

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
March 17, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, March 17, 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  
Councilwoman: 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 and Attorney-Michael Albanese  
ALSO Present: Colleen Cordone

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to approve the February 17, 2021 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 Simmons motioned to approve the March 02, 2021 Special 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 ON WARRANTS**

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

**March 2021 Warrants**

General Fund "A"	\$ 29,738.50
General Fund "B"	5,665.95
Highway	62,129.57
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,466.41
Sacandaga Sewer District	2,337.12
Sacandaga Water District	<u>5,762.08</u>
Total Warrants	\$107,099.63

**COMMUNICATIONS**

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers

- Monthly Report of Revenues & Expenditures
- Charter Communications - Upcoming changes
- February 2021 “Newline”
- List of Funds the County paid the Town of Northampton for the 2020 year.
- Councilman Gritsavage mentioned that the Leader Herald had a nice writeup regarding the Woodward Lake subdivision “Winnie Pond” project saying that the proposal was approved by the APA.

**Highway:** Ken mentioned reached out to Allen Lord regarding the Winnie Estate a few weeks ago. Their discussion was about widening the road and cutting both sides of that road 25 feet from the center of that road. It’s a one-way road now in the winter.

We put down 6 ton of cold patch last week, filling in some pot holes.

We have been working on a lot of tree cutting on Bunker Hill Road preparing for the other half that we are going to be paving this year.

Regarding the meeting with the Engineer, Andrew Bell on the spillway bridge and it was decided to have Mr. Allen help with the Bridge NY Funding application for the Town. Ken said that he spoke with Mr. Bell on Monday saying that he is still working on gathering information and Mr. Bell stated that he didn’t have a problem getting it in by the deadline.

Did you hear anything that the HRBRRD wants to turn the dam over to the Village?

Supervisor Groff mentioned technically the Village is liable if anything happens to the bridge in the original agreement.

What is the Villages position on taking it over?

Supervisor Groff stated that they have always said that the Town owns the bridge and the Village owns the road.

I think that the COVID money, we may be able to use it toward the 5% we have to pay if we are awarded the grant explained Supervisor Groff. I believe you can use it toward water, sewer and bridges infrastructure. If awarded I would have to ask if we could use some of the money possibly for a water line down from High Rock Road going north on State Highway 30 to enhance it where we already have an existing Water District.

A legal notice has been posted in the Leader Herald newspaper on posting of Town of Northampton roads of ton limit. Ken Cramer stated that he has posted signs on all town roads to a four (4) ton limit and will remain so until signs are removed.

**Justice:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justices’ Report, there were a total of 17 cases handled and \$3,063.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilwoman Zullo and passed by,

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

Nays – 0

Abstain - 0

**Code Enforcement:** A total of \$350.00 was collected in fees for the month of February 2021. A total of (2) permits were issued in February 2021; A pole Barn/Garage and a Single-Family Home.

**MOTION:** Councilman Roosa motioned to accept the Code Enforcement Officers February Report, seconded by Councilwoman Zullo and passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Zullo, Gritsavage, Simmons, and Roosa  
Nays – 0  
Abstain - 0

**Election:** Tentative Election Dates for 2021

Primary Election – Tuesday, June 22, 2021 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

General Election – Tuesday, November 2, 2021 6:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.

**Zoning:** The next scheduled Zoning Board meeting March 24, 2021 has been cancelled due to no new business coming before the board.

**Planning Board:** The March 3, 2021 Planning Board meeting was rescheduled for March 18, 2021 at 5 p.m. via Zoom.

**Youth/Rec:** Councilman Gritsavage mentioned that they were going to be having a Easter Egg hunt this year.

**Historic:** The February issue of Northville Northampton Historical News Letter is entitled “Grandstand”.

**Ambulance:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to accept Corrie Nicholas Culver as new member on the Northampton Ambulance Service. Seconded by Councilman Simmons and passed by,

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

Nays-0

Abstain-0

**Garbage:** Ken Cramer stated that right now, we are not having any problems picking up the garbage. But, last summer we had quite a few issues. We cannot pick up the whole route with the garbage truck in one day. We ended up picking it up with the 1-ton dump truck and we hand loaded it into the garbage truck which means we are handling the garbage twice and its nasty. We cannot fit everything in the garbage truck, so we end up dumping three to four loads into the transfer station at the price of \$53 a ton I believe. I am considering the possibility of purchasing a trailer to tow behind the 1-ton truck and I would have to talk with Department of Solid Waste first to see if they would allow us bring it in there at Solid Waste. Between that truck and the 14’ or 16’ dump trailer I should be able to take care of all that and not have to dump any of it into the transfer station. We would be saving approximately \$20 a ton by not having to dump it into the transfer station. This was our original goal in the first place by hauling ourselves down there directly. Over a couple of years span it would pay for itself stated Mr. Cramer. Councilman Gritsavage asked if Mr. Cramer could use that trailer or other things?

Absolutely stated Mr. Cramer, such as for clearing brush, cold patching there is a multiple of uses that I can use it for. I’m trying to figure out a way of not having to dump garbage into the transfer station. First check with the County and confirm with them if they would allow you to haul there with the trailer. If they confirm it then bring (3) prices back to the Town Board stated Supervisor Groff.

Mr. Cramer mentioned that he already has a permit for the Town 1-ton truck to haul to the Department of Solid Waste.

**HARDFILL:** Ken mentioned talking with Caretaker Robin Wilson saying that the Town did not charge residents for leaving off Tires last year at the Hardfill site and the Town spent approximately \$1,600 - \$1,800 to remove the tires. The County Department of Solid Waste is charging us per tire if we haul to

them and we have charged in the past for the resident to drop off tires at the Hardfill site. The Town Board members discussed the possibility of having regulations on the cost and any limitations to bring tires to the Hardfill site. If the Town were to decide to take the tires for free could we possibly put a limit on how many they can bring into the Hardfill site asked Councilman Simmons? Councilman Gritsavage stated why should we take them for free? It was asked how many sets of tires could household have? Councilman Gritsavage stated that we should have a policy with a limited amount. At least to cover the transportation cost because you are driving them to Mud Road. Mr. Cramer mentioned that the County will not accept any tire that is on the rim. Mr. Cramer stated that he was lucky and was able to get someone to take the tires with rims as a one-time deal but he was not able to get any scrap money for the rims. Councilman Gritsavage felt that the Town should have a policy and should charge for the tires. Supervisor Groff asked if Ken or Robin would check with the surrounding Towns to see how they handle their Tires and report back to the board with their findings.

**HAULING FEES:** The month of February 2021 fees were as follows:

County Transfer Haul	15.96 Ton @ \$53	\$ 845.88
Municipal Direct Haul	54.49 Ton @ \$33	\$1,798.17
Curbside Recycling	8.06 Ton @ \$30	\$ 241.80
Transfer Station Recycling	5.98 Ton @ \$20	<u>\$ 119.60</u>
Total		\$3,005.45

**Water/Sewer:**

It has been pretty quiet this month and Wendy has been working on the switch over on the billing software. I've been getting emails from the two separate companies that are trying to make the transition to the new reading software that we are going to.

There was discussion on the new water tanks that were placed along Route 30.

There was discussion on the Town water tanks needing to have someone look at them. Ken will call and get a quote.

**TOWN CLERK:**

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report  
February 01, 2021 - February 28, 2021  
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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty
Local Share			
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	2
2.76	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	2
	25.00		
<b>Sub-Total:</b>			
<b>\$27.76</b>			

A2130 620.00	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	62
			<b>Sub-Total: \$620.00</b>
A2770 2.00	Minor Sales	Fax	2
	Photo Copy 4.25	Photo Copy	17
			<b>Sub-Total: \$6.25</b>
B2555 350.00	Building Permits	Building Permits	2
			<b>Sub-Total: \$350.00</b>

**Total Local Shares Remitted:  
\$1,004.01**

Amount paid to: New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses 45.00  
Amount paid to: NYS Environmental Conservation 47.24

**Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$1,096.25**  
**\$92.24**

**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
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**MOTION:** Councilman Roosa motioned to approve the Town Clerk's February 2021 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilwoman Zullo and passed by,  
A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Zullo, Gritsavage, Roosa, and Simmons  
Nays-0  
Abstain-0

**SUPERVISOR:** The Supervisors have been working on the proposed sewer line and they are going to have a presentation this month. Some of us are going to try and get funding for this and see if we can get things going for this.

**OLD BUSINESS:** Time Warner – Spectrum

Councilman Simmons went through the Town Clerk's file on Time Warner-Spectrum to see what she had for paperwork. I spoke with the Town Attorney's office and apparently, they do not have much of anything on this matter and his office referred me to Elaine, Town Clerk. I have not heard anything from Spectrum since talking to them a month ago. The last communication we have is a letter dated 01/24/2018 to our then Attorney Miller and Mannix. We had gone over the old contract and had come up with a new one with quite a few changes and from that point on nothing has happened. So, Time

Warner-Spectrum doesn't have a contract which the person at Time Warner-Spectrum that I spoke with had mentioned to me.

Attorney Albanese mentioned he believes there is language in the current contract that says until we get a new contract that contract stays in place. I was suggested to have Attorney Albanese review the new contract that has the changes along with reviewing the original contract.

A notice has been posted in the Leader Herald, legal newspaper of the Town of Northampton that a Public Hearing will be held on Tuesday, March 23, 2021 at 5 p.m. in the Bradt Municipal Building RE: Resolution to Amend Res. #14 of 2020 to include Village of Northville in the legal boundaries of Fire Protection District FD021 Pursuant to Town Law §172-c.

The next Town Board meeting is scheduled to be held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021 at 7 p.m.

**Adjourn:** Councilman Gritsavage motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Seconded by Councilman Roosa and passed by,

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

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik  
Town Clerk