

**TOWN OF NORTHAMPTON
REGULAR MEETING
February 16, 2022**

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, February 16, 2022. 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, Colleen Cordone
William Gritsavage, 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

Also Present: Thomas Spencer, Heidi Darling and Lisa Nally

MOTION: Councilwoman Colleen Cordone motioned to approve the January 19, 2022 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilwoman Molly Zullo and Adopted by a vote of 5-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo, William Gritsavage and Colleen Cordone

Nays-0
Abstain-0

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilman William Gritsavage approved the Abstract and paying the warrants, Seconded by Councilman Darryl Roosa and passed by,
A Vote of 5-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Colleen Cordone, William Gritsavage, and Molly Zullo
Nays-0

Abstain-0

February 2022 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$ 24,806.71
General Fund "B"	17,873.47
Highway	39,949.87
Sacandaga Fire District (Fishhouse)	10,800.00
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,807.08
Sacandaga Sewer District	2,914.45
Sacandaga Water District	<u>5,644.64</u>
Total Warrants	\$103,796.22

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- The Greater Mohawk Valley Land Bank Quarterly Newsletter

Code Enforcement: A total of \$260.00 was collected in fees for the month of January 2022. A total of (3) permits were issued in January 2022: 1-renewal permit application #004-21 Single Family Residence and 2-Municipal Searches.

Code Enforcer Todd Unislawski reported he has submitted and accepted the Uniform Code and Energy Code Administration and Enforcement Annual 2021 Report for the Town of Northampton which was filed with the NYS Division of Building Standards and Codes.

Mr. Unislawski is anticipating a busy year with all of the lots of the Woodward Lake project being sold. Mr. Unislawski will be attending the upcoming training in Lake Placid and he will be out of the office the 2nd of March.

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to accept the Code Enforcement report as presented. Councilwoman Molly Zullo seconded the motion and passed by
A Vote of 5-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Colleen Cordone, William Gritsavage, and Molly Zullo
Nays-0
Abstain-0

Supervisor James Groff opened the floor for public comment.

Thomas Spencer explained to the Town Board that he is looking at bringing back the Northville 4th of July Fireworks display this year. He is asking the Town Board members for a monetary donation for this cause saying that the Village of Northville last night at their meeting has donated \$1,500. It is going to cost \$5,000.00 for the fireworks stated Mr. Spencer. The Civic Association is planning on making a donation toward this also. Heidi Darling noted that the Town Board had in the past donated \$2,500 for the 4th of July Fireworks display.

MOTION: Councilwoman Molly Zullo motioned to approve the Town of Northampton donating the sum of \$2,500.00 toward the 2022 4th of July Fireworks. Seconded by Councilwoman Colleen Cordone and passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo and Colleen Cordone
Nays – 0
Abstain - 0

Heidi Darling also mentioned that Mr. Spencer will need help in cleaning up the debris after the Fireworks display. It gets offered every year but then it never happens. They are asking if maybe the Village or the Town highway crew would help. I forgot to ask last night at the Village meeting. It was suggested to contact the Village of Northville Highway Superintendent-Dan Reidell.

Both Heidi Darling and Thomas Spencer thanked the Board for their generous donation toward the 2022 4th of July fireworks.

Highway:

Roads:

- Winter road maintenance
- Snow removal and hauling
- Tree removal work ongoing on Olaf Johnson Road.
- Thawing out of several frozen culverts.

Repairs/Maintenance

- New cutting edge installed on loader bucket.
- New gearbox installed on Truck #4 Sander
- ARPA funds for highway?

New Business

- Ken Cramer stated that he would like to meet with the Highway Committee members Colleen Cordone and Darryl Roosa to discuss some options as far as what direction to go with the salt reduction equipment with our plow and equipment and such. Ken would like to have a discussion of replacement of one of the trucks. I do not want to sacrifice replacing a vehicle if the cost of getting a different plow for an old vehicle. One of the options is a live edge plow that Edinburg and a lot of the other towns are going to. They are working to clean the roads a lot cleaner so you are using less salt. The cost is \$17,000.00 a piece stated Mr. Cramer. I would like to weigh the options now instead of waiting. Mr. Cramer will get a hold of both Council members to set a date and time they can meet.

-Ken Cramer has asked the Town Clerk to post a legal notice in the Leader Herald newspaper on the posting of Town of Northampton roads of (4) ton limit.

Justice:

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to accept the Justices’ Report, there were a total of 14 cases handled and \$2,141.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilman Darryl Roosa and passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo and Colleen Cordone
 Nays – 0
 Abstain - 0

RES. #2022-05: Resolution Acknowledging Annual Examination and Sign-Off of the Town of Northampton Justice Court Records and Dockets.

The aforementioned resolution was offered by Councilman William Gritsavage and moved it adoption. Seconded by Councilwoman Molly Zullo and carried with a vote as follows

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

RES. #2022-06: Resolution Regarding Centralized Arraignments.

The aforementioned resolution was offered by Councilman William Gritsavage and moved it adoption. Seconded by Councilwoman Molly Zullo and carried with a vote as follows

ROLL CALL VOTE

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

ELECTION: There will be voting in Fish house stated Supervisor James Groff.

ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS: The February 2022 ZBA meeting has been cancelled due to no new business coming before the board.

PLANNING BOARD: The January 2022 Planning Board meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is March 2,2022.

Youth/Rec: The Joint Youth Commission met Wednesday, February 09, 2022 at 6 p.m. Councilwoman Molly Zullo reported that the Commission approved 2022 salaries for Counselors and lifeguards.

The Joint Youth Commission will be advertising a notice for an Assistant Director and for openings for Counselors and lifeguards for the 2022 Joint Youth Summer program.

The Ellsworth family donated from monies received from the 2021 Octoberfest held at the Sacandaga Dog Supply toward the purchase of a portable AED for the Joint Youth Program, two Dog Duty Stations – 1 for the Town of Northampton Park and 1 for the Village of Northville Waterfront Park and they will also be sponsoring a Family movie night in the park this summer.

The Joint Youth received a letter from the Fulton County Youth Bureau with the support of the Fulton County Board of Supervisors will award the Joint Youth Summer Program with \$2,000 for the year 2022 per 2021 County resolution #427 dated 12/13/2021.

Historic: Northville Northampton Historical News Letter entitled “Coffin Plates”.

Ambulance: Supervisor James Groff mentioned that he and Councilman William Gritsavage attended the Ambulance meeting this morning. Councilman William Gritsavage stated there was discussion on reaching out to the Edinburg Ambulance Service on what we can do to better the services for both the communities. The Ambulances are only 4 miles apart and both the Town of Edinburg and the Town of Northampton Ambulances are having problems getting drivers and EMT’s. We are hoping we can get together so we can improve the serves with both communities stated Councilman William Gritsavage.

Councilwoman Molly Zullo asked if we are responding to the Town of Benson. Supervisor James Groff stated “no” we have not received a signed 2022 Ambulance Contract from the Town of Benson and we have not heard anything from them.

Councilwoman Molly Zullo informed the Board that the Town of Northampton Ambulance Service she had heard that they have responded to 24% of the calls made this year.

Refuse and Garbage:

Monday, February 21, 2022 is an official holiday, Presidents’ Day. The transfer station will be **closed**. The station will be **open** on Tuesday, February 22, 2022 regular hours. The Town garage pick up will be picked up on Tuesday, February 22, 2022.

HAULING FEES: The month of January 2022 fees were as follows:

County Transfer Haul	19.72 Ton @ \$53	\$1,045.16
Municipal Direct Haul	55.23 Ton @ \$33	\$1,822.59
Curbside Recycling	11.30 Ton @ \$30	\$ 339.00
Transfer Station Recycling	2.95 Ton @ \$20	<u>\$ 59.00</u>
Total		\$3,265.75

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:

January 2022

Water:

- January 2021 usage – 981,000 gallons pumped
- January 2022 usage – 1,755,000 gallons pumped

Meters:

- Repaired 3 frozen meter/new frost plates installed
- Prepared and submitted the 2021 Annual Water Quality Report
- Prepared and submitted the Water Withdrawal Report

Repairs/Maintenance:

- Repaired water leak in east bound lane of County Highway 123.

Mr. Cramer mentioned he checked the entire line and there is nothing visible. There are pretty incredible amounts of water some of the people are using for some reason.

Wastewater:

- January 2021- daily average flow 22,123 gallons
- January 2022- daily average flow 41,386 gallons

Repair/Maintenance:

- Nothing new to report.

Town Clerk Elaine Mihalik contacted the Association of Towns to ask for both abandoned cemeteries and on water and sewer procedures and legislation literature as directed at the January 19, 2022 meeting. The Clerk stated that she did receive literature from the Association of Towns regarding procedures and legislation for both the water/sewer and on abandoned cemeteries. At the request of Attorney Albanese office, the Clerk was instructed to make copies of the literature received and to present it to each board member tonight for their review and comment.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s January 2022 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilwoman Colleen Cordone and passed by,

A Vote of 5-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo and Colleen Cordone
Nays-0

Abstain-0

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report
January 01, 2022 - January 31, 2022**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty
Local Share			
A1255 6.08	Conservation	Conservation	6

	Death Certificate 20.00	Death Certificate	2
	Registrar Fee 22.00	Registrar Fee	1
	Town Clerk Fees 12.50	Marriage License	1
			Sub-Total: \$60.58
A2130 2,310.00	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	231
			Sub-Total: \$2,310.00
A2544 14.00	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	2
		Male, Unneutered 13.00	1
			Sub-Total: \$27.00
A2770 3.50	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	14
			Sub-Total: \$3.50
B2555 210.00	Building Permits	Building Permits	1
			Sub-Total: \$210.00
B2770 50.00	Municipal Searches	Municipal Searches	2
			Sub-Total: \$50.00
			Total Local Shares Remitted: \$2,661.08
Amount paid to:	New York State DOH for Marriage Licenses		22.50
Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program		5.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation		103.92
Total State, County & Local Revenues:	\$2,792.50	Total Non-Local Revenues:	
	\$131.42		

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

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage Acknowledged the Annual Examination and Sign-Off of the Town Clerk's – 2021 Receipts, Ledger, monthly reports, deposits and monthly bank statements. Seconded by Councilwoman Colleen Cordone and carried with a vote as follows

ROLL CALL VOTE

Supervisor James Groff	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye	Colleen Cordone	Aye
Molly Zullo	Aye		

The Town Clerk has received the Fulton County Public Health 2022 Rabies Clinic Schedule and it is available in the Clerk's office.

SUPERVISOR: The 4th quarter sale tax distribution check to the Town of Northampton has been received and The Town of Northampton's 2021 sales tax is up at 14.5% from the previous year.

Discussion on Resolution: Supervisor James Groff explained that we need to have it place in case we have a disaster so that you can get funding through FEMA or whatever is available at the time. This has helped us stated Ken Cramer, the highway had gotten \$40,000 last year.

RES. #2022-07: Resolution Adopting Fulton County Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The aforementioned resolution was offered by Councilman Darryl Roosa and moved it adoption. Seconded by Councilman William Gritsavage and carried with a vote as follows

ROLL CALL VOTE

Supervisor James Groff	Aye	Darryl Roosa	Aye
William Gritsavage	Aye	Colleen Cordone	Aye
Molly Zullo	Aye		

THE 2021 ANNUAL FINANCIAL REPORT

A legal notice was posted that the Town Clerk has received the Town of Northampton Annual Financial Report for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2021. The report is available for review in the Town Clerk's Office.

MOTION: Councilman William Gritsavage motioned to approve the 2021 Annual Financial Report for the Town of Northampton for the purpose of audit by the Town of Northampton Town Board.

Councilwoman Colleen Cordone seconded the motioned and it carried with a vote as follows
5-Ayes: James Groff, William Gritsavage, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo and Colleen Cordone

Nays-0

Abstain-0

The Northville/Northampton Marketing Strategy Proposal prepared by FCCRG Economic Development Specialist: Kenneth Adamczyk was given to all board members for their review and comment.

Councilwoman Molly Zullo explained that Mr. Adamczyk is grouping the website into the Marketing Strategy Proposal. They have people that would put up a voluble website and then someone from the Town would then update it. Mr. Adamczyk explained to her that he is trying to get a grant to get the website updated or will try to if we go forward with the Marketing Strategy Proposal.

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 16, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: Councilwoman Molly Zullo motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Councilman William Gritsavage seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk