placed out for bid on Auction International stated Supervisor Groff.

HARDFILL: There were a total of 70 vehicles and \$125.00 in fees collected for Tires for the month.

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

County Transfer	133.41 Ton @ \$53	\$7,070.73
Curbside Recycling	9.55 Ton @ \$20	\$ 191.00
Transfer Station Recycling	6.85 Ton @ \$10	\$ 68.50
Material 72 (Metal Hauling)	6.85 Ton @ \$20.00	<u>\$ 137.00</u>
Total		\$7,467.23

Northville Fire Department:

July 2018: There were a total of 5 responses and a total of 26.45-man hours for the month of July.

Village of Northville 1-Cooking Fire. Town of Northampton 2-Fire Alarm. Town of Edinburg 1-MVA.

Town of Benson 1-Brush Fire. 3 Mutual Aid Given. 2-Mutual Aid Received

1. Members prepped for the annual “Doins”, they also sold hamburgers and hot dogs to benefit the Fireman’s Association
2. Members drove on the small dirt roads off of Seven Hills Road to get familiar with the District.
3. Members checked all equipment to be sure everything is in working order.
4. Members began the annual driver qualifications on all apparatuses.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER

July 2018

Water:

-July 2017 usage – 1,440,000 gallons pumped

-July 2018 usage – 1,626,00 gallons pumped

Meters

-No problems to report

Repairs/Maintenance:

- None to report.
- Would like to put a moratorium on any new connections onto the Park water system as a result of the decline of water pressure to the homes and businesses on Route 30 North. Once a plan is agreed upon to change the undersized deteriorated line so adequate water and water pressure is supplied to those affected the ban can be lifted. It was explained about the size of the lines from

the stone gates to through the road way past the Train Station. The Golf Course owner is looking into working on the house.

Discussion ensued. It was suggested to possibly hire an Engineer to do a study on whether to improve that line or just changing that line from Route 152 to State Highway 30 of the Sacandaga Park Water System. After discussion a motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to have the Town look into hiring an Engineering firm to do a study of the Sacandaga Park Water System. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Simmons, Gritsavage, and Roosa 0-Nays

Supervisor Groff mentioned that he will contact the County Wastewater:

-July 2017- daily average flow 37,800 gallons

-July-2018- daily average flow 11,400 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance

- Removed 6 loads approximately 25,000 gallons of sludge from the Imhoff tank
- D.E.C. inspection of the wastewater treatment plant completed.

TOWN CLERK

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s July 2018 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and was passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Simmons, Gritsavage, and Roosa 0-Nays

08/01/2018

**Town Clerk Monthly Report
July 01, 2018 - July 31, 2018**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	25	35.91
			Sub-Total:	\$35.91
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	1	25.00
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	88	880.00
			Sub-Total:	\$905.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Exempt Dogs	1	0.00
		Female, Spayed	13	91.00
		Female, Unspayed	3	39.00
		Male, Neutered	17	119.00
		Male, Unneutered	2	26.00
			Sub-Total:	\$275.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	5	5.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	24	6.00
			Sub-Total:	\$11.00
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	14	770.00
			Sub-Total:	\$770.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$1,996.91

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 19, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn at 8:05 p.m. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk