

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

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, December 19, 2018. Supervisor Groff called the meeting to order at 7:02 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 Art Simmons
Excused: Ivar Anderson and Nathaniel Matthews-Bookkeeper

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

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

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the November 14, 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, Gritsavage and Simmons 0-Nays

RES. #2018-19: 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	Absent
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 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Simmons 0-Nays

<u>2018 Warrants</u>		
General Fund "A"	\$42,807.03	
General Fund "B"	5,942.12	
DB Highway-Outside the Village		32,064.86
Sacandaga Lighting	1,200.35	
Sacandaga Sewer District	2,859.25	
Sacandaga Water District	2,407.31	
Trust and Agency Fund		<u>647.39</u>
Total Warrants	\$ 87,928.31	

Supervisor Groff opened to public comment at 7:01 p.m.
Randy Palmateer: Inquired about any problems at the transfer station with the Boy Scouts bottle bin. Supervisor Groff stated that he hadn't heard anything other than someone putting in garbage along with other things in with the bottles.

A sign has been put up there about only bottles put into the bin stated Mr. Palmateer.

COMMUNICATIONS

- General Fund Balance Sheet
- Monthly transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Letter from Charter Communications
- Letter from the Great Sacandaga Lake Fisheries Federation Inc. 2019 request for Town support in the amount of \$500.00. Councilman Gritsavage asked about the amount requested was included in the budget? Supervisor Groff stated that the amount has been approved in the budget. This letter is just to request the monies.

CODE ENFORCEMENT: October Report

Matthew Ginter collected \$1,257.5000 in fees. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$218,300.00. A total of (19) permits were issued in October 2018; #020-13 Permit Renewal; #078-13 Permit Renewal; #059-15 Permit renewal; #078-16 Permit Renewal; #071-17 Permit Renewal; #080-17 Permit Renewal; #074-18 Storage building; #073-18 Commercial Storage; #075-18 Addition; #077-18 Storage building; #078-18 Alterations; #079-18 Water well; #072-18 Fuel burning device; #080-18 Storage building; #076-18 Addition; #081-18 Addition; #082-18 2 car garage; #083-18 Addition; and #084-18 Deck.

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to accept the Code Enforcement October Report as presented by the Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and Adopted by a Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage and Simmons 0-Nays

November Report

Matthew Ginter collected \$100.00 in fees. The total Estimated Project Costs was \$64,000.00. A total of (2) permits were issued in November 2018; #085-18 Addition; and #087-18 Pellet stove.

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to accept the Code Enforcement November Report as presented by the Code Enforcement Officer. Seconded by Councilman Rossa and Adopted by a Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage and Simmons 0-Nays

Supervisor Groff inquired about the Winney Pond and Elmer Brown cases before the Planning Board. Mr. Ginter stated that each project is a long process.

JUSTICE: Councilman Roosa motioned to accept the November 2018 Justice Report. There was a total of 54 cases handled and a sum of \$4,102.00 collected for the motion. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion and passed by,

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

ANIMAL CONTROL: Received a NYS Agriculture and Markets Dog Control Officer Inspection Report.

HIGHWAY: Ken Cramer reported

- Snow and Ice removal
- Continuing Brush Cutting
- Ground and Bucket Truck

Repair/Maintenance:

- Truck 3 inspected.
- Serviced 2005 Garbage packer

- New Brake caliper and water pump, and new spark plugs on cemetery truck.
- Serviced cemetery dump truck
- New alternator and battery on wood chipper.

New Business

- Town Highway Garage Repairs and upgrades

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS:

There will be no meeting held on November 28 due to no new business coming before the Zoning Board of Appeals at this time.

PLANNING BOARD: The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, January 8, 2019 at 7 p.m.

CEMETERIES: Cemeteries officially closed December 1st, 2018.

AMBULANCE:

New ambulance

It was mentioned that the new ambulance has been down for some time due to faulty automatic locks explained Councilman Gritsavage. He has not heard if they had gotten the ambulance back yet. Councilman Simmons has concerns noting that he asked Jack a month ago how the ambulance was okay and I thought he indicated that everything was okay. I was surprised to hear by accident that the ambulance was still out of service. They do a great job and it probably was an over site. As board members we didn't know. I think if something like this happens in the future, we need to know. Councilman Gritsavage stated that he will mention this to the members at their next ambulance meeting.

2006 Ford E450 Ambulance.

The board was asked about the old ambulance if it was placed out for bid and if everything was removed from it. Yes everything was removed from the old ambulance explained Supervisor Groff and the sum of \$15,000 had not been met for the 2006 Ford E450 Ambulance on Auction International. It was asked if the board was interested in posting the old ambulance on another site. They offered \$7,500 and that was low. We counter offered amount of \$15,000 and it was denied. It was the consensus of the board members to post the 2006 Ford E450 Ambulance out to bid on another Auction site.

2019 Officer's on the Northampton Ambulance Service

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to accept the following officers to serve on the Northampton Ambulance Service for the Year 2019. Secretary-Jill Dunham; Representative-Joy Allen, Representative-Jeff Daum and Representative-Jerry Wildermuth and Alt. Representative-Tom Fifield. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion and passed by,

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

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the following officer's being reappointed – Jack Farquhar, EMS Chief; Jonathan Vanalstyne, 1st Asst. EMS Chief; and Open position, 2nd Asst. EMS Chief. Councilman Roosa seconded the motion and passed by,

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

HARDFILL: There were a total of 17 vehicles entered the Hardfill site and the sum of \$6.00 collected in fees for Tires for the month of November.

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

County Transfer	87.54 Ton @ \$53	\$4,639.62
Curbside Recycling	9.99 Ton @ \$20	\$ 199.80
Transfer Station Recycling	3.65 Ton @ \$10	\$ 36.50
Ground Wood Chips	46.37 Ton @ \$0.00	\$ 0.00
Total		\$4,875.92

REFUSE & GARBAGE

- The transfer station will be open 8 am to noon on Monday, December 24th, Christmas Eve and Monday, December 31st, New Year's Eve.
- The transfer station will be CLOSED on Tuesday, December 25th, Christmas Day and Tuesday, January 1st, New Year's Day.
- The transfer station will be OPEN 8 am – 4 pm on Wednesday, December 26th and Wednesday, January 2nd.
- Monday, January 21, 2019 is an official holiday, Martin Luther King Day. The transfer station will be closed. The station will be open on Tuesday, January 22, 2019 regular hours.

The new 2019 Fulton County Solid Waste Calendars are available in the Town Clerk's Office and the new 2019 Transfer Station stickers have been picked up. The Town Clerk was directed that she can now start selling the new 2019 Transfer Station stickers.

Northville Fire Department:

November 2018: There were a total of 16 responses and a total of 72.23-man hours for the month of November. Village of Northville 1-Standby in Station and 1-Lnding Zone. Town of Northampton 3 Tree on wires and 1-MVA PI. Town of Edinburg 1-Structure Fire and 1-MVA. Town of Hope 1-4-Tree on wires. Town of Benson 2-Fire Alarm Activation and 1-Tree on wires. 6 Mutual Aid Given. 2-Mutual Aid Received.

1. Members did annual BBP training.
2. Members reviewed SCBA parts and components.
3. Members did truck checks to insure all equipment is in working order.
4. Members installed tracks on ARGO
5. The 2019 regional ice rescue training is being planned

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER

November 2018

Water:

- November 2017 usage – 669,000 gallons pumped
- November 2018 usage – 815,00 gallons pumped

Meters

- Replaced Meter and meter base at Rogers residence on Mountain Road.

Repairs/Maintenance:

- Would like permission to do an RFP to hire an engineer to design and draw plans for water line replacement on Osborne Road.

Wastewater:

- November 2017- daily average flow 17,700 gallons
- November-2018- daily average flow 49,500 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance

- None to report

Supervisor Groff stated that he will call Travis Mitchell to try and get a quote on the water line project he was going to do for us. Ken Cramer has had some problems with the water pressure along Route 30. Hopefully Travis will come up with an idea and do some pressure tests to see why we're having so many problems.

TOWN CLERK

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavagemotioned to approve the Town Clerk's November 2018 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosaand was passed by,

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

12/01/2018

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

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	20	19.35
			Sub-Total:	\$19.35
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	2	27.00
	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	10	100.00
			Sub-Total:	\$127.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	5	35.00
		Male, Neutered	6	42.00
		Male, Unneutered	3	39.00
			Sub-Total:	\$116.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	13	13.00
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	7	1.75
			Sub-Total:	\$14.75
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	2	100.00
			Sub-Total:	\$100.00
Total Local Shares Remitted:				\$377.10
Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program				20.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation				331.65
Total State, County & Local Revenues:		\$728.75	Total Non-Local Revenues:	
				\$351.65

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

SUPERVISOR: The board was informed the county has lost all of Montgomery County garbage. We will be signing a contract with Hamilton County sometime within the month for them to bring their garbage down to the county.

Montgomery County has an outfit that runs there landfill and they are part of the outfit out of Seneca Falls.

OLD BUSINESS: Councilman Simmons mentioned that he was asked to look for a company to make a sign out front of the offices. He did find a company in Amsterdam that sells those. When the board wants to pursue this we can have someone from the company come up here and have them speak with the board. Supervisor Groff instructed to have them come after the first of the year.

Who is sponsoring the half -man marathon on May 19, 2019 asked Councilman Simmons? The response was the Fire Department.

NEW BUSINESS: The Village of Northville is going to buy a new garbage truck explained Supervisor Groff. Dan, Ken and I (Groff) have been talking about the inter-municipal use of the truck. They will be buying a tandem truck and the Town if going to direct haul stated Supervisor Groff. By us direct hauling we will be saving approximately \$20 a Ton. By what we save with tipping fees by hauling down there which already pay for the tipping fees. It will make our payment for the truck. Attorney Albanese noted that he felt that there should be a better description of the vehicle, the lease agreement on who it is with, and you should have some terms about the use. Attorney Albanese noted that the board could approve the agreement but recommended the agreement should be drafted to be more definitive as to exactly what it going on.

Discussion on the motion. Is the use split 50/50 asked Councilman Simmons? Supervisor Groff stated that the town puts more mileage on the truck than the Village does, at least 2 to1 mileage. It's going to be more now because you are going to be running one truck stated John Whitman. We've been running two trucks.

Response was there is no need for two trucks so we will be running one.

Mr. Whitman responded, if we don't get it all on Monday? My name was brought up before and I never stated that we'd be done by noon.

Supervisor Groff responded he knew what was said to him. We are going work at it and we will figure out a way to do it. We are going to do it with one vehicle and three people.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage moved to authorize the Supervisor to sign the Inter-municipal agreement between the Town of Northampton and Village of Northville regarding the garbage truck with the understanding that the Attorney will be viewing it and coming up with a more definitive contract.

Seconded by Councilman Roosa and was passed by,

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

Councilman Simmons questioned whether the Supervisor attended any of the recent meetings with the Community Preparedness Group. Supervisor Groff responded that he was unable to attend.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

MOTION:Councilman Gritsavage motioned to enter into Executive Session to discuss Contracts at 7:30 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and was passed by,

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

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to come out of Executive Session with no action taken at 8:03 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and was passed by,

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

Adjourn:CouncilmanGritsavagemotioned to adjourn at8:04p.m. Councilman Simmonsseconded the motion.All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk