

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
October 17, 2018**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, October 17, 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, and Ivar Anderson
Excused: Art Simmons

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance were:
Ken Cramer-Highway Superintendent/Water-Sewer Plant Operator
Nathanial Matthews-Bookkeeper

ALSO PRESENT: Honorably Michael Albanese, Michael Warner, Veronica Flynn

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the September 17, 2018 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson, Gritsavage 0-Nays

RES. #2018-15: Resolution authorizing Transfer of Funds within accounts to meet certain contractual expenses for Accounts Payable from 2018 Budget line item.

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

ROLL CALL VOTE:

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

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

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

	<u>2018 Warrants</u>	
General Fund "A"	\$18,158.59	
General Fund "B"	579.89	
DB Highway-Outside the Village		43,421.54
Sacandaga Lighting	1,144.88	
Sacandaga Sewer District	3,252.08	
Sacandaga Water District	<u>2,109.26</u>	
Total Warrants	\$ 68,666.24	

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

Veronica Flynn has questions regarding a garage structure at 544 Seven Hills Road. Her concern is that it doesn't look residential. It looks like a commercial property. I was assured that it wasn't. However,

what is the difference between that structure and the one on the corner of Main Street and Seven Hill Road? Recently, there is a sign that was posted above the doorway of the structure on 544 Seven Hills Road advertising a Construction Company, plumbing, heating... with a phone number. To me that is commercial. They have built it to house the storage of their boats among other items CEO Ginter stated and have since enlarging the building. I have had many things done to my house in the years that I have bought it and I always had to have a permit. I don't see a permit on the structure and it is still being in the process of being built explained Ms. Flynn. The addition is almost complete and I have seen no permit and I thought it had to be visible. CEO Ginter explained the building permit process and mentioned that there is a permit that has been issued for the structure. Discussion ensued. CEO Ginter stated that he will keep an eye on the construction as he has been.

COMMUNICATIONS

- General Fund Balance Sheet
- HRBRRD Executive Director's Corner
- Charter-Upcoming Changes and Charter's Testimony Before the Senate Commerce Committee on Online Privacy Protections
- Village of Northville/Town of Northampton October 2018 Public Relations Report

Councilman Anderson mentioned that he would like to see Mrs. Kolbe expand advertisement and publicity to the Saratoga and Lake George areas. To let people know we are right next door to them so they can make it here in a day trip. It was suggested to have Mrs. Kolbe come to the next Town Board meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice Report as presented. There was a total of 57 cases handled and \$8,508.00 collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and was passed by,

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

CODE ENFORCEMENT:

Matthew Ginter collected \$920.00 in fees. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$423,100.00. A total of (12) permits were issued in September 2018; #064-17 Permit Renewal; #069-17 Permit Renewal; #062-18 Fence; #063-18 Addition; #064-18 Deck; #065-18 Single Family Home; #066-18 Demolition; #067-18 Septic System; #068-18 Septic System; #069-18 Addition; #070-18 Fence; and #071-18 Storage Building. 1-Municipal Search

The Clean Energy was submitted on September 25th. This grant will be used to replace all of the lighting fixtures in Town Hall, the ambulance building and the justice court with new LED lighting.

The grant will cover the costs of \$26,750.59 with the remainder to be used toward upgrading our HVAC system in the Town Hall.

ELECTION: The General Election will be held on Tuesday, November 6, 2018. Polling sites will be open from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

ASSESSOR: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve re-appoint of Gayle Q. Walrath as member on the Town of Northampton Board of Assessment Review. New term: October 1, 2018 to September 30, 2023. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by

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

HIGHWAY: Ken Cramer reported

- Continuing to cut back roadside brush on Bunker Hill Roadpreparing it for paving 2019.
- Patched McKinley Ave. from Sewer Line excavation.
- Completed roadside mowing.
- Stock piling ice control sand.

Repair/Maintenance:

- Repair Brush hog, New universal joint and yolk. New shims and bolt for stump bumper.
- Service completed on truck #2, #3 and F-350 pickup.

New Business

- Discussion on purchase of new garbage packer.

There was discussion on Direct Haul among the board members and Mr. Cramer. Supervisor stated that he would check with Jeff Mitchell at the Department of Solid Waste to discuss the Direct Haul.

Animal Control: Supervisor Groff reported one dog bite complaint.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

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

PLANNING BOARD:TheNovember meeting has been re-scheduled for Wednesday,November14, 2018 at 7 p.m.

AMBULANCE: Northampton Ambulance responded to 1 call in the Town of Northampton, 12 calls in the Village of Northville and call in the Town of Hope during the month of September 2018. Eric Shumaker’s resignation was accepted by the members at the Northampton Ambulance meeting held on October 9, 2018. He was thanked for his years of service and best wished in his new location.

HARDFILL: There were a total of 58 vehicles and \$35.00 in fees collected for Tires for the month.

Fulton County Department of Solid Waste announced that the Veteran’s Day Holiday will be celebrated on Monday, November 12, 2018 and he transfer station will be **closed**. For the Thanksgiving Holiday the transfer station will be **open** on Saturday, November 24, during regular hours.

HAULING FEES: The month of September2018 fees were as follows:

County Transfer	113.84Ton @ \$53	\$6,033.52
Curbside Recycling	13.07Ton @ \$20	\$ 261.40
Transfer Station Recycling	4.48Ton @ \$10	\$ 44.80
Material 72 (Metal Hauling)	3.70 Ton @ \$20	\$ 74.00
Electronics-Transfer Station	0.75 Ton @\$0.00	\$ <u>0.00</u>
Total		\$6,413.72

Northville Fire Department:

September 2018: There were a total of 63.25-man hours for the month of September. Village of Northville 1-MVA; 1-Smell of Propane; and 1-Medical Assist/Landing Zone. Town of Northampton1-Brush Fire; 1-MVA; and 1-Alarm Activation.Town of Edinburg 1-Stand By and 1-Vechile Fire. Town of Benson 1-MVA. 3 Mutual Aid Given and 2-Mutual Aid Received

1. Members practiced radio operations and chimney fire operations.
2. Members were invited by Mayfield Fire for SCBA training.
3. Members did truck check to insure all equipment is in working order.
4. 1011 is back in service from being repaired, all trucks will get serviced.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER

September 2018

Water:

- September 2017 usage – 906,000 gallons pumped
- September 2018 usage – 984,00 gallons pumped

Meters

- No problems to report.

Repairs/Maintenance:

- Had asked last month for 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.
- Excavated and discontinued leaking abandoned service connection.

Wastewater:

- September 2017- daily average flow 10,700 gallons
- September-2018- daily average flow 11,200 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance

- None to report.

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 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 Lane Christensen Co. give them the information on the existing pump and get a quote.

Res. #16 of 2018: Permissive Referendum re Use of Reserve Funds for Rehabilitation of Water Well(s)

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	Absent		

TOWN CLERK

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Town Clerk's September 2018 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and was passed by,

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

10/01/2018

**Town Clerk Monthly Report
September 01, 2018 - September 30, 2018**

Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	73	167.34
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
	Sub-Total:			\$179.84
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	1	15.00
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	12	120.00
Sub-Total:			\$135.00	
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	1	7.00
		Female, Unspayed	1	13.00
		Male, Neutered	2	14.00
Sub-Total:			\$34.00	
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	3	3.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	21	5.25
Sub-Total:			\$8.25	
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	12	895.00
Sub-Total:			\$895.00	
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	1	25.00
Sub-Total:			\$25.00	
Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$1,277.09
Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses				22.50
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				6.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				2,919.66
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$4,225.25	Total Non-Local Revenues:	
				\$2,948.16

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

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned approval of receipt of a 30-day notice to the Municipality, for a NY State Liquor License and waiving this 30-day waiting period from Great Sacandaga Golf Management LLC d/b/a The Pines Bar & Grill, 126 Pine Ave., Northville, in the Town of Northampton, NY. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and was passed by, A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Anderson, Gritsavage 0-Nays

SUPERVISOR: Supervisor Groff mentioned the new legislation that was passed that is going to cost a lot of money regarding the Public Defender Law. We are not sure who is going to pay for this.

The County and Town are trying to stay under the tax cap with their budgets but it is the State that is forcing things on us.

OLD BUSINESS:Councilman Gritsavage explained that he would like to write up a press release and get publicity out there to notify the public that the Town Board is looking into a possible speed limit from boats on the Great Sacandaga Lake within the Town of Northampton. Supervisor Groff noted that there are Navigation Laws that are on the books regarding this but nobody enforces them. The speed limit that is on the lake is called Reckless Operation. After discussion a motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to table discussion until the next meeting so board members can review the literature received by the Town Attorney regarding Noise and 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 Supervisor Groff and passed by A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson, Roosa 0-Nay

There will be 2 Public Hearings held on Tuesday, October 23, 2018.

1. On Local Law #1 of 2018 regarding “A Local Law Authorizing a Property Tax Levy in Excess of the Limit Established in General Municipal Law §3-c” at 7 p.m. and to followwith
2. The Town of Northampton 2019 Preliminary Budget at 7:15 p.m.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 21, 2018 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn:CouncilmanAndersonmotioned to adjourn at7:37p.m. Councilman Roosaseconded the motion.All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk