

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

The regular meeting of the Town of Northampton was held on Wednesday, March 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 and Molly Zullo
Absent: Councilman William Gritsavage

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, Attorney Michael Albanese

Also Present: Michael Warner

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to approve the February 16, 2022 Regular Town Board meeting minutes as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilwoman Molly Zullo and Adopted by a vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo, and Colleen Cordone
Nays-0
Abstain-0

MOTION ON WARRANTS

Councilwoman Molly Zullo approved the Abstract and paying the warrants, Seconded by Councilman Darryl Roosa and passed by,
A Vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Colleen Cordone, and Molly Zullo
Nays-0
Abstain-0

2022 Warrants

General Fund "A"	\$ 36,018.66
General Fund "B"	5,049.47
Highway	65,362.96
Sacandaga Fire District (Fishhouse)	0.00
Sacandaga Lighting District	1,838.50
Sacandaga Sewer District	2,488.15
Sacandaga Water District	<u>3,656.33</u>
Total Warrants	\$114,414.07

COMMUNICATIONS

- Monthly Transfers for Abstract of Audited vouchers
- Monthly Report of Revenues & Expenditures
- Charter Communications – Upcoming changes
- Fulton Co. board of Supervisors Resolution #81 – Resolution Adopting the Fulton Co. Multi-Jurisdictional All Hazard Mitigation Plan

Code Enforcement: A total of \$205.00 was collected in fees for the month of February 2022. A total of (3) permits were issued in February 2022: 2-permit application #000-21 Car detached garage and 2-Municipal Searches.

CEO Todd Unislawski reported he has received a complaint. He is working on the resolution and needs a survey map to resolve.

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to accept the Code Enforcement report as presented.

Councilwoman Molly Zullo seconded the motion and passed by

A Vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Colleen Cordone, and Molly Zullo

Nays-0

Abstain-0

Highway:

Roads:

- Winter road maintenance
- Most days spent on Collins Gifford Valley Road cutting trees
- Snow removal and hauling
- Roadside repairs due to flooding.
- Thawing out of several frozen culverts.

Repairs/Maintenance

- Replaced blown hydraulic line, Truck #4
- Repair air-line leak, Truck #2

New Business

- Will start posting roads within the next few days.
- Salt reduction equipment (live edge plows and salt spreader controls – pricing
- Asphalt pricing will affect paving plans

Ken Cramer provided road salt reduction options:

-Replace out current plows with Live Action plows or segmented plow blades. These blades will follow the contours of the roads and remove as much snow and ice as possible thus reduce the amount of salt needed. (Price estimated: \$16,555.00 each x 3= \$49,665.00) plus \$600.00 delivery.

-Purchase and install automatic road salt applicators. This equipment is calibrated with each truck and regulates the amount of salt used at preset application rates. (Price estimate: \$6,000.00 each x 3 = \$18,000.00).

-Purchase and institute a pre storm salt brine system. (Price estimate \$75,000 plus truck).

-Do nothing. Continue with past practices and wait for regulations to be handed down from the APA, DEC, or other regulatory agencies.

-At the present time we need to at least replace the existing carbide edges on the plows at the end of the season explained Ken Cramer, (Price estimate: for 3 sets plus bolts is \$7,000.00). After speaking to numerous Highway Superintendents from nearby towns, all who have switched to the live edge plows and are extremely impressed with the results, including Edinburg, Providence, Hadley and Corinth. It is my recommendation stated Ken Cramer, that at the least we put that money along with the other \$42,665 necessary and invest in three new live edge plows for the 2022-2023 season to try and reduce as much salt consumption as possible as a starting point. There are videos out on them and I can obtain videos from the Town of Edinburg which shows their plows in action and how they can conform to the road stated

Ken Cramer if the board members would like to view it. The plows would be able to be transferred to any new plow truck purchased in the future. It is an investment but will recoup over time and it is saving salt. It is all to help the reduction of salt because there is going to come a time when we are forced to do this. There has been some talk that the Lake Association might help and put some money into some of these investments with the Towns and Villages. We would probably have them by fall if we start now. Supervisor James Groff mentioned that someone is looking into inquiring with the Sacandaga Lake Advisory Council who might possibly help by giving \$10,000 a piece to help the community. With prices going up continually including the price of gas. There was discussion on the micro chips and the cost of getting them installed.

There is money in the reserve fund to cover the cost of the plows stated Mr. Matthews. We have \$50,000 in the reserve fund and \$20,000 is scheduled to go into it this year.

Supervisor James Groff suggested going with 2 trucks with plows and the 2 salt distributors and that would help a lot. He will check with the Great Sacandaga Lake advisor Council.

Ken Cramer mentioned that the price of salt goes up yearly. The County is having a hard time getting salt from their contract. I'm not sure what next year is going to bring. Anything that we can cut back on the better explained Mr. Cramer. If the Board would like, they can look on the APA website where they have numerous articles on the salt reduction.

-Nathaniel Matthews stated that he would draw up a Permissive Referendum resolution on the issue of whether to purchase snow plow equipment, and utilize funds not to exceed \$46,000 from the reserve fund, for the next meeting

Justice:

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to accept the Justices' Report, there were a total of 17 cases handled and \$3,167.00 was collected in fines for the month. Seconded by Councilwoman Colleen Cordone and passed by,

A Vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo and Colleen Cordone Nays – 0
Abstain - 0

-Ken Cramer mentioned that he received a call from Mirabito informing him when they were getting ready to do a delivery at the courthouse. They were telling him that they have been only putting in 30 gallons of kerosene in at a time because the fuel tank was falling apart. Mr. Cramer went on to say to the board that he has since completed the replacement of the old fuel tank. There was discussion on the siding that had fallen off the courthouse this past winter and needs to be repaired.

ELECTION: Supervisor James Groff informed the Town Board that he has met regarding the use of the Fish House Church for elections. The Town will place a platform to the entrance on the outside top step of the church and will build a ramp inside for disabled.

ASSESSMENT BOARD OF REVIEW: Councilwoman Colleen Cordone motioned to reappoint Robert M. Brooks as member on the Town of Northampton Assessment Board of Review, term October 1, 2021 to September 30, 2026.

Seconded by Councilman Darryl Roosa and passed by,

A Vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo and Colleen Cordone Nays – 0
Abstain - 0

CEMETERIES: Town Clerk, Elaine Mihalik has provided material from the neighboring town on their cemetery criteria they follow for their municipal cemeteries, along with a copy of the 01/01/2014 last updated Town of Northampton schedule of fees for burials, cremations, vault fees, foundations, 4-corner post installed, deed transfers, and various cemetery lots sizes for Board review and comment. The Board discussed receiving last months material to review and after discuss a motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to table cemetery discussion and review all of the Cemetery material provided until Councilman William Gritsavage is present and there is a full board present at the next meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Colleen Cordone and passed by,

A Vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo and Colleen Cordone

Nays – 0

Abstain - 0

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

PLANNING BOARD: The March 2022 Planning Board meeting has been cancelled. The next scheduled meeting is in April 2022.

Historic: Northville Northampton Historical News Letter entitled “What is an INK BLOTTER”.

Ambulance: Supervisor James Groff mentioned that he was to hold an Ambulance meeting here this morning but there were cross communications with the date and time the meeting was to take place. There are issues and things that need to be worked on explained Supervisor James Groff. The individuals that did come did start a discussion but we need to reschedule another meeting.

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

County Transfer Haul	21.32 Ton @ \$53	\$1,129.96
Municipal Direct Haul	46.64 Ton @ \$33	\$1,539.12
Curbside Recycling	9.05 Ton @ \$30	\$ 271.50
Transfer Station Recycling	2.79 Ton @ \$20	\$ 55.80
Vehicle Batteries to Recycling	0.12 Ton @ \$00	\$ 0.00
Metal Hauling Fee	3.57 Ton @ \$20	\$ 71.40
Electronics-Transfer Station	1.03 Ton @ \$00	<u>\$ 0.00</u>
Total		\$3,067.78

SACANDAGA PARK WATER & SEWER:

February 2022

Water:

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

-February 2022 usage – 1,669,000 gallons pumped

Meters:

-Replaced two inoperable meters.

Repairs/Maintenance:

-Repaired water leak on County Highway 123.

Wastewater:

-February 2021- daily average flow 17,331 gallons
 -February 2022- daily average flow 37,382 gallons
 Repair/Maintenance:
 -Nothing new to report.

TOWN CLERK:

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to approve the Town Clerk’s February 2022 monthly report as presented by the Town Clerk. Seconded by Councilwoman Molly Zullo and passed by, A Vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo and Colleen Cordone

Nays-0

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**Town Clerk Monthly Report
 February 01, 2022 - February 28, 2022**

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Account#	Account Description	Fee Description	Qty
Local Share			
A1255	Conservation	Conservation	4
3.60			
	Death Certificate	Death Certificate	11
	110.00		
	Marriage Certificate	Marriage Certificate	4
	40.00		
			Sub-Total:
			\$153.60
A2130	Transfer Station	Transfer Station	70
700.00			
			Sub-Total:
			\$700.00
A2544	Dog Licensing	Female, Spayed	1
7.00			
		Male, Neutered	1
		7.00	
			Sub-Total:
			\$14.00
A2770	Minor Sales	Fax	2
2.00			
	Photo Copy	Photo Copy	15
	3.75		
			Sub-Total:
			\$5.75
B2555	Building Permits	Building Permits	3
155.00			
			Sub-Total:
			\$155.00

B2770
50.00

Municipal Searches

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2

**Sub-Total:
\$50.00**

**Total Local Shares Remitted:
\$1,078.35**

Amount paid to:	NYS Ag. & Markets for spay/neuter program	2.00
Amount paid to:	NYS Environmental Conservation	61.40

**Total State, County & Local Revenues: \$1,141.75
\$63.40**

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

OLD BUSINESS:

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. Supervisor James Groff stated that we don't see as much in marketing at this point and time. Councilwoman Molly Zullo stated that she will discuss this with Ken Adamczyk, Economic Development Specialist, FCCRG. After discuss a motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to table discussion and decision making on the Northville/Northampton Marketing Strategy Proposal until Councilman William Gritsavage is present at the next meeting. Seconded by Councilwoman Colleen Cordone and passed by,
A Vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo and Colleen Cordone
Nays – 0
Abstain – 0

There was discussion on the Town website among the board members. Ken Cramer stated that he would like to submit a highway information on the site if it is feasible.

Councilwoman Molly Zullo mentioned that the calendar needs to be updated, and possibly have a Northville/Northampton events page of upcoming events example: the Boy Scouts having a St. Paddy's dinner.

It was asked what the Village is doing. Mr. Matthews stated that the Village is not currently working with a Marketing Director. It was discussed during their Village Budget workshop and they did not budget for it explained Mr. Matthews. They didn't discuss the who or beyond that. It was asked about the Village website. Mr. Matthew stated that Betsy Emery designed it and got it up and running and the Village Clerk, Wendy Reu maintains it for certain portions but if it gets revamped, I am not sure how it is going to be doled out. After discussion a motion was made as follows:

MOTION: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to table discussion and making a decision on the Town website. Seconded by Councilwoman Molly Zullo and passed by,
A Vote of 4-Ayes: James Groff, Darryl Roosa, Molly Zullo and Colleen Cordone
Nays – 0
Abstain – 0

The next Town Board meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 20, 2022 at 7 p.m.

Adjourn: Councilman Darryl Roosa motioned to adjourn at 7:30 p.m. Councilwoman Molly Zullo seconded the motion. All board members were in favor of the motion.
Respectfully submitted,

Elaine Mihalik
Town Clerk