

Regular Meeting
Inlet Town Board
April 11, 2017

The Board met at 7:30pm and began their meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present were Aimee VanWie, Pete Klein, Shawn Hansen and Dennis Hudson.

Officials present were Councilman Levi, Councilman Faro, Councilman Brownsell, Supervisor Frey, Town Clerk – Patty Wittmeyer -- Councilman Schmid was absent.

The minutes from the March 14, 2017 had no changes.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Frey reported that Bill Scanlon from First Energy met with the Board and gave his report on energy savings through Constellation, which is who the electric supply is through for the Town. It was suggested that the Board goes with the plan of no fixed rate for now as the rates are lowering and should the market change in the coming months, it will be readdressed.

RESOLUTION NO: 19.17 ELECTRIC RATES

On a motion offered by Councilman Brownsell, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to switch to a variable rate with Constellation, anticipating projected savings.

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

ASSESSOR/CODES/INFORMATION/PARKS

Each report in on the Town website. Parks reports, that the new hire is working out great, very productive and an asset to the department.

POLICE

The consolidation of Webb and Inlet Police has hit a snag in Albany. It was not part of the Governor's budget, which has left Senator James Tedisco to start the process of consolidation again!

PLANNING BOARD

Legal is still reviewing the vendor permit information.

HIGHWAY

Shawn reported that the one ton truck which was placed on Auctions International has received a bid of \$7300 and he would like to accept that bid. The plow was removed for the sale.

RESOLUTION NO: 20.19 SELL ONE TON TRUCK

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Faro the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to accept the Bid offered for the one ton truck on Auctions International of \$7300.00.

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

Shawn also asked the Board, for permission to place the 2008 Sterling on the Auction International website, to sell, to the highest bid. They all agreed getting a start on selling that vehicle was a good idea. The new truck has been ordered.

Spring cleaning began around town with sweeping, snow fence removed, and a day will be announced for roadside storm branch removal in May. Uncas road is being raked, getting it ready for summer traveling. The trucks have been serviced, cleaned up from winter and the groomers also. Shawn has planned a few sidewalks along Rt. 28 to be fixed.

TRANSFER STATION

Winter hours are still in effect, closed Tuesday and Wednesday. Lunch, 12-1 closed. Regular hours for summer will begin May 1.

LWRP

Wolf Engineering is working up the final design plans for the Casino pavilion in Arrowhead Park. The Board would like to get it out to bid soon. The changing rooms should be done by June.

YOUTH COMMISSION

The tennis courts are going to be resurfaced before summer. Bids will be sought for this project. The Stuart Foundation has donated \$9,000 for this with the remaining monies to come from the Youth Commission and Parks. The nets were replaced last year with a donation also.

RESOLUTION NO: 21.17 RESURFACE TENNIS COURTS

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to approve the resurfacing of the tennis courts in Arrowhead Park at a cost, not to exceed \$19,000.

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

TOWN CLERK

It was reported rental revenue for the month of March was \$10,468.00.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Frey led a moment of silence for the passing of Lorena Payne, a long time resident of Inlet living on Limekiln Lake road.

A special "Thank You" to Linda Nelson for her 24 years of service to the Town as Tax Collector. Supervisor Frey spoke of Linda's service in many capacities as a insurance broker, helping the Board with the best plans possible and as tax collector, along with her husband as deputy. She always had the Town's interest at heart in whatever she did.

With her retiring, the Board has decided to, like many other towns, include the Tax Collecting position with the Town Clerk.

RESOLUTION NO: 22.17 TAX COLLECTION TO TOWN CLERK

On a motion offered by Councilman Faro, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED BY VOTE:

WHEREAS, the Town of Inlet, County of Hamilton, State of New York currently has the elected position of Tax Collector, AND

WHEREAS, Linda Nelson was re-elected to a two-year term on November 3, 2015 for the period between January 1, 2016 and until December 31, 2017 to the position of Tax Collector for the Town of Inlet, County of Hamilton, State of New York AND

WHEREAS, Linda Nelson has informed the Town Board of the Town of Inlet that she will not be seeking re-election for the upcoming term as Tax Collector, AND

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Inlet would like to appoint the Town Clerk to fill this position as part of his/her duties AND

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Inlet is desirous of exercising their authority pursuant to Section 36(1) of the Town Law of the State of New York to abolish the elected position of Tax Collector for the Town of Inlet and to transfer the functions of that office as well as the authority and responsibility of collecting taxes to the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Inlet.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Inlet, County of Hamilton, State of New York, hereby abolishes the elected position of Tax Collector by exercise of their authority pursuant to Section 36(1) of Town Law of the State of New York; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the functions, responsibilities and obligations previously performed and exercised by the Tax Collector of the Town of Inlet are hereby relegated and assigned to the Office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Inlet pursuant to Section 36(1) of Town Law of the State of New York AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this Resolution shall take effect upon the expiration of Mrs. Nelson's elected term and that no such Tax Collector shall be elected at the next scheduled election.

Roll Call Vote:	Councilman Levi	Aye
	Councilman Faro	Aye
	Councilman Brownsell	Aye
	Supervisor Frey	Aye
4 AYES	0 NAYS	Motion carried with 1 absent

Supervisor Frey spoke of the Board meeting with Denny Hudson and the representative, Bob from DANC on the fiber lines being installed within the Town buildings. The contract signed earlier had the Town paying for the construction of the fiber room in Cottage #4, preparing it for DANC to come in and begin installing the equipment. The electrical work was done by Risley/Townsend. DANC paid for the installing of air conditioning and a few other changes. They are responsible for running the dark fiber lines to Cottage 4, out to the street and continue to the library, school and the firehouse. The Town would be responsible for any equipment needed to connect service to the Town owned buildings. The School and the Firehouse will connect their own equipment. Phones are not included in this and would probably be added on in the fall. DANC would be providing the Town with internet service for the next 30 years.

RESOLUTION NO: 23.17 EQUIPMENT APPROVAL FOR INTERNET

On a motion offered by Councilman Brownsell, seconded by Councilman Levi, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE for the approval to purchase equipment, not to exceed \$10,000, to connect with the dark fiber lines being installed by Development Authority of the North Country (DANC).

4 AYES	0 NAYS	Motion carried
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The funding for this equipment could come from the contingency line in the budget. Supervisor Frey thanks Denny for his help facilitate this work with DANC .

National Grid will be doing tree trimming for the next several months in and around Town.

It was also reported that the Assessment Rate for the Town is at 100% for its property values.

RESOLUTION NO: 24.17 HIGHWAY VOUCHERS

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Faro the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to pay Highway vouchers numbered in the amount of 8067-8069,8109-8114,8157 in the amount of \$4759.77 (Four Thousand, Seven Hundred Fifty Ninw Dollars and seventy seven cents).

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO: 24.17 GENERAL /WASTEWATER VOUCHERS

On a motion offered by Councilman Brownsell, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to pay General vouchers numbered 8011,8011-8012,8051-8054,8055,8056-8060,8061-8064,8067-8071,8074-8082,8110,8115-8132,8133-8142,8143,8152-8157 in the amount of \$61,302.82(Sixty One Thousand, Three Hundred Two Dollars and eighty two cents). Wastewater Vouchers numbered 8065-8066,8144-8157 in the amount of \$3487.22 (Three Thousand, Four Hundred Eighty Seven Dollars and twenty two cents).

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

The Board adjourned at 8:20pm, as all business was brought before this Board. The next meeting will be held on May 9, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Wittmeyer
Town Clerk