

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
January 20, 2021**

The regular meeting and Public Hearing of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, January 20, 2021. 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, William Gritsavage, Art Simmons and Molly Zullo

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

Other Town department representatives in attendance were:

Ken Cramer-Sacandaga Park Water/Sewer Maintenance Operator/Highway Superintendent
Bookkeeper- Nathaniel Matthews

Supervisor Groff opened the Public Hearing on proposed Local Law #1 of 2021 “Opting out of Section 4877 NYS Real Property Tax Law Exemptions for Solar Farm Projects at 7:01 p.m. Having no one present from the public Supervisor Groff continued on with business of the regular meeting.

MOTION: Councilman Simmons motioned to approve the December 16, 2020 Regular Town Board meeting 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
Nays-0
Abstain-0

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the January 6, 2021 Organization meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilwoman Zullo and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Roosa and Zullo
Nays-0
Abstain-0

MOTION ON WARRANTS

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

January 2021 Warrants

General Fund “A”	\$64,360.16
General Fund “B”	10,063.37
Highway	42,563.78
Sacandaga Fire District (Fishhouse)	11,266.00
Sacandaga Lighting District	2,670.38

Sacandaga Sewer District	20,370.53
Sacandaga Water District	<u>11,418.20</u>
Total Warrants	\$162,712.42

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- January 2021 Fulton Co Regional Chamber of Commerce Newsline
- NYS Associations of Towns 2021 Training School and Annual Meeting packet. The training will be held VIRTUALLY, February 14-17, 2021.

2021 Fuel Bid Opening

2021 Fuel Bids were received as follows:

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

The bid read as follows:

#2 Fuel Oil price	\$1.635	+.23 cents = \$1.865
Kerosene price	\$1.846	+.30 cents = \$2.146
Diesel Fuel price	\$1.656	+.20 cents = \$1.856

Price will be a fixed mark up plus the average price from the oil price daily Albany Price.

Mirabito Holdings Inc. d/b/a Mirabito Energy Products, The Metrocenter-49 Court St., P.O. Box 5306, Binghamton, N.Y. 13902-5306

#2 Fuel Oil price	\$1.5790	net delivered price = \$1.7590
Kerosene price	\$1.6370	net delivered price = \$1.8170
Diesel	\$1.8400	net delivered price = \$2.0200

*Fluctuating price is based on the Port of Albany, NY price the day of delivery plus a fixed differential of .1800 per gallon

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned the approval and awarded the “2021 Fuel Bid” for the Town of Northampton that was received from Mirabito Holdings Inc. d/b/a Mirabito Energy Products, The Metrocenter-49 Court St., P.O. Box 5306, Binghamton, N.Y. 13902-5306

The bid read as follows

#2 Fuel Oil price	\$1.5790	net delivered price = \$1.7590
Kerosene price	\$1.6370	net delivered price = \$1.8170
Diesel	\$1.8400	net delivered price = \$2.0200

Seconded by Councilman Simmons and

Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Roosa and Zullo

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Highway:

Roads:

- Continued roadside brush cutting
- Elmer Brown Road tree work with National Grid
- Winter road maintenance

Repairs/Maintenance

- New windshield wiper linkage on 2016 Ford F350
- Highway garage work
- Hauled 2,240 lbs. scrap metal to scrap yard. Turned in \$190.00
- Town - 2021 Agreement for Expenditure of Highway Moneys

Ken Cramer mentioned that those figures reflect CHIPS, and PAVE NY funds are included in there which is obviously up in the air and there is a good chance we might not see much of that in there. That would be reflected on what we do use. I did not use all of my CHIPS last year and I don't know if that will be rolled over or not this year. Plus what was budgeted.

2021 Agreement for the Expenditure of Highway Moneys

Councilman Gritsavage moved to approve the Agreement between the Town Superintendent of the Town of Northampton, Fulton County, New York, and the undersigned members of the Town Board. Pursuant to the provisions of Section 284 of the Highway Law, we agree that moneys levied and collected in the Town for the repair and improvement of highways, and received from the State for State Aid for the repair and improvement of highways, shall be expended as follows:

1. GENERAL REPAIRS. The sum of \$10,000 shall be set aside to be expended for primary work and general repairs un 25 miles of town highways, including sluices, culverts and bridges having a span of less than five feet and boardwalks or renewals thereof.
2. PERMANENT IMPROVEMENTS. The following sums shall be set aside to be expended for the permanent improvement of Town highways.
 - a. On the road commencing at 500 Bunker Hill Road and leading to Route 30 Intersection, a distance of 1.6 miles, there shall be expended not over the sum of \$155,000.

Type	#6 Asphalt
Width of travelled surface	20 Feet
Thickness	1 ½ compacted
Sub base	Asphalt/Gravel

Councilman Simmons seconded the motion.

ROLL CALL VOTE

Supervisor Groff	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye	Molly Zullo	Aye
Art Simmons	Aye		

Justice:

MOTION: Councilwoman Zullo motioned to accept the Justices' Report, there were a total of 3 cases handled and \$183.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman Gritsavage and passed by,

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

Nays – 0

Abstain - 0

All Town Board members present have reviewed and signed off on all of both the Town Justice Paulette Lewek and Town Justice John (Jack) Farquhar – 2020 Receipts, Ledger, monthly reports, deposits and monthly bank statements.

RES. #2021-04: RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING ANNUAL EXAMINATION AND SIGN-OFF OF THE TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON JUSTICE COURT RECORDS AND DOCKETS

The foregoing resolution was made by Councilman Gritsavage and seconded by Councilman Roosa.

WHEREAS: each year the NYS Office of Court Administration requires, in accordance with Section 2019-a of the Uniform Justice Court Act, that Town Justices annually provide their court records and dockets to the Town Board; AND

WHEREAS: the Justice Court of the Town of Northampton provides these records each year that the Town Board signs off on what they provide: AND

WHEREAS: the minutes of the sign off reflects that the Justice Court has provided these records; NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED: that the Town Board of the Town of Northampton has signed off on the 2020 Justice Court records on January 20, 2021 and attaches to this resolution a copy of the minutes of 2021; AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED: that at each and every year a resolution be prepared and sent to the Director of Internal Audit, Attn: Joan Cassazza, 2500 Pond View, Suite OLL11, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY 12033 and George Danyluk, Chief Internal Auditor, NYS Unified Court System, 2500 Pond View, Suite OLL1, Castleton-on-Hudson, NY12033, along with the minutes of the meeting.

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

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Code Enforcement: A total of \$120.00 was collected in fees for the month of December 2020. A total of (2) permits were issued in December 2020; a CO was issued – Single Family and a Septic Repair permit plus 1-Municipal Search.

PLANNING BOARD: The January 2021 Planning Board meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is February 3, 2021 at 5 p.m.

2021 Agreement between the Town of Northampton and County of Fulton for Planning Services.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to authorize Supervisor Groff to execute said Agreement between the Town of Northampton and County of Fulton for Planning Services, effective January 1, 2021 through December 31, 2021. The Town shall compensate the County in an amount not to exceed \$1,200.00 in 2021 for Planning Services.

Councilman Roosa seconded the motioned and it carried with a vote as follows:

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

Nays-0

Abstain-0

COVID: Numbers have gone up.

Youth/Rec: Due to COVID19 the next Town of Northampton/Village of Northville Joint Youth Commission meeting will be held via ZOOM on Wednesday, February 03, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Historic: Northville Northampton Historical News Letter entitled “Merry Christmas”.

Ambulance: The Clerk has received the fully executed 2021 Town of Hope/Town of Northampton Ambulance Agreement from the Town of Hope.

Councilwoman Zullo noted that she has gathered information on key points from the Comprehensive Review of Emergency Medical Services for Northampton Ambulance Service for the Town of Northampton. There are major points that need to be talked about explained Councilwoman Zullo. Nothing has been done since that October 14, 2019 and that is concerning. She (Zullo) mentioned the number of calls that have come in and no one has responded to them. It was suggested to discuss personnel.

Supervisor Groff stated that you can respond to a call all by yourself and still call for help. There are those that are getting paid in other towns and they are having trouble getting them to respond. Supervisor Groff felt if the board were to talk about personnel then Jack Farquhar, NAS Coordinator should meet with some of the members of the Town Board and go over this information for review and discussion. Councilman Simmons suggested that the Board should have a meeting specifically on the Ambulance and he would like to see the full copy of the Comprehensive Review of Emergency Medical Services for Northampton Ambulance Service for the Town of Northampton report.

Councilman Gritsavage brought up possibly going to a paid ambulance call. He (Gritsavage) suggested that maybe we could have an Ambulance District.

Refuse and Garbage:

Regarding the 2021 Fulton County Recycling Calendar

- One change announced in this calendar, that will NOT take effect 2021, involved the Electronics Drop-off Program. There will be no changes made – and computers, monitors and televisions will still be accepted at ALL Fulton County transfer stations. The change is mentioned in February, April and December
- The transfer station will be closed on Monday, February 15, 2021 in observance of Presidents’ Day.
- Fulton County’s Curbside Recycling pick up will be suspended from December 22, 2020 until January 29, 2021
- The Town Clerk has received an updated and official 2021 A-to-Z Guide for the Fulton Co. Department of Solid Waste. This should replace previous guides.

HAULING FEES: The month of December 31, 2020 fees were as follows:

County Transfer Haul	32.82 Ton @ \$53	\$1,739.46
Municipal Direct Haul	69.25 Ton @ \$33	\$2,285.25
Curbside Recycling	10.21 Ton @ \$30	\$ 306.30
Transfer Station Recycling	5.71 Ton @ \$20	\$ 114.20
Metal Hauling Fee	4.96 Ton @ \$20	\$ 99.20
Tires Bulk or over 24.5”	3.30 Ton @ \$350	\$1,155.00
Electronics-Transfer Station	0.55 Ton @ \$00	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total		\$5,699.41

**SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:
December 2020**

Water:

- December 2019 usage – 1,374,000 gallons pumped
- December 2020 usage – 1,000,000 gallons pumped

Meters:

- Working on minor issues

Repairs/Maintenance:

- Repaired water main leak on Riverside Ave.
- Repaired water main leak on High Rock Road

Wastewater:

- December-2019- daily average flow 64,000 gallons
- December-2020- daily average flow 25,000 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:

- Scheduled repair of RBC shaft by Mountain Machine Works. Work to begin 1/18/2021.

Northville Fire Department: The Clerk has received the fully executed 2021 Fire Protection Contract between Town of Northampton and Broadalbin Kenneyto Fire Co., Inc.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Roosa motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s December 2020 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by,
 A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Anderson and Simmons
 Nays-0
 Abstain-0

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Town Clerk Monthly Report
December 01, 2020 - December 31, 2020
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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty
Local Share			
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	1
0.28	Death Certificate	Death Certificate	2
	20.00		
		Sub-Total:	
		\$20.28	
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	18
180.00			

			Sub-Total: \$180.00
A2544 28.00	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	4
		Male, Neutered 7.00	1
			Sub-Total: \$35.00
A2770 2.00	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	8
			Sub-Total: \$2.00
B2555 95.00	Building Permits	Building Permits	2
			Sub-Total: \$95.00
B2770 25.00	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	1
			Sub-Total: \$25.00

Total Local Shares Remitted:
\$357.28

Amount paid to: NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	5.00
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation	4.72

Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$367.00	Total Non-Local Revenues:
\$9.72		

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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Town Clerk Monthly Report
January 01, 2020 - December 31, 2020
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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty
Local Share			
A1255	Birth Certificate	Birth Certificate	1
10.00			
	Conservation 449.56	Conservation	221
	Death Certificate 1,190.00	Death Certificate	119
	Marriage Certificate 130.00	Marriage Certificate	13
	Registrar Fee 198.00	Registrar Fee	9
	Town Clerk Fees 137.50	Marriage License	11
			Sub-Total:
			\$2,115.06
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	760
7,580.00			
			Sub-Total:
			\$7,580.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Exempt Dogs	4
0.00			
		Female, Spayed 693.00	99
		Female, Unspayed 234.00	18
		Male, Neutered 693.00	99
		Male, Unneutered 286.00	22
		Replacement Tags 9.00	3
			Sub-Total:
			\$1,915.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	6
6.00			
	Photo Copy 84.25	Photo Copy	337
			Sub-Total:
			\$90.25
B2110	Zoning Application	Zoning Application	2
140.00			
			Sub-Total:
			\$140.00
B2115	Planning Applicatioin	Planning Application	4
700.00			
			Sub-Total:
			\$700.00
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	107
14,958.09			

			Sub-Total: \$14,958.09
B2770	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	12
300.00			
			Sub-Total: \$300.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted: \$27,798.40
Amount paid to:	New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses		247.50
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program		318.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation		7,961.44
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$36,325.34	Total Non-Local Revenues:	
\$8,526.94			

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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All Town Board members present have reviewed and signed off on all of the Town Clerk’s 2020 Cash Receipt’s, Ledger, monthly reports, deposits and monthly bank statements.

SUPERVISOR: There was another meeting today at the County on the sewer system on the line from Johnstown up to Gloversville. He feels it is proceeding quite well. They are trying to get everything together so that any money that comes available they are going to start to apply for them. They looked at a couple of options of redoing our plant and the Mayfield plant. The cheapest option was to do the whole line down to here. Gloversville would be part of it and Johnstown because that is where the sewer system originates. That is multiple communities because it is Shared Services which is a Regional Project that everybody is looking for. The Town of Northampton and Town of Mayfield have their engineering report done.

Supervisor Groff so noted that there was no public present at this meeting. Hearing no comment on the proposed Local Law #1 of 2021 “Opting out of Section 4877 NYS Real Property Tax Law Exemptions for Solar Farm Projects, Councilman Gritsavage motioned to close the Public Hearing portion of the meeting at 7:45 p.m. Councilman Roosa seconded the motion.

Res. #2021-05: Resolution Adopting Local Law #01 of 2021 “Opting out of Section 487 NYS Real Property Tax Law Exemptions for Solar Farm Projects”.

Councilman Gritsavage offered the following Resolution.
Seconded by Councilman Simmons and adopted by the following vote:

Supervisor Groff	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye	Molly Zullo	Aye

Art Simmons

Aye

2021 Agreement between the Town of Northampton and the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board.

MOTION: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the Supervisor signing the 2021 Agreement between the Town of Northampton and the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board and authorizing an appropriation in the sum of Three Hundred Dollars (\$300.00) for the services of the Review Board in representing the Town in matters relating to the Adirondack Park.

Councilman Roosa seconded the motioned and it carried with a vote as follows:

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

Nays-0

Abstain-0

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, February 17, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: Councilman Gritsavage motioned to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Councilman Roosa seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik

Town Clerk