

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING**

November 18, 2020

The regular meeting was held on Wednesday, November 18, 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, William Gritsavage and 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

MINUTES

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the October 21, 2020 Regular Town Board meeting and Public Hearing on the Alterations of the Boundaries of Fire Protection District FD021 minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Roosa, and Zullo
0-Nays
0-Abstain

MOTION: Councilwoman Zullo motioned to approve the Regular Town Board meeting and Public Hearing for the 2021 Preliminary Budget and the 2021 Kenneyto Fire Company, Inc. Contract November 10, 2020 minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Roosa, and Zullo
0-Nays
0-Abstain

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilman Gritsavage approved paying the October 2020 warrants as presented, Seconded by Councilwoman Zullo and passed by,
A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Simmons and Zullo
0-Nays
0-Abstain

October 2020 Warrants

| | |
|-----------------------------|--------------|
| General Fund "A" | \$ 68,517.54 |
| General Fund "B" | 7,057.28 |
| Highway | 4,161.50 |
| Sacandaga Lighting District | 1,110.50 |
| Sacandaga Sewer District | 5,543.16 |

Sacandaga Water District
Total Warrants

6,989.96
\$ 93,379.94

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Monthly Report of Revenues & Expenditures
- Charter Communications

CODE ENFORCEMENT: Building permits issued were as follows:

*October 2020 - 11 permits and 1 Municipal Search that were issued during the month of October: Single Family Home; #052-15 Deck renewal permit; Water Well; Unheated garage 28' x 36'; #084-20 Major alterations/Repair; #080-20 Fence; 18' x 20' Garage; #088-20 Foundation/slab; #093-20 Res Storage Building; #091-20 a Water Well; #092-20 Major Alterations/Repair. \$707.50 was collected in fees.

MOTION: Councilwoman Zullo motioned to accept the Code Enforcement October 2020 report.

Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by a
Vote of 5-Ayes: Simmons, Gritsavage, Zullo, Roosa and Groff

0-Nays

0-Abstain

HIGHWAY

October 2020 Report

Roads:

- Continued brush cutting on several roads.
- Leaf pick up with leaf vac
- Winter preparation.
- 36" culvert replaced across Houseman Street. To repair 2019 Storm Damage (FEMA).

Repairs/Maintenance

- Trucks suited up for winter.
- Plows, wings, sanders serviced and installed.
- NYS Inspection Truck #5.

New Business:

- Spectrum request to install services on Sinclair Road and Elmer Brown Road.

Spectrum

Discussion: Ken Cramer mentioned that Spectrum is looking at adding services on Sinclair Road and Elmer Brown Road. Currently they do not have services and Spectrum is asking to bury their line in the Town right-of-way. But generally, they would like to put it between the black top and the ditch line where it is not going to be an issue. I have space where I don't have room for that in the ditch. So, Aaron Frasier, Inspector said that they are talking about putting it in the actual ditch line itself. Ken stated that he explained to Mr. Frasier about his concerns about having the Spectrum line buried in the ditch line right-of-way. Mr. Frasier's response was that Spectrum will make sure it is buried deep enough so it won't be an issue for the Town. Ken stated to the Town Board, that it was all well and good until the first time I have to dig it up.

Attorney Albanese stated that there should be some type of agreement. So that they (Spectrum) understand that they are going to hold the Town of Northampton harmless for any damage that may be done. Attorney Albanese explained that he can write a letter to them (Spectrum) for a hold harmless

agreement for our review. We are not opposed to what they are requesting. But we first want an agreement in place before they start to do it.

JUSTICE

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

There was a total of 23 cases handled and \$4,860.00 was collected in fines for the month of October 2020.

Councilwoman Zullo seconded the motion and passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Zullo and Simmons

0-Nays

0-Abstain

ELECTION: The Presidential/General Election was held on Tuesday, November 3rd, 2020 – 6 a.m. to 9 p.m. at the Town Municipal Building and in Fish House.

The Town hall was mobbed with people to vote.

Supervisor Groff stated that we have to put a ramp outside of the Conference Room door.

PLANNING BOARD

The Planning Board meeting scheduled for November 4th, 2020 was canceled.

The next Planning Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, December 2, 2020 at 5 p.m.

PUBLIC SAFETY: Supervisor Groff reported that there was a COVID-19 case reported at the DMV in Fulton County and it is currently closed until November 30.

CEMETERIES: Fall cleanup of the Prospect Hill and Main Street Cemeteries has been in process and the Cemeteries will be closing December 1, 2020.

Councilman Gritsavage questioned about the little cemetery by the Stone Quarry wanting to know if the Town takes care of it. Ken Cramer stated yes, we do.

HISTORIC: The Board members received the Northville Northampton Historical Society October 2020 issue regarding the Fish House Cemetery and the NNHS historical museum.

AMBULANCE: Councilwoman Zullo mentioned that there was 1 Call.

Refuse and Garbage

Thanksgiving Day Holiday, Thursday, November 26, 2020 and Friday, November 27, 2020 Does not Affect Hours. The Transfer Station will be open regular hours on Saturday November 28, 2020.

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

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|------------------------------|------------------|------------|
| County Transfer | 27.68 Ton @ \$53 | \$1,467.04 |
| Municipal Direct Haul | 68.01 Ton @ \$33 | \$2,244.33 |
| Curbside Recycling | 12.51 Ton @ \$30 | \$ 375.30 |
| Transfer Station Recycling | 5.34 Ton @ \$20 | \$ 106.80 |
| Metal Hauling Fee | 3.88 Ton @ \$20 | \$ 77.60 |
| Transfer Station Electronics | .97 Ton @ \$0 | \$ 0.00 |
| Total | | \$4,271.07 |

NORTHVILLE FIRE DEPARTMENT

October 2020 Fire Report

There was a total of 11 responses during the month of October and a Total Man Hours 13.23.

Village of Northville had 32 responses. 1-Hazardous Condition; 1-Stand by Station; and 1-Landing Zone.

Town of Northampton had 3 responses. 1-Fire Alarm Activation; and 2-Hazardous Conditions. Town of

Edinburg had 4 responses. 1-Structure Fire; 1-MVA/PI 1- Rescue/Injured Hunter and 1-/Z. Town of Hope

had 1 response. 1-Rescue/Injured Hiker. 5-Mutual Aid were Given and 4-Mutual Aid was Received.

Department Notes: 1. Still Practicing Social Distancing and taking precautions. Doing in house and some

State training. 2. Still working on changing reports to I AM Responding, it is a process. 3. Radio updates

are in progress (County wide, Towers and Frequencies) 4. Chiefs attended State Fire Chiefs course on

Hoarder House Fires. 5. Did Argo Training at Northampton Campsites. 6. Got New Canvas Top for

1012 Hose bed. The other one was ripped and unrepairable. 7. Did not have Cider and Donuts for

Halloween 2020. Though it was best not to, due to COVID-19 and Social distancing.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER

October 2020

Water

- October 2019 usage – 1,157,000 gallons pumped
- October 2020 usage – 1,303,000 gallons pumped

Meters

- No current issues to report

Repairs/Maintenance

- Water Main isolated at Northampton Animal Hospital
- Shallow water mains shut down for winter

Wastewater

- October 2019 – daily average flow 39,600 gallons
- October 2020 – daily average flow 11,000 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance

- Removed 8 loads sludge from Imhoff tank to enable repairs to lift station.
- Adirondack Septic removed old cast 4; check valves from lift station.
- Replaced submersible pump from lift station. (Double seal failure).
- Installed new power control panel.
- Installed new flow sensor with new flowmeter.
- RBC Unit. (See attached for Lyco Seimens RBC drive & Idler end replacement scope of work; Bearing Info: Drive Journal Info. and cost).

RBC Unit

Discussion: Ken Cramer mentioned this repair was acknowledged two years ago and he was told to get what we can out of it. But now it needs to be repaired and we are not going to be able to stretch it. This is the original RBC Unit and it lasted 30 years.

Councilman Gritsavage asked if there was money \$52,000 in the reserve fund for this repair? Nathaniel Matthews responded, yes there was.

Supervisor Groff asked if there are very many seasonal people there? Ken stated that there are still quite a few.

Are there any more people having issues with water on Route 30? Ken responded that Bucky at the Pizza shop is still having issues. Ken mentioned that he has shut down the water main line after Dr. Long's Veterinarian's Office going North on Route 30 to the three properties because they are all vacant.

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve doing the emergency repairs to the RBC Unit because the Town has money in reserves for emergencies such as this and the RBC Unit in the Sacandaga Sewer System needs to be repaired immediately. Councilwoman Zullo seconded the motion and passed by a

Vote of 5-Ayes: Simmons, Gritsavage, Zullo, Roosa and Groff

0-Nays

0-Abstain

Ken Cramer mentioned calling the DEC to request for a permit for a by-pass and the repairs were estimated to be completed within one to two weeks according to the contractor depending on the weather.

Late Penalty on Water/Sewer Billing

Supervisor Groff mentioned that calculating the late penalty arrears for the water/sewer billing had been set at 45 days for every quarter in the past. The 4th quarter billing penalty arrears needs to be lowered to 30 days so it can be put as a re-levy on the owner's real property tax bill that is due in January.

MOTION:

Councilman Gritsavage motioned to lower the late penalty arrears for the water/sewer billing from 45 days to 30 days. Councilwoman Zullo seconded the motion and passed by a

Vote of 5-Ayes: Simmons, Gritsavage, Zullo, Roosa and Groff

0-Nays

0-Abstain

TOWN CLERK

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

A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Simmons and Zullo

0-Nays

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report
October 01, 2020 - October 31, 2020**

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| Account# | Account Description | Fee Description | Qty |
|-------------|---------------------|-----------------|-----|
| Local Share | | | |

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|-----------------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|----|
| A1255 82.30 | Conservation | Conservation | 42 |
| | Death Certificate 140.00 | Death Certificate | 14 |
| | Marriage Certificate 10.00 | Marriage Certificate | 1 |
| | Registrar Fee 22.00 | Registrar Fee | 1 |
| | Town Clerk Fees 25.00 | Marriage License | 2 |
| | | Sub-Total: | |
| | | \$279.30 | |
| A2130 200.00 | Transfer Station | Transfer Station | 20 |
| | | Sub-Total: | |
| | | \$200.00 | |
| A2544 0.00 | Dog Licensing | Exempt Dogs | 1 |
| | | Female, Spayed 35.00 | 5 |
| | | Male, Neutered 42.00 | 6 |
| | | Male, Unneutered 26.00 | 2 |
| | | Sub-Total: | |
| | | \$103.00 | |
| A2770 1.00 | Photo Copy | Photo Copy | 4 |
| | | Sub-Total: | |
| | | \$1.00 | |
| B2555 682.50 | Building Permits | Building Permits | 11 |
| | | Sub-Total: | |
| | | \$682.50 | |
| B2770 25.00 | Municipal Searches | Municipal Searches | 1 |
| | | Sub-Total: | |
| | | \$25.00 | |

**Total Local Shares Remitted:
\$1,290.80**

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|-----------------|---|----------|
| Amount paid to: | New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses | 45.00 |
| Amount paid to: | NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program | 17.00 |
| Amount paid to: | NYS Environmental Conservation | 1,461.70 |

Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$2,814.50

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

Adjourn: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Councilman Simmons seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk