

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

The Regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, December 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 and Darryl Roosa
Councilwoman: Molly Zullo - Excused

RECORDING SECRETARY: Elaine Mihalik-Town Clerk

ALSO PRESENT: Honorable Michael Albanese, Town Justice-Paulette Lewek and Michael Warner

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motion to approve the November 17, 2021 Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman Art Simmons and adopted by;

A vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons
Nays-0
Abstain-0

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to approve the November 26, 2021 telephonic meeting minutes. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and adopted by;

A vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons
Nays-0
Abstain-0

Res. #2021-23: Resolution Authorizing Transfer of Funds

Councilman Art Simmons offered the following resolution and moved its adoption.
Councilman William Gritsavage seconded the motion.

WHEREAS, within the budget certain appropriated amounts are insufficient to meet certain accounts payable expenses from Budget line items from 2021 Budget for the December transfers;

Dec. 2021

\$500.00

From: SS9010.8- Sewer - Retirement
To: SS9060.8- Sewer – Health Insurance

\$500.00

From: SW9010.8- Water - Retirement
To: SW9060.8- Water – Health Insurance

\$5,000

From: A9901.9 Cap. Reserve fund for Building
To: A5031 Inter-fund Transfer

Reason: Transfer to reserve

\$20,000

From: A9961.9 Cap. Reserve fund for Ambulance

To: A5031 Inter-fund Transfer

Reason: Transfer to reserve

\$20,000

From: DB9950.9 Cap. Reserve fund for Highway Machinery

To: DB5031 Inter-fund Transfer

Reason: Transfer to reserve

\$25,000

From: SS9901.9 Cap. Reserve fund for Sewer

To: SS5031 Inter-fund Transfer

Reason: Transfer to reserve

\$15,000

From: SW9901.9 – Interfund Trans – Water Reserve

To: SW5031 Inter-fund Transfer

Reason: Transfer to reserve

AND BE IT FURTHER

RESOLVED, that this resolution be recorded in the Town Clerk’s minutes and be a permanent record of the Town and a copy be filed with the Supervisors records for auditing purposes.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that the Town Supervisor be authorized to transfer the below indicated funds from within existing accounts of the 2021 budget to cover anticipated expenses;

- Supervisor James K. Groff Aye
- Councilman Art Simmons Aye
- Councilman William Gritsavage Aye
- Councilman Darryl Roosa Aye
- Councilwoman Molly Zullo Absent

Nay-0

Abstain-0

MOTION ON WARRANTS and MONTHLY FINANCIAL REPORT

Councilman Darryl Roosa approved paying the warrants and the monthly Financial Report, Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by,

A vote of 4 Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, Darryl Roosa, and Art Simmons

Nays-0

Abstain-0

2021 Warrants

General Fund “A”	\$ 36,359.33
General Fund “B”	5,157.96
Highway	33,035.66
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,366.75

Sacandaga Sewer District	4,040.09
Sacandaga Water District	<u>4,564.99</u>
Total Warrants	\$ 84,524.78

COMMUNICATIONS

Proclamation – Paulette Lewek

Recognizing Honorable Paulette Lewek for her Many Years of Service
As Town Justice

WHEREAS, the Honorable Paulette Lewek is retiring on December 31, 2021. and
WHEREAS, Paulette Lewek was appointed Town of Northampton Justice in 1989 and re-elected in 1990 and held her position until retirement, and
WHEREAS, Paulette Lewek distinguished herself as a hard-working and dedicated public servant, at all times committed to the best interest of the Town of Northampton, now therefore be it
RESOLVED, that the Town of Northampton Board hereby thanks Honorable Justice Paulette Lewek for her many years of dedicated service to the Town of Northampton and offers its sincerest best wishes on the occasion of her retirement.

Dated under my hand and seal
This 15th day of December 2021
Town of Northampton Supervisor

Paulette Lewek thanked everyone, responding that “it has been my pleasure to serve the Town of Northampton as Justice”.

Supervisor James Groff Opened the floor to public comment 7:03 p.m.

Code Enforcement: A total of \$370.00 was collected in fees and a total of (7) renewal permits were issued in November 2021.

MOTION: Councilman Art Simmons approved the November 2021 Code Enforcement Report as presented. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by,
A vote of 4-Ayes: Darryl Roosa, James Groff, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons
Nays-0
Abstain-0

Proclamation – Art Simmons

Recognizing Art Simmons for his Many Years of Service

WHEREAS, Art Simmons started his career of service as a Town of Northampton Board member on January 01, 2014 during his term as Councilman; and

WHEREAS, As Councilman of the Town of Northampton, Art Simmons will retire at the end of the day on December 31, 2021, and

WHEREAS, Art has served as Trustee on the Village of Northville Board; and

WHEREAS, Art has served as part-time Fulton County Coroner from June 6, 1998 thru December 13, 2013; and

WHEREAS, Art has committed himself to volunteerism, on both Town and Village Committees, serving on several Community Service Organizations, to name a few, such as member of the Northville Merchants Association, the Lions Club, and Publicity; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Town of Northampton hereby thanks Mr. Simmons for his many years of dedicated service to the Town of Northampton and offers its best wishes on the occasion of his retirement.

Dated under my hand and seal
This 15th day of December 2021
Town of Northampton Supervisor

Councilman Art Simmons thanked everyone.

Highway: November 2021 Report

Roads:

- Completed roadside leaf pickup for the season.
- Main Street Cemetery, Townhall Park, and Justice/Ambulance leaf cleanup.
- Roadside brush cutting started on Seven Hills Road in preparation for next season paving project
- Cleanup from wind storm damages
- Collins Gifford Valley Road from the Trailhead to Winneys Pond will be shut down to traffic Monday- Thursdays from 7 a.m. – 4 p.m. for the next 8 weeks for roadside tree removal for placement of National Grid power poles

Repairs/Maintenance

- Repairs completed on Truck #3 and is back in service
- Plows, wings, and sanders have been installed on trucks and ready for winter

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to accept the Highway report as presented. Councilman William Gritsavage seconded the motion and passed by,

A vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, 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 11 cases handled and \$1,605.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Art Simmons and passed by

A vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, William Gritsavage, and Art Simmons

Nays – 0

Abstain – 0

Supervisor James Groff informed the Town Board that Darrin Dietz has filed his appropriate paperwork and he will take office as Town of Northampton Justice as of January 01, 2022.

Election: The 2021 November General Election final results for the Town of Northampton are as follows:

Supervisor – James K. Groff 501

Town Justice – John R. Farquhar 486

Highway Superintendent – Ken Cramer 513

Town Clerk - Elaine Mihalik 518

Councilman – Colleen Cordone 457

Councilman - Darryl Roosa 482

Tax Collector – Robin Wilson 509

Zoning: The Zoning Board meeting scheduled for December 22, 2021 has been cancelled due to no new business coming before the board.

Planning Board: The Town of Northampton Planning Board scheduled for December 8, 2021 has been cancelled due to no new business coming before the board.

Youth/Rec: The Ellsworth family and Sacandaga Feed & Dog Supply they held the Octoberfest and raise \$2,000.00 and they made a donation to the Joint Youth Board. I believe they will be having a presentation at the next regular Town Board meeting.

Historic: The Northville Northampton Historical Society – November 2021 issue titled “HERO”.

Cemeteries: Proclamation will be presented to Gerald (Stu) Van Nostrand at a later date.

Ambulance: Supervisor James Groff reported that he was at the Northampton Ambulance meeting that was held last night. He has stated that that board needed to move on with a few things. They would like to put Mark Sousa as a member so that he can do the drug box, and their by-laws need to be updated. Supervisor James Groff also had stressed to the members that if the ambulance needed a driver for any of their calls to call the Fire Department. It was stated that the ambulance currently does not have a treasurer and it is hard to try and get somebody to volunteer. It was suggested to possible hire Diana Downing to help out.

NEW MEMBER

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to accept Steven P. Sweet as a new member on the Northampton Ambulance Service. Councilman Art Simmons seconded the motion and passed by A vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, Art Simmons and Darryl Roosa

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Refuse and Garbage

Fulton County Department of Solid Waste 2022 Landfill permit renewal Application

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to approve Supervisor James Groff signing the 2022 Fulton County Department of Solid Waste Landfill permit renewal application. Seconded by Councilman Darryl Roosa and passed by

A vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, Art Simmons and Darryl Roosa

Nays-0

Abstain-0

The transfer station will be **OPEN 8 am. – noon on Friday, December 24th, 2021, Christmas Eve and Friday, December 31st, 2021, New Year’s Eve.**

The transfer station will be **CLOSED on Saturday, December 25th, 2021, Christmas Day and Saturday, January 1st, 2022, New Year’s Day.**

Hardfill site: October Report There were a total of 39 vehicles and \$60 collected in fees for Tires during the month of October.

November Report There were a total of 33 vehicles and \$24.00 collected in fees collected for Tires during the month of November. The Hardfill site closed at the end of the day on November 20th for the season.

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

County Transfer Haul	28.63 Ton @ \$53	\$1,517.39
Municipal Direct Haul	79.64 Ton @ \$33	\$2,628.12
Curbside Recycling	9.74 Ton @ \$30	\$ 292.20
Metal Hauling Fee	6.07 Ton @ \$20	\$ 121.40
Electronics	16.23 Ton @0.00	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total		\$ 4,559.11

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:

November 2021

Water:

- November 2020 usage – 1,152,000 gallons pumped
- November 2021 usage –1,044,000 gallons pumped

Meters

- Data logged water meter for Dawn Carmen as requested. Log shows no leaks from meter pit to house or any fixture leaks within the residence.

Repairs/Maintenance

- None to report

Wastewater

- November 2020 daily average flow – 16,000 gallons
- November 2021 daily average flow – 44,154 gallons

Repairs/Maintenance:

- None to report

The Great Sacandaga Lake Fire District formerly known as Northville Joint Fire District:

The Great Sacandaga Lake Fire District held their elections last night for the 2022 slate of Commissioners.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa to approve the Town Clerk’s November 2021 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and passed by

A vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, Art Simmons and Darryl Roosa

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Motion Carried

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report
November 01, 2021 - November 30, 2021**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty
Local Share			
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	13
12.52	Death Certificate 100.00	Death Certificate	10
	Marriage Certificate 10.00	Marriage Certificate	1
	Town Clerk Fees 12.50	Marriage License	1
		Sub-Total:	
		\$135.02	
A2130	Hardfill Site	Hardfill Site	2
84.00	Transfer Station 70.00	Transfer Station	7
		Sub-Total:	
		\$154.00	
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	2
14.00		Male, Neutered 35.00	5
		Male, Unneutered 13.00	1
		Sub-Total:	
		\$62.00	
A2770	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	13
3.25			
		Sub-Total:	
		\$3.25	
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	7
370.00			
		Sub-Total:	
		\$370.00	

**Total Local Shares Remitted:
\$724.27**

Amount paid to:	New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses	22.50
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	10.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation	214.48

Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$971.25

Total Non-Local Revenues:

\$246.98

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 James Groff mentioned that he was at a meeting yesterday afternoon that was held in Mayfield regarding the sewer system. The meeting was to see if the Village of Mayfield was on board with it. The Village Board was happy with this project and want to keep it going. Hopefully, we can keep this project going and get the sewer system up here. I believe that would be a big plus for us stated Supervisor James Groff.

Donated Property

Attorney Michael Albanese explained to the Town Board that he had the documents the Supervisor has to sign on behalf of the Town. Attorney Michael Albanese stated that he will then call the Title Company and will probably send the documents to them and they will record the paperwork. I will ask for all of the fees and after the recording. They will give me the title policy and I will send them to Elaine Mihalik, Town Clerk when I receive the feed back from the Title Company. After discussion a motion was made as follows.

MOTION: Town Board member William Gritsavage motioned to approve authorizing Supervisor James Groff to sign the appropriate documentation on behalf of the Town of Northampton as to proceed with the prior paperwork, file and send the documents regarding Mr. and Mrs. Livingston donation of their Houseman Street property to the Town of Northampton. Councilman Darryl Roosa seconded the motion. The motion was approved by the following vote.

Ayes: 4

Nays: 0

Supervisor James K. Groff	Aye
Councilman Art Simmons	Aye
Councilman William Gritsavage	Aye
Councilman Darryl Roosa	Aye
Councilwoman Molly Zullo	Absent

Contract for fiscal year 2022 for the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to pay \$300.00 for the fiscal year 2022 for the Adirondack Park Local Government Review Board. Councilman Art Simmons seconded the motion and passed by

A vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, Art Simmons and Darryl Roosa

Nays-0

Abstain-0

OLD BUSINESS

Councilman Art Simmons mentioned that at last month's meeting he brought to the board members attention that Mike Sleezer who owns three radio stations who wanted to put a radio station in this area that would serve Mayfield, Northville, and Edinburg. Mr. Sleezer has informed Councilman Art Simmons that he has signed a contract with the owner of the Edinburg Airport. He will be airing on 93.1 FM. I do not think he is on the air as of yet.

Councilman Art Simmons wished everyone a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

Councilman Art Simmons stated that he has had so much fun here that he is going to vote “NAY” on adjourning this meeting.

The January Organizational meeting will be held on Monday, January 3, 2022 at 6 p.m.
The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 19, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 p.m. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage.

A vote of 3-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, and William Gritsavage

Nays-1 Art Simmons

Abstain-0

Respectfully submitted,
Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk