

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING AND
PUBLIC HEARING**

October 21, 2020

The regular meeting and Public Hearing was held on Wednesday, October 21, 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:

Nathanial Matthews-Bookkeeper, Ken Cramer-Highway Superintendent and Water/Sewer Maintenance Operator, and Honorably Michael Albanese

Also present: Kenneth Adamczyk

Supervisor opened the floor to the Public Hearing and public comment at 7:04 p.m.

Speaker: Ken Adamczyk CRG – Fulton County Center for Regional Growth

He discussed the Northville/Northampton Marketing Strategy Proposal that was in the board members packets. The Village approached me on the status of a CRG on trying to figure out a marketing plan. When we went to develop it, we just did both because it is a joint community. What you have is not a completed document it is a working document for both the Town Board and Village Board. If you want any changes in it just let me know and I will rewrite whatever the changes are. The Village Board does have to board members that are on a committee to work on this. Once the documentation is done then Ken stated that he would do the cost analysis for what you are looking for. For your information part of my degree is in marketing. I wanted to reach out to you board members with the first working document, now please feel free to jump in wherever you want and we will make whatever you would like in the document.

Ken Adamczyk mentioned that the CRG has started another project. He mentioned that since most cities are pandemic central many businesses are thinking of moving to more rural areas. We got locked down from going out and advertising to all the places we normally go to such as conferences and IASC – they got canceled also. What we at CRG have decided to do was to build a magazine that is business focused and business central. It is going to get mailed out to will go out to Nationally, Internationally, locally, all of NYS CEOs', site collector from around the globe, the IASC which is the Industrial Association of Manufactures Committee, businesses in our county. The first print will be approximately 5,000 copies. If things stay open, the release party is going to be held on December 5. It should be going to print the first week in November. It will be a yearly magazine. We are getting a lot of interest and a lot of calls than we did in the past.

It would be nice if you did an article on the future plan on the sewer line on State Highway 30 and 30A stated Councilman Gritsavage.

I would post that in the next issue stated Ken Adamczyk. I think that is what needs to happen up here because there are so many things that can be built such as hotels, resorts, something with a banquet facility up here. It would be amazing because you have the lake and you have the beauty of the area. By selling the county in this manner and by giving them a high-quality magazine that answers some of their questions that they don't have to research and we put a face to Fulton County.

Minutes

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the September 16, 2020 Regular Town Board meeting 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
0-Abstain

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve the September 23, 2020 proposed 2021 Budget work session as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Zullo
0-Nays
0-Abstain

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilwoman Zullo approved paying the August 2020 warrants as presented, Seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,
A Vote of 4-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Zullo
0-Nays
0-Abstain

<u>October 2020 Warrants</u>	
General Fund "A"	\$ 29,184.04
General Fund "B"	4,257.00
Highway	67,682.70
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,038.74
Sacandaga Sewer District	1,962.08
Sacandaga Water District	<u>2,680.83</u>
Total Warrants	\$106,805.39

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Monthly Report of Revenues & Expenditures
- Tug Hill Times-NYS Tug Hill Commission September 25, 2020 issue
- In Session Association of Towns' Legislative Newsletter
- Newslines October 2020 issue
- Impending NYS Maximum Contaminant Levels for PFOA and PFOS
- Robin Shepard Oil Company, Inc./Mirabito Energy Products
- Information for local governments and landowners on the decommissioning of large-scale solar panel systems

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Building permits issued were as follows:

*September 2020 - 17 permits that were issued: P03-2020: Major Subdivision; Single family home; 2-Demolition; 2-Septic System/repair; 3-Car Detached Garage; Manufactured Home; Major Subdivision; Three Season room addition; Storage Building; Renewal permit-Major alterations/repairs; Family Modular Home; 2-Car Detached Garage; Bedroom; and Single Family Home. \$4,390.59 was collected in fees.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the Code Enforcement Officers September 2020 report. Seconded by Councilwoman Zullo and passed by a

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

0-Nays

0-Abstain

It was brought to the Town Boards attention that it is believed that someone is living in a shanty on Bunker Hill Road. They were splitting logs in the road on Saturday. Supervisor Groff noted that he will speak with the CEO and have him check it out.

HIGHWAY

September 2020 Report

- Completed paving on Skiff Road, Ryder Road and Old Fish House Road.
- Completed installing shoulders on newly paved roads.
- Helped Town of Edinburg and the Town of Day complete their paving projects for the season.
- Continue to cut roadside ground brush on Elmer Brown Road.

Repairs/Maintenance

- Begin to start winter equipment preparation.
- Shared service agreement with NYS DOT
- Changed out damaged culvert on Houseman Street, that is the last part of the FEMA project. We should be getting reimbursed for it.

New Business

- Hired a new employee (Paul Wieland)
- 2021 Budget

Supervisor Groff mentioned talking with the County Highway Superintendent as to why we are paying so much more for road salt.

JUSTICE

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justices September Report.

There was a total of 27 cases handled and \$3,962.50 was collected in fines for the month of September 2020. Councilman Roosa seconded the motion and passed by,

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

0-Nays

0-Abstain

COURT CLERKS

With all the discovery, all the new paperwork and all the new rules with the court system and COVID Justice Paulette Lewek came to the Supervisor and requested hiring court clerks for the Town Justice

Court. Supervisor Groff gave the Justices okay to hire the Court Clerks right away. They have hired Patti Eschler and Amanda Herlan.

ELECTION: The November 3, 2020 polling sites at both the Town hall in Northville and at the Church in Fish House will open for the 2020 General Election from 6 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The Town Clerk has the list of early voting hours and where it is taking place for the General Election in Fulton County for any registered voter that is interested in voting early.

PLANNING BOARD

The next Planning Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 4, 2020 at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Supervisor Groff reported that as far as the COVID-19 in Fulton County it is pretty steady right now. I don't there has been any new cases at all.

CEMETERIES: Stu is home from the hospital.

HISTORIC: The Board members received the Northville Northampton Historical Society September 2020 issue titled "Clarence Davison was a Memorable Character".

The Historical signs that were dropped off have been stored in the cold storage building stated Ken Cramer. These are for the driving tour around the lake of historical sites explained Supervisor Groff. I have the list of the names on the signs but I don't know where they wanted them placed.

Supervisor Groff stated that the Town had received a fence from the Town of Hope. It has been cleaned up and it has been placed around the little cemetery in Fish House.

There was discussion on finding out what to do if and when a cemetery is deemed abandoned.

Joint Youth: The Joint Youth Commission is holding its 1st Halloween House Decorating Contest this year with the Northampton/Northville residents. Judging will take place on 10/28 and 10/29. The categories are the Spookiest, the Funniest, the Brightest, the Most unique and the Best Halloween spirit. The winners will receive a \$25 gift card.

AMBULANCE

Northampton Ambulance meeting was held on October 13, 2020 with 8 members in attendance.

September Emergency Calls: 1 in the Town of Northampton and 5 in the Village of Northville.

Councilwoman Zullo mentioned that 6 out of 22 calls were responded to.

It was mentioned that the County isn't doing much about the ambulance service. They are waiting for the COVID virus to be over.

Refuse and Garbage

The **Veteran's Day Holiday** will be celebrated on **Wednesday, November 11, 2020** which does not affect the transfer stations hours.

The **Thanksgiving Holiday** includes Thanksgiving Day, **Thursday, November 26, 2020** and the day after, **Friday, November 27**, however, they do not affect the station hours.

The transfer station will be open on **Saturday, November 28**, regular hours.

Hardfill: Hardfill site will be closing November 21, 2020 for the winter

HAULING FEES: The month of September fees were as follows:

County Transfer Haul	55.61 Ton @ \$53	\$2,947.33
Municipal Direct Haul	81.62 Ton @ \$33	\$2,693.46
Curbside Recycling	12.15 Ton @ \$30	\$ 364.50
Transfer Station Recycling	4.76 Ton @ \$20	\$ 95.20
Metal Hauling Fee	4.52 Ton @ \$20	\$ 90.40
Transfer Station Electronics	0.95 Ton @ \$0	\$ 0.00
Total		\$6,190.89

NORTHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

September 2020 Fire Report

There was a total of 7 responses during the month of September and a Total Man Hours 6.0.

Village of Northville had 0 responses. Town of Northampton had 5 responses. 1-Vehicle Fire; 1-Camper/Travel Trailer Fire; 1-Trash Fire and 2-Fire Alarm Activation. Town of Edinburg had 1-MVA. Town of Hope had 0. Town of Benson had 1-Trash Fire 1-Mutual Aid Given and 5-Mutual Aid was Received.

Department Notes: 1. Still Practicing Social Distancing and taking precautions. Starting to do some in house training. 2. Still working on changing reports to I AM Responding, it is a process. 3. State has started some Training with limited seats available. 4. Have two new members, a transfer from Scotia, Danielle Jachlewski and Ethan Moore, A Junior Firefighter. 5. 1011 is back and in service. It was at Allison Transmission for Warranty work. No cost to us. The shop then backed 1011 into the platform of a ladder truck and did body damage to it. They had the body work done, no charge, and now it's back.

The Northville Joint Fire District has filed their 2021 Preliminary Budget with the Town Clerk.

Closed the Public Hearing at 7:50 p.m. on The Alterations of the Boundaries of Fire Protection District FD021 Close Public Hearing to Consider the Alteration of the Boundaries of Fire Protection District FD021 Pursuant to Town Law §172-c.

Councilwoman Zullo motioned to close the Public Hearing to consider the Alterations of the Boundaries of Fire Protection FD021 Pursuant to Town Law §172-c. Councilman Gritsavage seconded the motion.

Roll Call Vote

James Groff	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye	Art Simmons	Absent
Molly Zullo	Aye		
0-Nay			
0-Abstain			

Res. 2020 - 14: Resolution to Approve the Alterations of the Boundaries of Fire Protection District FD021 Pursuant to Town Law §172-c.

After discussion on resolution 2020-14 a motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Alterations of the Boundaries of Fire Protection District FD021 Pursuant to Town Law §172-c.

Councilman Roosa seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE:

Supervisor James K Groff	Aye
Councilman Art Simmons	Absent
Councilwoman Molly Zullo	Aye
Councilman William Gritsavage	Aye
Councilman Darryl Roosa	Aye

0-Nay
0-Abstain

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER

September 2020

Water

- September 2019 usage – 1,292,000 gallons pumped
- September 2020 usage – 1,508,000 gallons pumped

Meters

- Working towards completing the water meter reading issues.

Repairs/Maintenance

- No new repairs.

There was discussion of a water tank at Leo Cristiano's. and the neighbor is having trouble with water and possible getting a water tank also. Cristiano Pizza doesn't have a water tank yet. He hasn't gotten back to us with a space for the tank. He needs to have a an area where the tank doesn't freeze so he will have to close it in himself.

Wastewater

- September 2019 – daily average flow 16,000 gallons
- September 2020 – daily average flow 12,100 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance

- Equipment arrived for sewer plant repairs
- Work to begin next week 10/28

TOWN CLERK

MOTION: Councilwoman Zullo motioned to approve the Town Clerk's monthly report from September 2020 as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

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

0-Nays

0-Abstain

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report
September 01, 2020 - September 30, 2020**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty
Local Share			
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	84
234.94	Death Certificate	Death Certificate	39
	390.00		
	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	3
	30.00		

	Registrar Fee 44.00	Registrar Fee	2
	Town Clerk Fees 25.00	Marriage License	2
		Sub-Total:	
		\$723.94	
A2130 260.00	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	26
		Sub-Total:	
		\$260.00	
A2544 0.00	Dog Licensing	Exempt Dogs	1
		Female, Spayed 70.00	10
		Female, Unspayed 39.00	3
		Male, Neutered 84.00	12
		Male, Unneutered 52.00	4
		Sub-Total:	
		\$245.00	
A2770 4.00	Minor Sales	Fax	4
	Photo Copy 5.75	Photo Copy	23
		Sub-Total:	
		\$9.75	
B2555 4,390.59	Building Permits	Building Permits	17
		Sub-Total:	
		\$4,390.59	

**Total Local Shares Remitted:
\$5,629.28**

Amount paid to:	New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses	45.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	43.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation	4,181.06

Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$9,898.34
\$4,269.06

Total Non-Local Revenues:

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

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Gritsavage motioned to enter into Executive Session 7:58 p.m. to discuss personnel.

Councilman Roosa seconded the motion and passed by,

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

0-Nays

0-Abstain

Councilman Gritsavage motioned to exit Executive Session 8:02 p.m. with no action taken. Councilman Roosa seconded the motion and passed by,

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

0-Nays

0-Abstain

2021 Preliminary Budget

Discussion: Supervisor Groff mentioned that he was informed by the representative of the Kenyetto Fire District LLC that everything is the same and there were no changes from last year to their 2021 contract.

After discussion on the 2021 Tentative Budget a motion was made as follows:

MOTION Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the 2021 Tentative Budget as the 2021 Town of Northampton Preliminary Budget with a tax rate of \$1.55 per thousand; a Sewer rate of \$40.00 per point; and the Lighting District tax rate of \$0.27 per thousand. The Town Clerk is to post that the Town Board will hold a Public Hearing on November 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. on the 2021 Preliminary Budget and the 2021 contract with the Kenyetto Fire District LLC. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by

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

0-Nays

0-Abstain

SUPERVISOR

Supervisor Groff mentioned that they will be holding a meeting regarding the discussion on a new sewer line and working with Rob Streeter and the head of the DEC. When Mayfield put their sewer plant in they were originally going to hook up with Gloversville. They had all the engineering done to hook their plant up with Gloversville. Gloversville would cooperate but Johnstown would not cooperate.

2-Hollon 2 Hour Fire Proof Safes

Supervisor Groff informed the board that the Town of Mayfield has purchased one of the 2-Hollon 2 Hour Fire Proof Safes. Supervisor Groff asked the Town Board if they would be interested in possibly donating the second Hollon 2 Hour Fire Proof Safe to the Northville Fire District because they have just formed the district and they have no safe at this time.

After discuss a motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve donating the remaining Hollon 2 Hour Fire Proof Safe to the newly formed Northville Fire District. Councilwoman Zullo seconded the motion and passed by,

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

0-Nays

0-Abstain

A Public Hearing for the 2021 Town of Northampton Preliminary Budget and the 2021 Kenyetto Fire District LLC contract has been scheduled for Wednesday, November 10, 2020 at 5:30 p.m.

The next Regular Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, November 18, 2020 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to adjourn at 8:18 p.m. Councilwoman Zullo seconded the motion. All board members present were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk