

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
February 19, 2020**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, February 19, 2020. Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Gritsavage 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.40

PRESENT: Deputy Supervisor/Councilman: William Gritsavage
Councilmen: Darryl Roosa, and Art Simmons
Excused: Supervisor James Groff and Councilwoman Molly Zullo

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance were:

Ken Cramer-Highway Superintendent
Anthony Fancher-CEO
Attorney-Honorable Michael Albanese
Excused-Nathanial Matthews-Bookkeeper

ALSO PRESENT: Michael Warner and Andrew Kovalovich

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the January 7, 2020 Joint Fire District Public Hearing meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a vote of 3-Ayes: Gritsavage, Simmons and Roosa

Councilman Simmons mentioned that he was not present at the Organizational meeting and the January 15, 2020 regularly scheduled Town Board meeting. Therefore, hence no quorum is present tonight to approve the minutes. The board unanimously agreed to waive approval until the next Town Board meeting which is scheduled to be held on March 18, 2020.

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilman Roosa approved paying the warrants, Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by, A Vote of 3-Ayes: Gritsavage, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

<u>Warrants</u>	
General Fund "A"	\$ 44,276.72
General Fund "B"	23,800.54
Highway	39,961.61
Sacandaga Lighting District	4,413.73
Sacandaga Sewer District	6,592.26
Sacandaga Water District	<u>8,151.45</u>
Total Warrants	\$124,196.31

Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Gritsavage opened the Public Comment Session at 7:01 p.m. Having no one present wanting to speak Deputy Supervisor/Councilman Gritsavage he was continuing on with the meeting.

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Monthly Report of Revenues & Expenditures
- Charter Communications – Upcoming changes
- Workers Compensation 4th quarter assessment
- Newslines January 2020 issue
- December 2019 results of a survey of NY emergency medical service workforce conducted by the NYS Emergency Medical Services Council “EMS Workforce Shortage in NYS – Where are the Emergency Medical Responders?”

2020 Fuel Bids

2020 Fuel Bids were received as follows:

Shepard Oil Co. Inc., P.O. Box 298, Johnstown, NY 12095

The bid read as follows:

#2 Fuel Oil price	Albany rack	+.20 cents =	\$2.005 a gallon
Kerosene price	Albany rack	+.20 cents =	\$2.269 a gallon
Diesel (winter blend 60/40)	Albany rack	+.20 cents =	\$2.1286 a gallon

G.A. Bove & Sons, Inc., 1537 Route 30, Wells, NY 12190

The bid read as follows:

#2 Fuel Oil price	\$1.79	+.23 cents =	\$2.02
Kerosene price	\$2.046	+.23 cents =	\$2.276
Diesel Fuel price	\$1.792	+.23 cents =	\$2.022

Mirabito Energy Products, The Metrocenter-49 Court St., P.O. Box 5306, Binghamton, N.Y. 13902-5306

#2 Fuel Oil price	net delivered price	=	\$2.1183*
Kerosene price	net delivered price	=	\$2.3550*
Diesel	net delivered price	=	\$2.1295*

*Fluctuating price is based on the Global rack Albany, NY price the day of delivery plus a firm differential of .4250 per gallon

*Leaking Underground Storage Fee (L.U.S.T. Fee) of .001 per gallon will be added as a separate line item on the invoice.

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned the approval and awarded the “2020 Fuel Bid” for the Town of Northampton that was received from Shepard Oil Company Inc., P.O. Box 298, Johnstown, New York 12095. The bid read as follows:

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Seconded by Councilman Simmons and

Adopted by a vote of 3-Ayes: Gritsavage, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

CODE ENFORCEMENT: 3 permits were issued during the month of January. #033-17 Addition renewal fee; #083-19 Permit Renewal; and #000-20 Major Alterations/Repair over \$1,000.00. Total fees collected \$167.50.

Mr. Fancher, CEO has reported that he has been working on building maintenance: building a storage closet for the historian, patching and painting walls in stairway and replacing broken ceiling tiles. Mr. Fancher has finished his last class and is now a Certified Code Enforcement Official. He will be attending the Northern Adirondack Code Officials Education Conference from March 1st thru the 5th in Lake Placid for introduction to the new 2020 codes.

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to accept the Code Enforcement Report as presented by the Code Enforcer. Councilman Roosa seconded the motioned and passed by,
A Vote of 3-Ayes: Gritsavage, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

HIGHWAY

JOHN DEERE 410L BACKHOE

RES. #04 OF 2020 AUTHORIZING ISSUANCE OF STATUTORY INSTALLMENT BOND OF TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON, FULTON COUNTY, NEW YORK in The Amount Of \$108,500.00 Dollars
The aforementioned Resolution was offered by Councilman Simmons and moved its adoption. Seconded by Councilman Roosa.

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

The Town has received paperwork of a highway crew member retiring and Ken Cramer is asking for permission to advertise for that position.

MOTION: Councilman Simmons approved the Highway Superintendent to advertise for the position of highway crew member, which will replace the retiring highway employee, in the local newspaper of general circulation. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by
A Vote of 3-Ayes: Gritsavage, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

Mr. Cramer is requesting the Clerk post in the legal newspaper of general circulation a notice that he will be posting all town roads to a four (4) ton limit upon erection of signs and will remain so until signs are removed.

JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to accept the Justice Report. There was a total of 24 cases handled and \$2,648.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by, A Vote of 3-Ayes: Gritsavage, Simmons and Roosa 0-Nays

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS

The scheduled Zoning Board meeting that is scheduled for February 26, 2020 has be cancelled due to no new business coming before the board.

There will be a training session on February 21, 2020 at 5:00 p.m.– 8:30 p.m. sponsored by the Fulton County/Montgomery County Planning Board which will be held at the Fulton-Montgomery Community College – for members of ZBA, Planning Boards, Elected Officials, Municipal Attorneys, Code Enforcement and Zoning Enforcement Officers and others are invited to attend this training session.

PLANNING BOARD: The January 14, 2020 meeting was cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is March 10, 2020 at 7 p.m.

JOINT YOUTH: Councilman Gritsavage noted that a meeting is scheduled for Monday, March 16, 2020 at 7 p.m. They will be discussing the upcoming 2020 Summer Program hires and 2020 Budget.

HISTORIAN: Historian Gail Cramer has provided the board members with the January 2020 Issue of the Northville Northampton Historical Society News Letter titled “Northville Railroad Station 1875-1930”.

AMBULANCE: Councilman Gritsavage mentioned that he did attend the ambulance meeting the other night. I asked about all the publicity with the lawsuits between the two agencies concerning ambulance transfer services at Nathan Littauer Hospital has been in the newspaper quite a bit over who is going to get the contract and it does not affect Northampton.

Refuse and Garbage: 2020 A-to-Z Policy Guide Book has been received.

HAULING FEES: The month of January 2020 fees were as follows:

County Transfer	14.59 Ton @ \$53	\$ 773.27
Municipal Direct Haul	57.76 Ton @ \$33	\$1,906.08
Curbside Recycling	8.65 Ton @ \$20	\$ 259.50
Transfer Station Recycling	4.68 Ton @ \$10	<u>\$ 93.60</u>
Total		\$3,032.45
Municipal Direct Haul	6.81 Ton @ \$33	\$ 208.23

Northville Fire Reports: For the month of December 2019 there were a total of 11 responses and a total of 10 man-hours made by the Northville Fire Department. Village of Northville had 1-Stand By; 1-Lift Assist (EMS) and 2-Alarm Activation. Town of Northampton had –Lift Assist (EMS); 1-Motor Vehicle accident and 1-Chimney Fire. Town of Edinburg had 1-Stand By Station and MVA/Rescue. Town of Hope had cancelled enroute. Town of Benson had 1-Hazardous Conditions. 4- Mutual Aid Given. 4- Mutual Aid Received.

- Mustang Suits for Ice Rescue (2) are now in service;
- Holiday parade was a success;
- Still Spec'ing Fire apparatus; Argo Training was done;
- Truck checks and maintenance was done;
- Ambulance training was done with power stretcher and driver training;
- EMS Equipment 02 updated and put in service.
- *NFD does not run EMS but have 3 EMT's that are Firefighters (that can and have been utilized for Patient care when and if needed).; and
- District talks and meetings have been held.

For the month of January 2020 there were a total of 13 responses and a total of 12.50 man-hours made by the Northville Fire Department. Village of Northville had 1-Fire Alarm Activation. Town of Northampton had 1-Alarm Activation and 4-Hazardous Conditions. The Town of Edinburg had 1-Fire

