

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
April 17, 2019**

The regular meeting and Public Hearing of the Town of Northampton were held on Wednesday, April 17, 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, and Ivar Anderson
Excused Councilman: Art Simmons

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance were:

Ken Cramer-Highway Superintendent
Nathaniel Matthews-Bookkeeper and Matthew Ginter-CEO
Excused Attorney-Honorable Michael Albanese

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Warner

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the March 20, 2019 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Anderson and Roosa

MOTION ON WARRANTS

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

<u>April 2019 Warrants</u>	
General Fund "A"	\$ 32,528.53
General Fund "B"	5,367.25
Highway	9,281.03
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,147.52
Sacandaga Sewer District	4,081.36
Sacandaga Water District	<u>3,454,388</u>
Total Warrants	\$ 55,860.57

Supervisor **opened the Public Hearing** on "No Parking Signs" on Houseman Street at 7:01 p.m. Ken Cramer mentioned that he has put in for a quote for three street signs with arrows pointing in both directions stating "No Parking". The Board members were in favor of these signs.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Monthly Report of Revenues & Expenditures
- 2019 Newslines
- Charter Communications – Upcoming changes

CODE ENFORCEMENT: 5 permits were issued during the month of March. #008-19 Fence; #009-19 Deck; #010-19 Major Alterations; #011-19 2-car garage and #012-19 Operating License. Project Totals \$32,800.00 and Total Fees Collected \$875.00.

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to accept the Code Enforcement Report as presented by the Code Enforcer. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motioned and passed by,
A Vote of 4-Ayes 0-Nays

Mr. Ginter updated the town board saying that he has received and sent back the signed contract regarding the Grant to NYSERTA and he is awaiting their signature and approval.

HIGHWAY: Roads: roads have been posted to 4 Ton Max Limit. Making necessary pot hole repairs. Bucket truck limb work on Bunker Hill Road and Plowing Snow.

Repairs/Maintenance: New front tire and rim on Truck #2. Rotated rear tires on 2005 Packer. NYS inspection on Truck #6 and Truck #5.

New Business: Grant update for a Mini-excavator. He has submitted the second round of paperwork and it is moving forward for a financial review.

1998 International Navistar 2674 Dump Truck

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the bid in the amount of \$4,550.00 received on Auctions International for the Town owned 1998 International Navistar 2674 Dump Truck. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion and passed by a
A Vote of 4-Ayes 0-Nays

ANIMAL CONTROL: Supervisor Groff mentioned that he wants to talk with Mr. Duesler to make sure the dog is tied up before the upcoming ½ Marathon race.

JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to accept the Justice Report. There was a total of 36 cases handled and \$5,783.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 4-Ayes 0-Nays

Joint Inter-Municipal Commission: Councilman Gritsavage noted that he needs to set a date with Mayor Spaeth for a Joint Inter-Municipal Commission meeting. He will get back with the Town board once a date has been established.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The Zoning Board of Appeals meeting that is scheduled for April 24, 2019 is canceled due to no new business coming before the board.

PLANNING BOARD: The next scheduled meeting is May 14, 2019 at 7 p.m.

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

Cemeteries: Cemeteries will be opening Monday, April 22, 2019.

Supervisor Groff thanked Highway Superintendent Ken Cramer for helping dig the grave site for Douglas Ellsworth.

Supervisor Groff spoke with Darby regarding getting the new cemetery vault done and a date of August 2019 was given to start the project. Matthew Ginter has the dimensions and location of the new vault and Ken Cramer will pour the foundation.

AMBULANCE: The Town Board mentioned that they will hold a Special meeting on Tuesday, May 7,, 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. Supervisor Groff will check with the Northville Central School (NCS) to see if they have an opening to possibly change the venue of this meeting. He will get back with the Clerk upon conformation whether or not the NCS is available for that date and time for the notification to the public. It was agreed on putting out a press release a week ahead also for the upcoming May 7, 2019 Ambulance meeting.

REFUSE & GARBAGE: Councilman Anderson suggested looking into a private service for garbage. He (Anderson) mentioned that he spoke with a gentleman at the County Solid Waste and it was brought to his attention that this gentleman has spoken with a couple of other Towns and that maybe they can make us a better deal. It was at budget time I was asking the question if we could save money, maybe insurances, and with the compactor, etc. I was wondering if it would it be cheaper for us to have private service or not. That was my only intent at the time explained Councilman Anderson. It's a little late now we've already order the truck and it's expected this spring stated Supervisor Groff.

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

County Transfer	68.32 Ton @ \$53	\$3,620.86
Curbside Recycling	7.28 Ton @ \$20	\$ 145.60
Transfer Station Recycling	2.64 Ton @ \$10	\$ 26.39
Metal Hauling Fee	2.64 Ton @\$20	\$ 52.80
Electronics	0.81 Ton @ \$00	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total		\$3,845.65

Northville Fire Report: For the month of March 2019 there were a total of 6 responses and a total of 8.23 man-hours made by the Northville Fire Department. Village of Northville had 1-Smoke Condition and 1-Standby. Town of Northampton had 1-Chimney Fire. Town of Edinburg had 1-Structure Fire and 1-Chimney. Town of Benson 1-MVA PI. 2- Mutual Aid Given. 2- Mutual Received.

Members: have started inventory of every truck per 1051. All equipment, tools and machines are pulled out of truck, written down, and checked for any imperfections in such tools. Any cracked handles, broken radios, and any other malfunctioned tools have been noted and listed for purchase. SCBA training was performed, an obstacle course was set up and breath downs were done with the Class A firefighters. Preps for the half marathon are in place, the department will be setting up traffic control for the event.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER

March 2019

Water:

-March-2018 usage – 1,209,000 gallons pumped

		Total Local Shares Remitted:	\$1,758.57
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program		13.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation		446.68
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$2,218.25	Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$459.68

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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Councilman Simmons and I have been looking into cost for a nice sign in the front of the town hall reported Supervisor Groff. The place in Amsterdam was quite expensive and he was giving us something a lot more than what we wanted. We were looking for something like what the Northville School has. I've trying to make contact with someone in the Saratoga. Councilman Anderson mentioned that he could get one more quote at least for the Board.

ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORTS

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve the 2018 Annual Financial Report for the Town of Northampton, as received and reviewed by the Town of Northampton Town Board. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes 0-Nays

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the 2018 Annual Financial Report for the Consolidated Health District, as received and reviewed by the Town Board. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes 0-Nays

NEW BUSINESS:

½ Marathon

Supervisor Groff mentioned that they are going to need 16 port-a- potties for the race at a cost quoted in the amount of \$1,888.00. They place them at each station of the race plus a bunch in the Village. We received a quote from Harry Hale who is local and he has quoted us a fee of \$1,000.00 for 16 port-a-potties. It was suggested to split the cost of \$1,000.00 with the Town paying \$500.00 and the Village paying \$500.00. What would the money be taken out of asked Councilman Anderson? From Events, responded Mr. Matthews.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Town and Village splitting the cost of \$1,000.00 for the 16 port-a-potties from Harry Hale. It was agreed that the Town of Northampton paying \$500.00 and the Village of Northville paying \$500.00 for the port-a-potties. Seconded by Councilman Anderson and

Adopted by a vote of 4 Ayes 0-Nays

Assessment Board of Review (BAR)

Supervisor Groff mentioned that he has received two letters of interest regarding the vacancy on the Assessment Board of Review, from Douglas Frye and Guy Poulin.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Douglas Frye as the new member on the Town of Northampton Assessment Board of Review to fill the vacancy of Raymund Hatch. The Unexpired Term ending 9/30/2020. Councilman Roosa seconded the motion and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes 0-Nays

Empire State Capital Volkssporters Group Walking Club

Supervisor Groff explained that both he and the Mayor have received a request from the Empire State Capital Volkssporters Group Walking Club. The Empire State Capital Volkssporters Group Walking Club would like both a 5k and 10K walk through the Village of Northville and the Town of Northampton as they had done back in 2008. Like the ½ Marathon they will have to have a lot of stations, police car coverage. Permits from DOT to shut down parts of State Highway 30 and notify everyone on those roads that someone is going to be walking and this will be just a week after the 5k walk. Supervisor Groff stated that he is going to call the group member who sent in the request and get more information for the board on their intentions.

Boy Scout Troop 55 of Northville, NY

Todd Payne, Scoutmaster for Boy Scout Troop 55 is requesting a landfill usage permit to be obtained from the Town for certain individuals to get rid of garbage collected from various bottle return stations in the Town of Northampton. Supervisor Groff stated that he will call the Troop Leader and get more information as to why they need a transfer sticker and report back to the board.

Use of the Main Street Town Park

Mr. Don Gifford requested the use of the Village Waterfront Park for the Radio Club for the weekend of June 21, thru the 23, 2019 with the Village of Northville Board. But an event was already committed for that same weekend by the Adirondack ADK trail. Mr. Gifford's request was denied due to this conflict and Mr. Gifford's request for the Radio Club was then referred to Supervisor Groff by the Village of Northville. Supervisor Groff is presenting this request from Mr. Don Gifford tonight to the Town Board for the possible use of the Main Street Town Park the weekend of June 21, 2019 for his event.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned approval of Don Gifford's use of the Town Park the weekend of June 21, thru 23, 2019 pending the Town receiving the completed town application paperwork along with providing an Insurance Certificate naming the Town of Northampton. Councilman Roosa seconded the motion and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes 0-Nays

Closing Public Hearing

Supervisor Groff closed the Public Hearing at 7:30 p.m., upon hearing no public comment at the duly held Public Hearing regarding "No Parking Signs" being erected on Houseman Street.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned approval of erecting “No Parking Signs” on Houseman St. 525 feet north from the beginning of the Northampton State Campsite. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes 0-Nays

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7 p.m.

Into Executive Session

Councilman Anderson motioned enter into Executive Session to discuss personnel at 7:32 p.m.

Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes 0-Nays

Out of Executive Session

Councilman Anderson motioned to exit the Executive Session at 7:43 p.m. with no action taken.

Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion and passed

A Vote of 4-Ayes 0-Nays

Discussion on the motion: Supervisor Groff stated that the Town Clerk will continue with the salary she was being paid for the water and sewer billing for the year 2019 and it will remain the same for the Town Clerk as far as he is concerned after the first of January 2020. The reason he (Groff) is giving this to Wendy is not because of personalities or because she has worked for him before. It’s because she is doing the program now, she understands the program, and we can transfer over the information and have it all in one program. We have been working on this since I’ve (Groff) has been here for 5 years and we are not any further than we were then stated the Supervisor.

We never did have the fee or figures given to me that were needed to be punched into the meter reading program explained the Town Clerk. We have had a separate meter reading program created along with the current rate system program since 2008 and no amount of figures were ever given to me to move forward to come up with a water-sewer billing using meter readings. I have discussed this with Mr. Matthews and mentioned that I have been keeping all information in both the meter reading program and the rate system program updated so they both had the current information. An engineer was hired in 2012 and he could not come up with figures to work with a working meter reading/billing program. But this is less work for you (Town Clerk) to have to do stated Supervisor Groff. We have to get this done and we have been talking about this for 5 years and we are going to move ahead stated Supervisor Groff. It is nothing against you it is just that you will be doing less work. The Town Clerk stated Yvonne and I have been training on the new program per your request. It is no use for you and Yvonne to train because if you leave Yvonne is not going to stay and take over as the Clerk stated Supervisor Groff. We are moving ahead with Wendy because she has been working with the water meter program with the Village of Northville and it will not cost the town anything because we have been paying her to work for me, stated the Supervisor.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to hire Wendy Reu as the Sacandaga Park Water-Sewer District billing clerk we are already paying her as working for the Supervisor and it will not cost the town anything. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes 0-Nays

Adjourn: Councilman Anderson motioned to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion. All Town Board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk