

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
April 21, 2021**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, April 21, 2021. Supervisor Groff called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 William Gritsavage motioned to approve the March 17, 2021 meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Art Simmons and
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Roosa and Zullo
Nays-0
Abstain-0
Motion Carried

MOTION: Councilman Art Simmons motioned to approve the March 23, 2021 Special Public Hearing meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Darryl Roosa and
Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Simmons, Roosa and Zullo
Nays-0
Abstain-0
Motion Carried

MOTION ON WARRANTS

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

<u>April 2021 Warrants</u>	
General Fund "A"	\$ 33,994.17
General Fund "B"	5,043.71
Highway	4,110.74
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,267.03
Sacandaga Sewer District	1,901.73
Sacandaga Water District	<u>15,604.78</u>
Total Warrants	\$ 61,922.16

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Monthly Report of Revenues & Expenditures
- Charter Communications - Upcoming changes
- In Session AOT Newsletter

Code Enforcement: A total of \$282.50 was collected in fees and a total of (3) permits were issued in March 2021; #009-20-Renewal permit for a Single-Family Residence with attached 2-car garage; #005-21-Minor Alterations/Repairs; and #006-21- 3-car garage.

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage approved the Code Enforcement Report as presented, Seconded by Councilwoman Molly Zullo and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Simmons and Zullo
Nays-0
Abstain-0
Motion Carried

Todd Unislawski, CEO has a lot of work load working one day a week and the Supervisor stated that he asked him if it would help if he had someone to help do the clerk work for him. Mr. Unislawski stated that it would help him a lot. I suggested Robin Wilson because she already on the Town payroll, she is familiar with the tax roll numbers as being the Town Tax Collector. Councilman Gritsavage mentioned that he had discussed this with the Supervisor and felt it was a great idea. She would help Todd when he is in the office. He is in the office one day a week on Wednesdays.

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to hire Robin Wilson as Clerk to the Code Enforcement Officer to work part-time at the same rate she is getting paid as the Hardfill site attendant. Seconded by Councilman Darryl Roosa and passed by, A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Simmons and Zullo
Nays-0
Abstain-0
Motion Carried

Highway: February 2021 Report

Roads:

- Continued roadside tree trimming/bucket truck
- Continued winter road maintenance
- Snow hauling from various locations

Repairs/Maintenance

- Repaired blown hydraulic hose from pto pump to truck sander on truck #3

New Business:

- Dump trailer/garbage
- Weight limit road posting notice
- NY Bridge application for Spillway bridge

March 2021 Report

Roads:

- Continued roadside tree trimming/bucket truck
- Making preparations for our upcoming paving projects

- Continuing pot hole repairs
- Receiving paving estimates/crack sealing and chip sealing quotes
- Registered the bucket loader and backhoe thru DMV and the County Clerk's Office

Repairs/Maintenance

- Sent leaking 70-gallon fuel tank from Truck #4 out for relining and reconditioning
- Removed plows/wings/sanders from the trucks and are working on service

New Business:

DUMP TRAILER

-Received three quotes for a 14' dump trailer for the purpose of hauling residential garbage to the County landfill. Mr. Cramer did follow up with each business representative and each trailer is similar for the most part. It's hard right now because the only businesses that has a trailer available last week is Sure Trac. They had a few on hand as of last week but I'm not sure if they are available this week. Mohawk Motor is completely sold out. Bennet Sales in Scotia also has a waiting list. Everyone has back orders that are two to three months out, there is a waiting list. I also do not know if any of these prices have changed since I spoke with any of the representatives 30 days ago. There may have been an increase since then, I'm not sure stated Mr. Cramer.

Supervisor Groff asked Mr. Cramer if he would be able to rent a trailer from someone? Mr. Cramer responded "Not that I know of".

Dump Trailer Prices are as follows

- o Sure Trac-\$10,871.00
- o Griffen Motor Sports, 3909 State St., Schenectady NY 12304 - \$8,400.00
- o T-Rex-\$8,499.00

After discussion a motion was made as follows

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa authorizes Highway Supervisor Ken Cramer to purchase a dump trailer in the amount up to \$10,871.00. Seconded by Councilwoman Molly Zullo and passed by,

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

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Motion Carried

Tires

The other item we discussed last month was the tire collection at the Hardfill site explained Ken Cramer. The Board had asked me gather information from the surrounding municipalities and what their protocol is for collecting what they charge for tires. Edinburg is charging \$5 - \$10 per tire depending on the size. Mayfield does not accept any tires at all (picked up or dropped off). Hope and Benson have a container up at the landfill and they accept tires and Hamilton County picks up the bill on that.

The board reviewed what the Town of Northampton was collecting in the past. \$2.00 up to \$6.00 a tire depending on the size of the tire. We currently pay for the tires by the ton and the Commercial tires are charged more at the Solid Waster Department. They charge us \$50 a ton and that is us loading them on the truck and dropping them off. We did approximately 100-120 tires of different sizes on a tandem last year stated Ken Cramer. It was approximately \$400 a load and we delivered 2 loads plus. We paid approximately \$2,000 all together in tires last year. I wouldn't accept any tires with rims on them because we can't get rid of them. Supervisor Groff suggested \$2.50 for a car and light truck, \$5.00 for a commercial tire and \$10.00 for tractor tire. We would like to at least break even stated Councilman Gritsavage.

That cost for the tires did account for using our truck to get it down there, fuel and man power.
Do we want to set a limit on how many tires and household can bring asked Councilman Simmons?
Mr. Cramer stated that he believed we were limiting the tires to 4 per household when we did collect for them. I noticed that we already have two tractor tires at the Hardfill site.

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage moved to authorize Supervisor Groff, Ken Cramer and Robin Wilson come up with a fee schedule and go ahead a set it and to decide a limit on how many tires are to be accepted per household. Seconded by Councilman Darryl Roosa and passed by,
A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Roosa, Gritsavage, Simmons and Zullo
Nays-0
Abstain-0
Motion Carried

Mr. Cramer mentioned that he would like to order a sign with the tire fees printed on it, along with the hours of the Hardfill site. The Town Board members unanimously agreed to have a sign made up for the Hardfill site.

Equipment License plates

Mr. Cramer mentioned that he has ordered license plates for any piece of equipment he has that is operated on the road. He had spoken with an officer and was told they have to be registered if they are on the road. I was told by the Town Clerk that she received the license places for the bucket loader and the back hoe today and they are in her office. I have do have to get one for the tractor. I have to check about the wood chipper also.

Res. #2021-09: 2021 Mowing Contract between the Fulton County Department of Highways and Facilities and the Town of Northampton.

Councilman Art Simmons motioned authorizing Supervisor James Groff to sign a (2021) Contract between the Fulton County Department of Highways and Facilities and the Town of Northampton for Mowing of Certain County Highway Rights-Of-Way, County Roads 109 (.24 miles), 110 (.95 miles), 113 (1.46 miles), 123 (1.91 miles), 130 (.52 miles), 143 (1.56 miles), 149 (1.16 miles) and 152 (3.02 miles) and to pay the Town at price per mile \$425.00 the sum not to exceed \$4,598.50 on the aforementioned rights-of-way (10.82 total miles). Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by a

Roll Call Vote

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

0-Nays

Motion Carried

Justice:

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to accept the Justices' Report, there were a total of 25 cases handled and \$3,506.00 was collected in fines for the month, seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by,

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

Nays – 0

Abstain – 0

Motion Carried

Assessment Board of Review: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to accept to renew Douglas Frye as member on the Town Assessment Board of Review (BAR) term October 1, 2020 – September 30, 2025. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by,

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

Nays – 0

Abstain – 0

Motion Carried

Zoning: The next scheduled Zoning Board meeting is April 26, 2021.

Planning Board: The next scheduled meeting is May 5, 2021 at 5 p.m.

Youth/Rec: The Town of Northampton/Village of Northville Joint Youth Commission meeting held Monday, April 19, 2021 regarding COVID-19 guidelines pertaining to the 2021 Summer Recreation Program along with restrictions/regulations for opening the camp and the beach stated Councilman Gritsavage. Sadly the Joint Youth Commission had to forgo the 2021 Summer Recreation Program. The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 12, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. to discuss the possibility of opening the beach. We discussed that we would not only need lifeguards but also gate keepers. We talked of Town of Northampton/Village of Northville residents only with a permit needed to enter the beach and a fee. We are currently looking into the liability of doing that. We are not sure if we are going to be able to open the beach at this point. They also talked of lifeguard classes have not been available because of COVID. We are in the meantime advertising for gate keepers.

Historic: The Historian has provided the Northville Northampton Historical News Letter entitled “Jackwax”.

Cemeteries: The Cemeteries are open. The truck they have has died and it is not worth fixing. The Edinburg Fire Department is going to get a new brush truck and is going to get rid of their old 1990’s chase. The cemetery crew only uses their truck on the premises.

Ambulance: FYI-article was given to the Board members to review. The article was in the Times Union regarding Town of Postenkill property owners are asked to create an ambulance district.

Hardfill site: The hardfill site opened April 10, 2021.

HAULING FEES: The month of March 2021 fees were as follows:

County Transfer Haul	29.14 Ton @ \$53	\$1,544.42
Municipal Direct Haul	74.38 Ton @ \$33	\$2,454.54
Curbside Recycling	10.51 Ton @ \$30	\$ 315.30
Transfer Station Recycling	3.81 Ton @ \$20	\$ 76.20
Metal Hauling Fee	3.82 Ton @ \$20	\$ 76.40
Electronics-Transfer Station	0.91 Ton @ \$00	<u>\$ 00.00</u>
Total		\$4,466.86

Northville Fire Dept.: The Town of Northampton Resolution #08-2021 has been filed with the Fulton County Clerk’s Office and the Office of the State Comptroller.

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:

February 2021

Water:

- February 2020 usage – 1,120,000 gallons pumped
- February 2021 usage – 1,047,000 gallons pumped

Meters

- Waiting for new software set-up

Repairs/Maintenance

- Installed new burb valve for Colsen residence on High Rock Road.

Wastewater

- February 2020 daily average flow – 49,600 gallons
- February 2021 daily average flow – 17,331 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance:

- RBC shaft repairs have been completed

March 2021

Water:

- March 2020 usage – 1,095,000 gallons pumped
- March 2021 usage – 985,000 gallons pumped

Meters

- Waiting for new software set-up and tablet
- Meters read and billing completed
- Data logged several residential meters at the home owner's request

Repairs/Maintenance

- 2020 Annual Water Quality Report completed and sent with billing.
- Changed several meters.
- Willem Monster Pickle Ball court. Mr. Monster called Mr. Cramer wanting to know about drilling a well for the purpose of a yard hydrant by his Pickle Ball court for the purpose of cleaning the outside court. Mr. Monster spoke with the Code Enforcement Officer first about it. Mr. Monster was told to call Mr. Cramer. Mr. Monster told the CEO that he was going to run a leg of it into the new building. I told the CEO that wasn't going to happen. Mr. Monster is going to have to be metered and he is going to be hooked into the municipal water because that is the New York State Code. If it is available you have to hook into it explained Mr. Cramer.
- Augustine Isernia apartment complex. Mr. Isernia called because he wanted to drill a well for the apartment complex because he is unhappy with the cost of the water service. I talked with the DOH engineer and again with the New York State Code it states clearly that if the municipal water is available you have to be hooked to the municipal water. It's in chapter 6 of the Water Supply and Distribution 2020 Code of New York State.
He does have the option to put a meter on every apartment stated Supervisor Groff.
Discussion ensued.

Wastewater

- March 2020 daily average flow – 111,700 gallons
- March 2021 daily average flow – 30,766 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance:

-None reported.

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to accept Mr. Cramer’s report. Seconded by Councilwoman Molly Zullo and passed by,

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

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Motion Carried

The Town Clerk has received the 2020 Annual Drinking Water Quality Report and it has been posted on the Town website. Mr. Cramer mentioned that report was in violation because of the lack of asbestos testing. He was supposed to test for asbestos because he explained we still have asbestos in the one line. Since then a test has been taken and the necessary paperwork was sent out with the Annual Drinking Water Quality Report with the water billing.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilwoman Molly Zullo motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s March 2021 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by,

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

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Motion Carried

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report
March 01, 2021 - March 31, 2021
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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty
Local Share			
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	2
1.38	Death Certificate	Death Certificate	10
	100.00		
	Registrar Fee	Registrar Fee	2
	44.00		
			Sub-Total:
			\$145.38
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	82
820.00			
			Sub-Total:
			\$820.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	2
14.00			

		Replacement Tags	1
		3.00	
			Sub-Total:
			\$17.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	3
3.00			
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	52
	13.00		
			Sub-Total:
			\$16.00
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	3
282.50			
			Sub-Total:
			\$282.50
		Total Local Shares Remitted:	
		\$1,280.88	
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program		2.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation		23.62
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$1,306.50	Total Non-Local Revenues:	
\$25.62			

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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Liquor License Application

The Town Clerk has received a Liquor License application from the Thompson’s Marine LLC and they are requesting a waiver of the 30-day period from the Town Board.
Supervisor Groff questioned whether the Town Board can grant a waiver.
We cannot waive the State stated the Attorney.
The applicate needs to ask the State for a waiver.
According to the applicant he stated that he spoke with the State and was told he had to come to his local jurisdiction explained the Town Clerk. Discussion ensued.
MOTION: Councilman Art Simmons stated that the Town Board is not opposed to the application but it is up to the State Liquor Authority to set limitations. Seconded by Councilman Darryl Roosa and passed by
A Vote of 5-Ayes: Groff, Gritsavage, Roosa, Simmons and Zullo
Nays-0
Abstain-0
Motion Carried

SUPERVISOR:

- I was at the county today and I spoke with Emergency Management, Marc Susa who drives the fly car at the county. I told him that we got to get back to the table with the County and start talking about this. We need to see which route we are going to take.

-Fulton County Solid Waste Department is advertising for Summer Laborers wanted for a job as Ground's maintenance, sweeping, washing vehicles, litter control. Maintenance, operate some power tools. General clean up. 24 hours per week – \$15.39/hour. Must be 18 or over and a Fulton County residency is required.

-Jon Stead, Administrative Officer/Clerk of the Board is advertising for a job opportunity with the executive staff of the Board of Supervisors as a Legislative Aide. The Legislative Aide reports to the County Administrative Officer and Fulton County residency is required.

-Officials toured the Gloversville-Johnstown Wastewater Treatment Facility.

Marijuana Legalization: On March 31, 2021, Governor Cuomo signed into law Chapter 92 of the Laws of 2021 known as “the Marijuana Regulation and Taxation Act” (MRTA): The Legalization of Adult-Use Cannabis in New York. It was mentioned that the Village of Northville is going to “opt in” with it. Colleen Cordone was concerned with people smoking while walking down the street or on beaches where there is no signage. Discussion ensued.

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to table making a decision on the Marijuana Legalization so board members have the opportunity to review the literature. Seconded by Councilman Art Simmons and passed by,

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

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Motion Carried

OLD BUSINESS: Time Warner-Spectrum. The Attorney asked who the firm was that was handling the agreement and he stated he doesn't know what happened as far as the last agreement. Response was the Law Firm of Miller and Mannix and Kevin Eagan is the contact with Time Warner-Spectrum.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 19, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: Councilman Art Simmons motioned to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage.

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

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk