

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 19, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, September 19, 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  
Nathanial Matthews-Bookkeeper

**ALSO PRESENT:** Honorably Michael Albanese, Michael Warner, Ken Adamczyk-Northville/Northampton Joint Youth Director, Cody Payne and Todd Payne

**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the August 15, 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. #2018-14:** Resolution authorizing Transfer of Funds within accounts to meet certain contractual expenses for Accounts Payable from 2018 Budget line item.

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson 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"	\$46,828.89	
General Fund "B"	33,934.57	
DB Highway-Outside the Village		45,014.33
Sacandaga Lighting	1,025.34	
Sacandaga Sewer District	5,423.23	
Sacandaga Water District	5,407.86	
Trust & Agency Fund		<u>431.63</u>
<b>Total Warrants</b>	<b>\$138,065.85</b>	

Supervisor Groff opened to public comment at 7:01 p.m.

**Boy Scout** - Cody Payne expressed his interest in land scaping and putting up a brick wall and shelving for people to put their bottles by the spring on Seven Hills Road as his Eagle Scout Project. If approved by the board the project should be completed by mid-November 2018.

Supervisor Groff explained that his concerns are that the Town does not own the property where the spring is located, it would be a liability on the Town and the spring is within the proximity of the highway right-of-way. It is not an approved source stated Councilman Roosa.

The proposed Eagle Scout project was not approved by the Town Board.

**Joint Youth Program:** Ken Adamczyk gave a presentation on the Northville/Northampton Joint Youth Program 2017 thru 2018 and September 1, 2018.

On Wednesday, October 31, 2018 he will be working with the PTO putting on a “Halloween Carnival” at the Northville Central Gym Parking lot or gymnasium from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Mr. Adamczyk explained that with they raised he has purchased new equipment this year to include- a 40’ obstacle course, a bounce house and they were given a popcorn machine for free.

We purchased over the years buoys, new rope for the swimming area at the beach. A new out building was built on the beach as an Eagle Scout Project. We purchased and put up out buoys to keep away the boats from the swim area this year, plus safety equipment and board.

A trailer to house and haul the equipment was purchased this year. He spoke of working with the Northville Central School on a project with the students coming up with a logo and having it put on the side of the trailer in the future.

A Family Ball-Dinner Dance was held on 2/10/2018 and a “Winterfest” was held on 2/24/2018.

2018 Summer Camp was held July – August 2018. They held movie night.

Utilizing the town hall and town park went well. They worked on parking issues and directed the drivers for the children to keep out of the townhall parking lot. The program was closed for 3 days due to the weather.

The children went on Educational fun trips each week: 1-Adirondack Experience in Blue Mountain Lake; 2-Sky Zone Trampoline Park; 3-Howe’s Cavern; 4-The Wild Center in Tupper Lake; and 5-Aquarium in Rotterdam. On Monday they had a Tour of the Fire Department.

They held a Water Safety Course with Kate Coupas. Cost was \$50 for a total of 10 Swimming Lessons.

They had the CMK 5K Run 9/1/2018 there were 200 runners in attendance. CMK was running this race

Mr. Klueg approached me last year saying they wanted Mr. Adamczyk to be the Director of the 5K Run, they would be the sponsor and the funds would be donated to the Joint Youth Program.

In the future the 5K Run will be called “Ring of Fire 5K”.

It was asked if anyone can ask to use the equipment for a donation. Response was “No” it is just for non-profits and non-for-profits.

## COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- General Fund Balance Sheet
- Charter
- 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Local Government Innovation Conference at the Empire State Plaza November 15<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup>, 2018
- Resolution No. 326 – Resolution Accepting the Draft 2018 Fulton County shared Service Plan from Fulton County Board of Supervisors  
**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Fulton County Board of Supervisors Resolution #326. Shared Services. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage  
5-Ayes            0-Nays
- APA Major Project Public Notice – APA Project No. 2018-0123 NY Land and Lakes Development LLC in the Towns of Northampton and Mayfield, Fulton County.

## **JUSTICE**

**MOTION:** Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice Report as presented. There was a total of 34 cases handled and \$3,587.00 collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and was passed by,

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

0-Nays

## **CODE ENFORCEMENT:**

Matthew Ginter collected \$790.00 in fees. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$191,475.00. A total of (12) permits were issued in August 2018; #058-17 Permit Renewal; #051-18 2 Car Garage; 052-18 Addition; #053-18 Fuel burning device; #054-18 Storage building; #034-18 Alterations; #056-18 2-car garage; 057-18 Water well; #058-18 Septic repairs; #059-18 Carport; #060-18 1 car garage; and #061-18 Fence. 2-Municipal Search and P04-18 Minor subdivision

## **HIGHWAY:** Ken Cramer reported

- Picked speed bumps up in the Sacandaga Park today
- Continuing to cut back roadside brush on Bunker Hill Road
- Mowing ongoing in cemeteries and park as well as roadside
- The Town crew has helped Edinburg, Day, Providence, Wells and the Village with paving

### Repair/Maintenance:

- Replaced two air brake canisters on truck #2
- Working on equipment inventory list

### New Business

- Discussion on purchase of new garbage packer.
- Many variables to consider
- Working on 2019 preliminary budget

There was discussion on Direct Haul among the board members. Supervisor stated that he would check with Jeff Mitchell at the Department of Solid Waste to discuss the Direct Haul. The Supervisor mentioned that Towns of Johnstown and Gloversville do have Direct Haul.

Supervisor Groff mentioned that he received a thank you letter for the Town putting up the new road sign from a resident along White Pine Drive.

**Animal Control:** The Animal Control received a call and later found that the incident to be in the Town of Hope.

## **ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:**

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

**PLANNING BOARD:** The Planning Board has been meeting to review the Comprehensive Plan. There was a public hearing held on September 11, 2018. The next scheduled meeting is October 9, 2018 at 7 p.m.

**CEMETERY:** Supervisor Groff mentioned that he believes that everything is going well with the Soccer games. The biggest problem is they are making everyone park in the front and make them walk to the back. For some people that is too much of a walk. Supervisor Groff made some arrangements so they can park further in down by the goal.

Councilman Simmons stated that the Vault needs to be rebuilt because it is a public health and safety issue. Res. #2018-09 in June 2018 the board approved to rebuild the vault. The Town was going to put down a pad for the vault. Supervisor Groff stated we were waiting for quotes which we never received any. The Supervisor will talk with Mr. Ginter to see if he was able to get other quotes and if not he will go ahead and call Darby to see when this work can get done. The Town Board was in agreement of this and to move forward to rebuild the vault.

**AMBULANCE:** Northampton Ambulance responded to 7 calls in the Town of Northampton, 10 calls in the Village of Northville and 5 calls in the Town of Hope during the month of July 2018. Northampton Ambulance responded to 5 calls in the Town of Northampton, 8 calls in the Village Northville and 2 calls in the Town of Hope during the month of August 2018.

Councilman Gritsavage mentioned that he received complaints on a death that took place and on how long it took the ambulance to get there. I spoke with the dispatcher and the call came in at 11:01 a.m. and they arrived at 11:15 a.m. After caring for the individual they then transported the patient to the hospital. Councilman Simmons agreed with what Councilman Gritsavage said. He felt that the response time was what you would expect. We do not have a full time ambulance explained Councilman Gritsavage. Supervisor Groff mentioned that the family had nothing but praise for the Ambulance Corps.

**HARDFILL:** There were a total of 58 vehicles and \$15.00 in fees collected for Tires for the month.

Fulton County Department of Solid Waste announced that Monday, October 8, 2018 is an official holiday, Columbus Day. The transfer station will be closed.

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

County Transfer	130.90 Ton @ \$53	\$6,937.70
Curbside Recycling	11.02 Ton @ \$20	\$ 220.40
Transfer Station Recycling	4.71 Ton @ \$10	\$ 47.10
Material 72 (Metal Hauling)	6.87 Ton @ \$20	\$ 137.40
Electronics-Transfer Station	1.94 Ton @ \$0.00	\$ 0.00
Total		\$7,342.60

**Northville Fire Department:**

**August 2018:** There were a total of 8 responses and a total of 21.35-man hours for the month of August. Village of Northville 2-Fire Alarm Activation; 1-Stand by; and 1-EMS Assist. Town of Northampton 1-Hazardous Condition. Town of Edinburg 1-MVA PI. Town of Benson 1-Hazardous Condition and 1-Town of Hope 1-Hazardous Condition. 2 Mutual Aid Given.

1. Members practiced radio operations.
2. Members used ladders to brush up on skills.
3. Members trained on Northampton EMS new ambulance and equipment.
4. NFD and EVFC met to go over new, improved mutual aid agreement with Northville and Edinburg chief officers.

**SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER**

**August 2018**

Water:

- August 2017 usage – 1,174,000 gallons pumped
- August 2018 usage – 1,237,00 gallons pumped

Meters

-New meter for 639 State Hwy 30 and 123 Circle Drive

Repairs/Maintenance:

-Would like permission to do an RFP to hire an engineer to design and draw plans for water line replacement on Osborn Road. Discussion ensued. Supervisor Groff mentioned checking with Travis Mitchell at Smart Waters and report back to the Board.

-Discussion on well 2 and 4 rehabilitation. Ken explained to the Board about the two wells out of four that are not working at this time. He has gotten an estimate

-Estimate from Lane Christensen Co. - Just under \$34,000.00. They would rehab it and do an evaluation. That cost doesn't include well pumps, when he had them replaced before the cost was between \$5,000.00 and \$6,000.00 per pump stated Mr. Cramer. It was recommended for Mr. Cramer to call them and give them the information on the existing pump and get a quote.

Wastewater:

-August 2017- daily average flow 28,500 gallons

-August-2018- daily average flow 12,000 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance

- None to report.

**TOWN CLERK**

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

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

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	64	119.69
	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	4	40.00
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	4	50.00
	<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$209.69</b>
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	1	125.00
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	33	330.00
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$455.00</b>	
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	5	35.00
		Male, Neutered	2	14.00
		Male, Unneutered	2	26.00
		Replacement Tags	1	3.00
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$78.00</b>	
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	10	2.50
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			<b>\$2.50</b>	
B2115	Planning Application	Planning Application	1	150.00

			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	12	590.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$590.00</b>
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	2	50.00
			<b>Sub-Total:</b>	<b>\$50.00</b>
			<b>Total Local Shares Remitted:</b>	<b>\$1,535.19</b>
Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses				90.00
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				13.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				2,102.31
<b>Total State, County &amp; Local Revenues:</b>		<b>\$3,740.50</b>	<b>Total Non-Local Revenues: \$2,205.31</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
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**SUPERVISOR:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the Supervisor sign the Agreement between the Town of Northampton and the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board in the amount of \$300.00. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by

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

**OLD BUSINESS:** Councilman Gritsavage explained that he has spoken with the GLSA about their concerns on the noise and speeding from the boats on the Great Sacandaga Lake. Supervisor Groff noted that we already have enough laws that are on the books regarding this. After discussion a motion was made as follows:

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned that he would like to have a law drafted by the Town Attorney on Speeding on the Great Sacandaga Lake in the Town of Northampton area for the Town Board members to debate and for possible Town Board consideration in a future meeting. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by

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

**EXECUTIVE SESSION**

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to enter into Executive Session at 8:11 p.m. to discuss Contracts. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by

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

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned come out of the Executive Session at 8:33 p.m. and no action was taken. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by  
A vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Anderson, Simmons, Gritsavage and Roosa 0-Nays

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 17, 2018 at 7 p.m.

**Adjourn:**CouncilmanRoosamotioned to adjourn at8:34p.m. Councilman Gritsavageseconded the motion.All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk