

Inlet Town Board
Regular Meeting
September 10, 2013

The Regular Meeting of the Inlet Board began at 7:30pm with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were: MaryLou Arps, Diane Tyrrell, Rich Lutz, Amy Townsend, Garret Hoffman, Pete Klein, Bruce and Margie O'Hara, JoAnn Meneilly, John Maestri, Shawn Hansen

Officials Present: Councilman Levi, Councilman Faro, Councilman Brownsell, Councilman Schmid, Supervisor Frey

RESOLUTION NO: 82.13 MINUTES

On a motion offered by Councilman Faro, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to accept the minutes from the August 13, 2013 meeting as written.

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

MaryLou Arps and Diane Tyrrell (Birches) were present to speak to the Board about the Wastewater Extension project to be extended on their property and The Woods Inn. An easement had been signed and they were concerned about paying for the previous and present years (2) and at this time since digging has not started and that there is no one contracted to do the project. Supervisor Frey explained that the billing cycle for payment was from August to July and that would still have them in the second year of payments like everyone else in the District. The ladies asked why the project is delayed, as they were told that it would be constructed in July. A lengthy discussion between Matt Cooper from Bernier Carr & Associates, Supervisor Frey and the ladies resulted in a better understanding of the project, its delays and what was to come.

The delays with Hubbard Construction and Marcellus Construction being too busy to do the extension, has the Board coming up with Plan B which would be using the Highway Department employees, Don Haehl and Parks' employees to do the job. They feel it could be done as soon as the paving project scheduled is completed. Details will be worked out should the Board decide to use this new plan should Hubbard not want to do the project for the amount previously quoted on by Bernier Carr & Associates.

MaryLou and Diane asked about being charged for 3.5 EDU's, they wanted it lowered and were aware that NYS sewer law says that each year EDU's can be reviewed. It was asked about water meters to determine usage and Supervisor Frey said that 6 were now in place to be used as a guide but that everyone in the District would need to have one in order to change the entire EDU's chart, which would cost a considerable amount of money. The grant money awarded for this project must be used by the end of the year, thus the urgency for construction to begin.

The Zoning Public Hearing was kept open for the month, allowing for residents to read its contents online or to get the information from the Clerk's office. It was decided to leave it open during the meeting should anyone come forward with a question during this time.

CLEAN WATERS

Matt Cooper spoke of the ribbon cutting ceremony on Friday up at the Treatment Plant. Representatives from many governmental agencies were present and spoke, commending Inlet on getting this project completed. Everything at the plant is going well and the restoration of the landscape is completed. The odor abatement unit will be ordered and installed by S.C. Spencer with low bid of just over \$66,000. There is only \$70,000 left in the contingency line of the budget which will allow for the unit to be installed. Issues with Hubbard Construction are being looked at by Bernier Carr & Associates. Hubbard was late with the completion of the plant and their payments are being reviewed at this time. Bids are put in with estimated items and they would like to be paid for that, not what was used. Diane Tyrrell asked about why MCI wasn't doing the extension work. Matt explained that the delays caused them to take on other work and they also couldn't use previous prices, thus the job would have cost more. To re-bid would also have been costly. Plan B would be the most cost effective at this time. It was asked who would be in charge of the extension work, Supervisor Frey, Shawn Hansen with Patty, Mary and Nick keeping track of the administrative work. The exact work, as in the first project would be done with the tanks emptied and smashed or removed, grading and grass seed.

RESOLUTION NO. 83.13 EXTENSION WORK

On a motion offered by Councilman Brownsell, seconded by Councilman Schmid the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to award the construction of the Wastewater Treatment Extension to the Inlet Highway Department.

The work on the extension is completely covered by the New York State and Empire State Development and no extra Town funding will be used.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

On the issue of the Odor Abatement system, Bernier Carr & Associates have gone over the numbers and have found that there is money in the contingency fund to pay for this system. Bids were received from Lutz Mechanical and Building (\$75,000.00) and S.C.Spencer(\$66,000.00).

RESOLUTION NO. 84.13 ODOR ABATEMENT

On a motion offered by Councilman Faro, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to order the Odor Abatement unit for the Wastewater Treatment Plant to be installed by S.C. Spencer.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

ASSESSOR/PARKS/ INFORMATION/BUILDINGS

All of these department reports are online.

Assessor Durkin wanted residents to know of the requirements for the STAR program. Each homeowner will need to call or go online to apply for the program. Information has been sent to homeowners on this topic by the state. Registration should be completed by December 31 to qualify. Councilman Schmid requests the reappointment of the Assessor.

RESOLUTION NO. 85.13 ASSESSOR REAPPOINTMENT

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Brownsell the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to appoint Tim Durkin for a 6 year term as Assessor for the Town of Inlet as per New York State Tax Law.

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

PLANNING BOARD

The committee is working on the completion of the Comprehensive Master Plan review covering the last 5 years.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Hansen reports that the Skid Steer he was hoping to put on Auction International to sell has not been placed there yet due to the interest in Webb school to possible purchase. A minimum purchase of \$13,000 was asked. The new skid steer has been ordered as per Board approval. The guys have been working in the Plains with Hamilton County highway employees, they hauled stone for the sewer plant restoration, helping at the transfer station and hauling C & D. The sidewalks along 5th lake are being repaved. Shawn will be advertising for a new full time employee for the department.

TRANSFER

The hours are the same, closed for lunch. The newly ordered roll off has arrived which will help out a lot. The decision to stop all commercial C & D has many contractors asking questions. Rich Lutz was present to get some clarity on this issue. This has been discussed at every meeting for the past several months, hoping to find a way to settle this increasing expense of hauling job related C & D. Scales are too costly, which then all would be charged for their C & D, extra staff would need to be present and punch cards for all trash would need accounting staff. A discussion will take place on October 8, next meeting, to see how the first week went on this stoppage of commercial C & D.

TRAILS

It was brought to the Boards' attention that an excavator would be a useful machine for the Town to own instead of the constant renting of such a unit. Many future jobs including the Wastewater extension project would utilize this machine. An used machine was found in Indiana, low mileage, excellent shape, one owner for \$53,000. After much discussion, the owner would be asked to certify it and report back to the Town.

RESOLUTION NO. 86.13 PURCHASE

On a motion offered by Supervisor Frey, seconded by Councilman Faro the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to approve the purchase of an excavator, not to exceed \$53,000 upon being certified by inspection of the machine with a swivel bucket.

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

Two other quotes with that year and model came in over the approved amount.

Round 1 of the LWRP needs to be completed by the end of the month according to DOS. Work on the interior garage walls will be completed by the Parks employees. APA wants to sit down with the committee on the variance request.

TOWN CLERK

She reported that Drakes Inn has renewed their liquor license this month.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

On the November ballot, there is a Township 40 Proposition to be voted upon. It has to do with the land issues in Raquette Lake. The 8% sales tax in Hamilton County goes into effect December 1, 2013. A tree planting in Fern Park playground will take place on September 29th. Time to be announced soon. There will be an Adirondack Community Foundation meeting on October 3rd at 6pm here at the Town Hall to discuss a trust account for the Town.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Shawn requests to surplus some low band radios that they have at the Highway garage. They are not being used and would like to try selling them on Auction International.

RESOLUTION NO. 87.13 SURPLUS RADIO

On a motion offered by Councilman Brownsell, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to allow for the surplus of unused radios at the Highway Department garage through Auctions International.

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO. 88.13 HIGHWAY VOUCHERS

On a motion offered by Councilman Faro, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to pay Highway Vouchers numbered 3287-3289,3300,3383,3333 in the amount of \$7028.69 (Seven Thousand, Twenty Eight Dollars and sixty nine cents).

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO. 89.13 GENERAL/WASTEWATER VOUCHERS

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Brownsell the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to pay General and Wastewater vouchers numbered 3287-3295,3297-3301,3314-3332,3334-3367,3381-3387 in the amount of \$72,852.86 (Seventy Two Thousand, Eight Hundred Fifty Two Dollars and eight six cents). Wastewater Account numbered 3296,3368-3380 in the amount of \$5,701.07 (Five Thousand One Dollar and seven cents).

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

An Executive session has been requested by the Supervisor to discuss the progress of 2 employee issues.

RESOLUTION NO. 90.13 OPEN EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion offered by Councilman Faro, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to enter into an Executive Session at 9:25pm.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried
RESOLUTION NO. 91.13 CLOSE EXECUTIVE SESSION

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Brownsell the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to close the executive session and return to the Regular meeting at 9:50pm.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried
The Supervisor reported that one employee will be working different hours and the situation will be monitored. The second employee will meet with the committeemen and recommend counseling with HR.

Now back in the Regular meeting, the Public Hearing for the Zoning Law will be closed with no more comments heard.

RESOLUTION NO. 92.13 CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Faro the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to close the Public Hearing for the Zoning Law.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried
RESOLUTION NO. 93.13 ADOPTING ZONING LAW

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to adopt Local Law #2 of 2013 titled Zoning Law which supersedes the Local Ordinance of 1966.

Roll Call Vote: Councilman Levi, AYE, Councilman Faro, AYE, Councilman Brownsell, AYE, Councilman Schmid, AYE, Supervisor Frey, AYE

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried
Supervisor Frey thanks the Planning Board, Dr. Lamb, Attorney Feller and the Board for all that has gone into this law over the years.

All business having come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 10:00pm. These are draft minutes only until passed at the next meeting on October 14th.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Wittmeyer
Town Clerk