

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
March 20, 2019**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, March 20, 2019. 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, and 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 and Matthew Ginter-CEO
Attorney-Honorable Michael Albanese

ALSO PRESENT: Jon VanAlstyne, Molly Zullo, John (Jack) Farquhar, Steve Collins, Michael Warner, Tom Fifield, Melissa Ellsworth, and Andrew Kovalovich

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve the February 20, 2019 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons and Roosa
Abstain-Anderson, he was not present at this meeting

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilman Gritsavage approved paying the warrants, Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

March 2019 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$ 32,194.83
General Fund "B"	5,168.91
Highway	40,650.78
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,265.71
Sacandaga Sewer District	2,499.05
Sacandaga Water District	2,007.04
Trust and Agency Fund – "TA"	<u>213.94</u>
Total Warrants	\$ 84,000.26

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

AMBULANCE: Jack Farquhar mentioned to the Board that they have the three contracts before them regarding the Stryker equipment.

Supervisor Groff mentioned that the three maintenance contracts were for a 1-year, a 3-year, and a 5-year contract for the \$40,000+ Stryker stretcher system.

It is a lift system, the stretcher system and the stair chair explained Mr. Farquhar.

Supervisor Groff has received the three (3) contracts from Stryker at 3800 E. Centre Ave., Portage, MI 49009 for an extended service maintenance plan for the Stryker system equipment purchased by the Northampton Ambulance Service as follows:

1-year contract– at a cost of \$2,750.00

3-Year contract – at a cost of \$7,012.50

5-Year contract– at a cost of \$11,275.00

The Stryker system equipment was purchased by the Ambulance Service thru Stryker separate from the ambulance and then they installed it stated Mr. Farquhar. It was shipped to the ambulance company that was building our ambulance for them to install.

So we lost the year guarantee because of the ambulance company asked Councilman Gritsavage?

For what we paid for it, I personally feel we should go with the 5-year contract recommended Supervisor Groff. That would be an 18% savings. I know it's expensive but it is an expensive unit.

Councilman Gritsavage doesn't have any objections to paying the 5-year contract. He was upset saying that we should have some reimbursement. We dealt with the person who we later found out that he never put the order in for the new ambulance. The Stryker system was delivered and sat on the shelf of the ambulance company for a year and we lost the years maintenance. Is there any recourse?

A suggestion was made having the Attorney writing a letter to Stryker explaining the circumstances and see if they won't extend the warrantee for us.

Stryker 5-year Maintenance Contract

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the Supervisor sign and accept the 5-year maintenance contract for the Stryker system equipment (lift system, the stretcher system and the stair chair) in the amount of \$11,275.00. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by a

Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

It was agreed unanimously by the Town Board to have the Town Attorney write a letter to Stryker explaining the circumstances and see if they won't extend the warrantee for us.

A letter should go to Ford and to Lifeline stated Mr. Farquhar. The ambulance was held up for two months because the lock could not be locked or unlocked to secure it, which every motor vehicle has one on it.

Councilman Simmons explained that he has attended most of the ambulance monthly meetings. They have been talking about the new ambulance and the problems we have had. They have discussed that they have gotten some new members. Sitting at the last meeting he stated that he had some concerns and he briefly passed them on to Supervisor Groff. Jon VanAlstyne expressed his concerns at that meeting of where they were going down the road with the Northampton Ambulance Service because of lack of members and lack of participation. He was wondering where they were going to be in two years down the road. Wanting to know, are we still going to be in business? I believe there were other individuals at that meeting were in agreement with that and some didn't. But if that is the feeling of some of the people in the Ambulance Service I think at some point, sooner rather than later, the Town Board need to sit down

with them to have a meeting just on that. Councilman Simmons stated that he had a real concern of where we are going and are we going to be here in two years. Rather wait for something seriously to happen maybe now is a time we should set up a meeting with the Supervisor, the Town Board and the Ambulance people to go over this. Jon VanAlstyne spoke that he felt they should definitely sit down and meet with the Board. To discuss how to keep membership up and running; how to keep the ambulance doors open; and how to keep the ambulance on the road.

The Town Board will hold a Special meeting on Tuesday, April 9, 2019 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bradt Municipal Building at 412 S. Main St. with the Northampton Ambulance Corps members to discuss the ambulance response to calls and any other business that comes before the board. The public is invited to attend.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned approval of new members Abby Jones and Michael T. Sheeran on the Northampton Ambulance Service. Councilman Roosa seconded the motioned and passed by a Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Monthly Report of Revenues & Expenditures
- March 2019 Newsline
- Charter Communications – Upcoming changes
- 22nd Annual Adirondack Park Local Government Conference in Lake Placid on April 3-4, 2019
- The Regulating District Newsletter March 2019 issue

CODE ENFORCEMENT: 5 permits were issued during the month of February. #003-19 Operating License; #004-19 Operating License; #005-19 Alterations; #006-19 Operating License and #007-19 Operating License. Project Totals \$7,500.00 and Total Fees Collected 1,500.00.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Code Enforcement Report as presented by the Code Enforcer. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motioned and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

Mr. Ginter updated the town board on the NYSERTA Grant he received. He spoke of the lighting portion. He is not sure if they can do all the upgrades and if they will separate the grant money for him to utilize what is left over from the lighting project portion and apply the rest of the money to do the energy upgrade for the heating system. With the heating system and the energy system that they were looking to use, you have to prove that the funds spent from the grant you will save that same amount over a twenty year period. The gentleman I am working said he will have to check the heating system and see if it will accomplish that during that time. If NYSERTA won't separate it, they will just do the lighting and they may have to abandon the other portion of the grant. He will check into this because he does not want to lose the lighting project. Supervisor Groff was in agreed in doing the lighting project.

HIGHWAY: Roads: Snow and Ice removal; Hauling snow/benching and Snow blowing with village skidsteer.

Repairs/Maintenance: New Hub, brake drum, wheel and three new studs replaced on truck #4.

New Business: Town Highway garage repairs and upgrades. Truck #4 replacement. Start planning.

Mr. Cramer is going to start posting the signs Thursday and Friday this week on the town roads to a four (4) ton limit upon erection of signs and they will remain so until signs are removed.

Discussion on Public Hearing regarding No Parking signs on Houseman St.”

Is there a reason as to east side vs. the west side of the street?

Supervisor Groff responded that there are stores on the one side and they have to have one side open. There are homeowners that cannot get out of their driveways because of the parking situation. After the discussion a motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve posting a legal notice in the town legal newspaper that the Town of Northampton will be holding a Public Hearing at the next scheduled Town Board meeting on April 17, 2019 at 7 p.m. in the Town hall at 412 S. Main St. regarding posting “No Parking signs” on the eastside of Houseman Street, in the Town of Northampton, County of Fulton, NY. going 525’ from the entrance of the Northampton State Campsite.

Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by

A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justice Report. There was a total of 29 cases handled and \$3,570.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The scheduled Zoning Board meeting that is scheduled for March 27, 2019 will be canceled due to no new business coming before the board.

PLANNING BOARD: The next scheduled meeting is April 9, 2019 at 7 p.m.

JOINT YOUTH: Councilman Gritsavage noted that a meeting was held on March 13, 2019. They discussed the upcoming 2019 Summer Program. They hired 5 lifeguards and 10 Counselors. They voted with surplus funds to purchasing more equipment. They requested an additional \$0.50 (fifty cents) raise for the summer help. Additional the Director and Assistant Director got a raise. The Assistant Director was put on a salary for the summer at \$17.50 an hour for anything she does after the summer. The summer program will be held at the Town hall as it was last year. They will be expecting to move back to the Northville Central School next year 2020.

HISTORIAN: Historian Gail Cramer has provided the board members with the February 2019 Issue of the Northville Northampton Historical Society News Letter titled “Barns”.

PUBLIC RELATIONS: The Supervisor received paperwork from Carla Kolbe on her work and she had given a Power Point to the County Board of Supervisors. They were very pleased with her work stated Supervisor Groff.

HAULING FEES: The month of February 2019 fees were as follows:

County Transfer	59.81 Ton @ \$53	\$3,169.93
Curbside Recycling	4.02 Ton @ \$20	\$ 80.40
Transfer Station Recycling	2.80 Ton @ \$10	\$ 28.00

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER

February 2019

Water:

-February-2018 usage – 1,242,000 gallons pumped

-February 2019 usage – 745,00 gallons pumped

Meters – Meter installed at 123 Circle Drive, new owners Garber’s.

Repairs/Maintenance

-Had initial meeting with Travis Mitchell regarding the Osborne Road line.

Wastewater:

-February-2018 - daily average flow 28,000 gallons

-February-2019- daily average flow 30,700 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance

- None to report

Mr. Cramer explained that he did meet with Travis and he gave him all the information that he had regarding the line replacement on Osborne Road. Mr. Cramer has marked all the curb valves.

SUPERVISOR; Mentioned he has not heard back from the individual he spoke with in Utica regarding expanding the 45 MPH speed limit on State Highway 30 to include the two intersections.

Supervisor Groff mentioned he had a meeting two days ago with Scott Henze, Travis and Rick Argotsinger from the Town of Mayfield. We are going to propose at the County level that they do the engineering plan to do the sewer line from Gloversville up here to the Sacandaga Park. We have gotten good response from several different people on the County Board. With the Smart Waters project they have permission to do it. If we can get them to run a line up here within the next several years that would at least alleviate our sewer plant problem.

The next step at our committee meeting next week they are going to do a proposal to spend up to \$30,000.00 to do the engineering study because they have money set aside for when they were going to do the line in Mayfield and nothing has happened to that in two years. I think that they will do the proposal to spend \$30,000 out of that to do the engineering study portion of it. Rather than trying to get a CFA for it, to go ahead and do the planning and feasibility study. It is a regional project.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s February 2019 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes 0-Nays

03/01/2019

**Town Clerk Monthly Report
February 01, 2019 - February 28, 2019**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty	Local Share
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	9	48.57
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1	12.50
			Sub-Total:	\$61.07

A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	58	580.00
			Sub-Total:	\$580.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	1	7.00
		Male, Neutered	2	14.00
			Sub-Total:	\$21.00
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	100	25.00
			Sub-Total:	\$25.00
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	5	1,500.00
			Sub-Total:	\$1,500.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$2,187.07
	Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses			22.50
	Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program			3.00
	Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation			3,985.43
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$6,198.00	Total Non-Local Revenues:		\$4,010.93

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

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

Legal notices have been posted that the Town Clerk has received both the Town of Northampton Annual Financial Report and the Northampton-Northville Consolidated Health District Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ending 2018. The reports are available for review in the Town Clerk's Office

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve the 2018 Annual Financial Report for the Town of Northampton for the purposes of audit by the Town of Northampton Town Board. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes 0-Nays

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the 2018 Annual Financial Report for the Consolidated Health District for the purposes of audit by the Town of Northampton Town Board.

Seconded by Councilman Roosa and

Adopted by a vote of 5 Ayes 0-Nays

NEW BUSINESS: Councilman Simmons inquired as to who is responsible for the removal of the snow on the bridge sidewalk? The Supervisor stated that he believed it was the State. Mr. Cramer stated that possibly it was the Canal Corps.

Councilman Simmons questioned going over the Northville Bridge toward State Highway 30. As you go over the bridge you are going out of the Village of Northville. He mentioned the sign "Welcome to Northville" noting that there are a couple of church signs along with some other clubs. Is that the Town sign or the Villages sign or is it both the Town and Village sign? It is the Villages, it doesn't say anything about the Town on there, stated Supervisor Groff. But it is in Town out there.

I was reading through the minutes of the Village of Northville board meeting stated Councilman Simmons and apparently the that sign out there and the one that is at the top of Gould Hill there is a move under way to take all the Civic group signs down, all the church signs down and it would just say "Welcome to Northville". They are apparently talking about taking the sign down on State Highway 30 at Willem Monster that is buried and putting up a new sign at the Information Booth. This came up at a Lions Club meeting which I am a member of, and the question came up "who's property is it out there and who's sign is it. Is it the Village? Is it the Town or the Town and Village?"

The comment was made that the DOT is driving that and they want to clean that all up. That has been driven by the State and that is the State property I believe.

The Village minutes talk about putting up a new sign on the Information Booth and that the Mayor had already spoken with the DOT and they have come up and given possible approval. If DOT doesn't want the sign right there in front of people as you start across the bridge why would they want to have it out there by the Information booth?

Response: Because it is an intersection people not need to get distracted there. They were looking at moving some of the churches, and rotary to a location further from the intersections.

I think that section of the property is owned by the Town because that is why they mow it. They've mowed it and maintained it since the bridge went in stated Supervisor Groff. We'll have to go through the Town Resolutions to see if there is anything on that.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn at 7:48 p.m. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion. All Town Board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk