

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON  
REGULAR MEETING  
September 15, 2021**

The Regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, September 15, 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: William Gritsavage, Art Simmons  
Excused Councilwoman: Molly Zullo and Councilman Darryl Roosa

**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:** Michael Warner

**MOTION:** Councilman Art Simmons motioned to approve the August 18, 2021 Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and Adopted by A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons  
Nays-0  
Abstain-0

**MOTION:** Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to approve the August 26, 2021 Special Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Art Simmons and Adopted by,  
A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons  
Nays-0  
Abstain-0

**MOTION ON WARRANTS**

Councilman William Gritsavage approved paying the warrants, Seconded by Councilman Art Simmons and passed by,  
A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons  
Nays-0  
Abstain-0

<u><b>2021 Warrants</b></u>	
General Fund "A"	\$ 38,379.11
General Fund "B"	8,707.47
Highway	11,737.76
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,127.11
Sacandaga Sewer District	3,153.43
Sacandaga Water District	<u>4,764.85</u>
Total Warrants	\$ 67,869.73

## COMMUNICATIONS

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

**Code Enforcement:** A total of \$752.50 was collected in fees and a total of (10) permits were issued in August 2021; 1- Well; 1-Septic; 1-Fence; 1-Solar panels; 1-Wood pellet stove; 3-permit renewals; 1- Replace a septic tank and drainage field; 1-a Manufactured Home and 5-Municipal Searches. Woodward Lake lots are being sold. The Code Enforcement Officer is expecting permit applications to begin in the near future. There are a total of 33 lots and 28 have been sold. Secretary, Robin Wilson has sent out nearly all of the notices for expired or expiring permits from all open town permits for the past several years.

**MOTION:** Councilman Art Simmons approved the August 2021 Code Enforcement Report as presented. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by,  
A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons  
Nays-0  
Abstain-0

## Highway: August 2021 Report

### Roads:

- Replaced 6 driveway culverts on Simpson Road
- Began roadside ditching on Simpson Road
- Completed roadside ditching on Gifford Valley Road
- Completed second round of roadside mowing (49.72 miles-Town) (21.64-County)
- Assisted Village of Northville and Town of Providence with paving projects

### Repairs/Maintenance

- Received notice from NYMIR authorizing repairs to Truck #3, 2017 International Dump Truck which occurred from the rollover accident on August 5, 2021.
- Parts are slowly coming in for the Plow Truck. It is believed that the truck should be ready for use by this winter.

### New Business

- Secured a payment from NYS Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Services in the amount of \$10,428.24 for the damage and clean-up from the October 30<sup>th</sup> 2019 severe storms.
- Secured a pending payment from (DHSES) in the amount of \$10,682.54 for the repairs made to Houseman Street which were sustained as a result of flooding due to the October 2019 severe storm.

**Animal Control:** The Town has received both the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report -DL-89 and the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report -DL-90.

**MOTION:** Councilman Art Simmons motioned to accept both the Dog Control Officer Inspection Report -DL-89 and the Municipal Shelter Inspection Report -DL-90 from the NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by,  
A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons  
Nays-0

Abstain-0

**Justice:**

**MOTION:** Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justices’ Report, there were a total of 14 cases handled and \$2,003.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Art Simmons and passed by,

A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons

Nays – 0

Abstain – 0

**Zoning:** The Zoning Board meeting scheduled for August 25, 2021 was cancelled and the September 22, 2021 has been cancelled due to no new business coming before the board.

**Planning Board:** The Town of Northampton Planning Board held their meeting on September 8, 2021.

**Historic:** The Northville Northampton Historical Society – August 2021 issue titled “5-year-old Wade Brownell needs to return home”. There was discussion on the headstone for Wade Brownell.

**Ambulance:** The Town Attorney will provide information that he has gathered regarding the Ambulance Contract that the State recommends for the Town Board to review at the next regular Town Board meeting.

**Hardfill:** The month of August 2021 a total of \$57.00 was collected in Tire fees.

Supervisor James Groff stated that we have a new Hardfill Site attendant Pam Vaughn. It was noted that Robin Wilson is now working as secretary to the Code Enforcement Officer.

**MOTION:** Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to approve the hiring of Pam Vaughn as the new Hardfill Site attendant and she is hired at the current pay rate. Seconded by Councilman Art Simmons and passed by,

A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons

Nays – 0

**Refuse and Garbage:** Monday, October 11, 2021, Columbus Day, is an official holiday, the transfer station will be closed.

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

County Transfer Haul	47.94 Ton @ \$53	\$2,540.82
Municipal Direct Haul	93.40 Ton @ \$33	\$3,082.20
Curbside Recycling	12.32 Ton @ \$30	\$ 369.60
Transfer Station Recycling	7.07 Ton @ \$20	\$ 141.40
Metal Hauling Fee	6.52 Ton @ \$20	\$ 130.40
Electronics	1.29 Ton @0.00	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total		\$6,264.42

**SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:**

**August 2021**

**Water:**

- August 2020 usage – 1,917,000 gallons pumped
- August 2021 usage –1,445,000 gallons pumped

**Meters**

- No problems reported.

**Repairs/Maintenance**

- Contracted Hydro Excavation Company to excavate three water lateral leaks, two located on County Highway 123 and one located on McKinley Extension. Sites were excavated and the necessary repairs were completed.

**Wastewater**

- August 2020 daily average flow – 9,900 gallons
- August 2021 daily average flow – 51,930 gallons

**Repairs/Maintenance:**

- Still waiting for computer for wastewater treatment plant to enable me to connect to flow meter.
- Received plant inspection from NYS DEC.

Councilman William Gritsavage asked if there was any news of the sewer line coming up State Highway 30. They are moving ahead with it stated Supervisor James Groff.

Mr. Cramer stated that Mr. Smith has concerns over some of the water lines. I’m not sure as to what is planned for that area. I did mention that I do have the lines shut off there.

**TOWN CLERK:**

**MOTION:** Councilman Art Simmons motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s August 2021 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by, A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Motion Carried

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report  
August 01, 2021 - August 31, 2021**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty
Local Share			
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	60
109.77	Death Certificate	Death Certificate	3
	30.00		
	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	4
	40.00		
	Town Clerk Fees	Marriage License	1
	12.50		

			<b>Sub-Total:</b> <b>\$192.27</b>
A2130 102.00	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	2
	Transfer Station 410.00	Transfer Station	41
			<b>Sub-Total:</b> <b>\$512.00</b>
A2544 0.00	Dog Licensing	Exempt Dogs	1
		Female, Spayed 28.00	4
		Male, Neutered 21.00	3
		Male, Unneutered 39.00	3
			<b>Sub-Total:</b> <b>\$88.00</b>
A2770 2.00	Minor Sales	Fax	2
	Photo Copy 8.00	Photo Copy	32
			<b>Sub-Total:</b> <b>\$10.00</b>
B2555 627.50	Building Permits	Building Permits	10
			<b>Sub-Total:</b> <b>\$627.50</b>
B2770 125.00	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	5
			<b>Sub-Total:</b> <b>\$125.00</b>

**Total Local Shares Remitted:**  
**\$1,554.77**

Amount paid to:	New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses	22.50
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	16.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation	1,933.23

**Total State, County & Local Revenues:        \$3,526.50**  
**\$1,971.73**

**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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**Supervisor:** I met with HRBRRD and a resident who is trying to put a dock in on his lakefront lot that he is trying to sell. HRBRRD did after discussion approve the owner to put a dock on his lakefront lot.

**Franchise renewal Agreement between the Town of Northampton, NY and Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc.**

Attorney Michael Albanese has forwarded the letter he drafted on to Charter Communication per Town Board approval. The Attorney stated that he has received the Contract agreement with the changes as requested by the Town Board. Attorney Albanese stated that he has reviewed the contract and referred the Board to page 3 regarding (2.2 - the term of ten (10) years, commencing on the Effective Date of this Franchise as set forth in Section 15.13 - Effective Date when approved by the NYPSC). Also, on page 8 it was added under 9.5 (providing Cable to the Northampton Town Hall, Northville Fire Department and the Northville Ambulance) and stated that everything looks good and he is now presenting it to the Town Board for their review and approval.

**MOTION:** Councilman Art Simmons approved the Franchise renewal Agreement between the Town of Northampton, NY and Spectrum Northeast, LLC, an indirect subsidiary of Charter Communications, Inc. as presented by Attorney Michael Albanese and sets the Public Hearing date for Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7:15 p.m. on said Franchise agreement. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by,

A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons

Nays-0

Abstain-0

**OLD BUSINESS:** the proposed Town of Northampton Comprehensive Plan, the proposed amendments to the Town of Northampton Zoning and Subdivision Law has been sent back to the Planning Board with the proposed changes made by the Town Board stated Supervisor James Groff.

The 2022 budget work session has been scheduled for Friday, September 24, 2021 at 10 a.m.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 20, 2021 at 7 p.m.

Councilman William Gritsavage recommended the adjourn the discussion on the Speed limit on the Sacandaga Lake be until next month when there is a full board present at the meeting. It was mentioned that the State does have to approve any changes to speed limits on any lakes in New York. Attorney Albanese was asked to please research that Law for the board for the next meeting. Councilman William Gritsavage stated that he has many people asking about that.

**Executive Session**

**MOTION:** Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to enter into Executive Session at 7:19 p.m. to discuss with the Attorney, property lease/property contract. Seconded by Councilman Art Simmons and passed by,

A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons

Nays-0

Abstain-0

**MOTION:** Councilman Art Simmons motioned to come out of Executive Session at 7:37 p.m. with “No Action Taken”. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by,  
A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons  
Nays-0  
Abstain-0

**Adjourn:** Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 p.m. Seconded by.  
Councilman Art Simmons.  
A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons  
Nays-0  
Abstain-0

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik  
Town Clerk