

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
January 15, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, January 15, 2020. 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, Molly Zullo and William Gritsavage,
Excused: Art Simmons

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance were:

Nathaniel Matthews-Bookkeeper
Ken Cramer-Highway Superintendent

ALSO PRESENT: Honorably Michael Albanese, Michael Warner, and Steve Collins

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the December 30, 2019 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilwoman Zullo and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Zullo and Roosa 0-Nays

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Joint Fire District meeting minutes on December 12, 2019 as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Zullo 0-Nays

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilman Gritsavage approved paying the warrants, Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Zullo 0-Nays

January 2020 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$ 32,647.10
General Fund "B"	6,046.28
Highway	29,496.08
Sacandaga Fire District	106,216.00
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,314.33
Sacandaga Sewer District	7,971.38
Sacandaga Water District	<u>8,280.11</u>
Total Warrants	\$191,971.28

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Workers Compensation 4th Quarter Assessment
- Charter Communications – Upcoming changes

Supervisor Groff open the meeting for public comment at 7:01 p.m.

JUSTICE:

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justice Report. There was a total of 48 cases handled and \$2,843.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Zullo 0-Nays

RES. #2020-02: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING ANNUAL EXAMINATION AND SIGN-OFF OF THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON JUSTICE COURT RECORDS AND DOCKETS

The aforementioned Resolution was offered by Councilman Roosa and moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage.

VOTE:	James Groff	Aye	Molly Zullo	Aye
	William Gritsavage	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
	Art Simmons	Absent		

Election: the following is the 2020 Elections schedule in Fulton Co.
Wednesday, March 18, 2020 Villages of Northville and Broadalbin - 12 noon to 9 pm
Presidential Primary: Tuesday April 28, 2020 – 6 am to 9 pm
Primary Election: Tuesday, June 23, 2020 – 6 am to 9 pm
General Election: Tuesday, November 3, 2020 – 6 am to 9 pm

CODE ENFORCEMENT: 3 permits were issued during the month of December. #091-19-Addition to home; #096-19 Addition to home and 1 municipal search. \$210.00.00 collected in fees.

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

HIGHWAY:

November Report

Roads:

- Winter Preparations
- Hauling and stockpiling ice control sand for winter
- Ground/Aerial Brush/tree limb removal

Repairs/Maintenance

- New front tire/tube on backhoe.
- Replaced solenoid on puck up truck sander
- Repaired broken front spring on truck #2
- Replaced both air tanks on truck #2
- Serviced backhoe oil change/all filters
- Will add to the Class action lawsuit against International. Ken was asked to email or fax the paperwork to the Attorney for review.

New Business

- NYS shared services agreement.
- Lincoln Ave. R.O.W. issues
- Would like board approval to proceed with pickup truck replacement

New Member

A letter of interest was received on becoming a member on the Zoning Board of Appeals.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage approved the acceptance of John (Peter) Stofa as a new member on the Town of Northampton Zoning Board of Appeals to replace Dennis Miller for the unexpired term of December 2021. Seconded by Councilwoman Zullo and

Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Zullo 0-Nays

PLANNING BOARD: The next scheduled meeting is February 11, 2020 at 7 p.m.

ANIMAL CONTROL: The Town Board has acknowledged that they received and reviewed the Town Animal Control 2019 Annual Report.

CEMETERY: Supervisor Groff mentioned that the vault is done and it looks good. Councilman Roosa mentioned that he wished that the vault was brought up a little bit higher because is surrounded by water by the doorway. Supervisor Groff stated that Darby did mention that to him and it was suggested on digging that area up and laying down stone around there. There was discussion on the size of the vault and how much room was available inside. Supervisor Groff mentioned that the older vault needs to come down possibly in the spring of 2020.

AMBULANCE: The Northampton Ambulance (NAS) meeting was held on January 14, 2020 with 15 members in attendance. In December 2019 NAS responded to the following. Town of Northampton 8, Village of Northville 8, Town of Hope 3 and Edinburg 1.

The Town Board has received the 2019 Northampton Ambulance Service – Member Responses

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

County Transfer	12.89 Ton @ \$53	\$ 683.17
Municipal Direct Haul	58.08 Ton @ \$33	\$1,916.64
Curbside Recycling	7.63 Ton @ \$20	\$ 152.60
Transfer Station Recycling	3.55 Ton @ \$10	\$ 35.50
Metal Hauling Fee	2.35 Ton @ \$20	<u>\$ 47.60</u>
Total		\$2,834.91

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER

November 2019

Water:

- November 2018 usage – 815,00 gallons pumped
- November-2019 usage – 1,173,000 gallons pumped

Meters making necessary changes to meters with reading errors

Repairs/Maintenance

- Lane Christenson Co. removed broken off well pump form well #4
- Performed well rehab on well #4 and installed new well pump and motor in well #4
- DOH annual site inspection.

Wastewater:

- November-2018- daily average flow 49,500 gallons
- November-2019 - daily average flow 74,700 gallons
- No new issues to report

		Male, Neutered	2	14.00
		Male, Unneutered	1	13.00
		Replacement Tags	1	3.00
		Sub-Total:		\$57.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	7	7.00
		Sub-Total:		\$7.00
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	2	185.00
		Sub-Total:		\$185.00
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	1	25.00
		Sub-Total:		\$25.00
		Total Local Shares Remitted:		\$678.38
	Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program		10.00
	Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation		23.62
	Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$712.00	Total Non-Local Revenues:	\$33.62

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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NEW BUSINESS

RES #2020-02: Resolution and Determination of the Town of Northampton Authorizing the Establishment of the Northville Joint Fire District.

The aforementioned Resolution was offered by Councilman Gritsavage and moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Roosa.

VOTE:	James Groff	Aye	Molly Zullo	Aye
	William Gritsavage	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
	Art Simmons	Absent		

Signing off on 2019 Town Clerk's Records

All of the 2019 Town Clerk Cash Receipt's, Ledger, monthly reports, deposits and monthly bank statements, were reviewed and signed off by Town Board members present - Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Zullo Absent-Councilman Simmons 0-Nays

2020 Contract between the Town of Northampton and the Fulton County Planning Department.

MOTION: Councilman Anderson motioned to approve Supervisor Groff signing the 2020 Contract between the Town of Northampton and the Fulton County Planning Department which is the same as last year. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Zullo 0-Nays 0-Nay

NYSERDA Energy Audit – Energy Efficiency Study Proposal 8-30-2019.

Received bids on proposal to complete an Energy Efficiency Project Study for the Town of Northampton from:

C&S Engineers Inc.- 41 State St., Suite 600, Albany, NY – proposal to complete an Energy Efficiency Study for the Town of Northampton project cost in the amount of \$4,810.31 and;

L&S Energy Services, Inc.; 58 Clifton Country Rd., Suite 203, Clifton Park, NY 12065 - – proposal to complete an Energy Efficiency Study for the Town of Northampton project cost in the amount \$3,000.00.

Both will complete the energy audit and both are good according to the liaison stated Mr. Matthews. It would be paid for by the grant.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the bid in the amount of \$3,000.00 to complete an Energy Efficiency Project Study for the Town of Northampton from L&S Energy Services, Inc.; 58 Clifton Country Rd., Suite 203, Clifton Park, NY 12065. Seconded by Councilwoman Zullo and passed by,

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

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 7 p.m.

There was discussion on the scheduled March 18, 2020 Town Board meeting and there being a Village of Northville Election the same day that will be held in the conference room.

MOTION: It was unanimously approved by all board members present that the Town Board meeting scheduled for March 18, 2020 will not be changed and said meeting will be held in the basement of the Town Hall, 412 S. Main St., Northville, NY at 7 P.M.

Adjourn: Councilman Roosa motioned to adjourn at 7:40 p.m. Councilman Groff seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk