

August 8, 2017  
Inlet Town Board  
Regular Meeting

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance at 7:30 pm, led by Supervisor Frey. In attendance were Robin Hill, Bonnie Lutz, Aimee VanWie, Pete Klein, Chris Earl, Denny Hudson, Natalie Streb, Bonnie and Joel Milikan, Shawn Hansen

Officials present were Supervisor Frey, Councilman Levi, Councilman Brownsell, Councilman Schmid, Patty Wittmeyer, Town Clerk  
Council seat "D" is vacant until the election.

The minutes from the July meeting were reviewed with no suggestions for the Clerk.

PUBLIC COMMENT- none

DEPARTMENT REPORTS – online at inletny.com

POLICE

Supervisor Frey spoke of his meeting with Bill Farber, Chairman of the Hamilton County Board of Supervisors', concerning the consolidation between Inlet and Webbs' Police departments. An agreement could not be reached between members of the Senate and Assembly to pass legislature to allow the Towns to look at consolidating across Town lines. There is hope that this topic will be readdressed when the State Legislature is back in session and that the wording on all sides can be agreed upon.

The speed signs were delivered but Chief Kalil has some concern about them and may be sending it back for a different model.

PLANNING BOARD

It was brought to the Boards attention that Tara Arey is interested in filling the alternate position for the Planning Board. She comes highly recommended and able to fulfill this seat.

RESOLUTION NO: 39.17 PLANNING BOARD MEMBER

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to approve Tara Arey as the second alternate for the Planning Board.

4 AYES                      0 NAYS                      Motion carried

The Board has had several weeks to review the proposed vendor permit prepared by the Planning Board. A Public Hearing will be set for September 12, 2017 at 7:45pm. Comments will be heard at this time. Copies of this proposed permit is online and also available in the Town Clerk's office.

RESOLUTION NO: 40.17 PUBLIC HEARING ON VENDOR PERMIT

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to schedule the Public Hearing for September 12, 2017 to begin at 7:45pm to approve the new Vendor Permit.

4 AYES                      0 NAYS                      Motion carried

The language from this permit was drafted from another Town and some of it does not apply to Inlet and was omitted.

Supervisor Frey would like to see members of the Planning Board at this meeting to answer any questions that may come up.

#### HIGHWAY

The employees have been clean up the stump lot, hanging banners for upcoming events, fixing brakes on the truck, working in the Moose River Plains, clearing debris and working on the trails. The new truck should be ready sometime this month. The 2008 Sterling has been listed on Auctions International in hopes of getting a good offer.

Supervisor Frey spoke concerning leasing the new Tandem plow truck options and looking for a good percentage rate. 3.18% for a cost of \$160,000 was agreed upon. The local banks do not offer lease packages.

#### RESOLUTION 41.17 TRUCK FINANCIAL PACKAGE

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to enter into a five year lease agreement with Key Government Finance, in the amount of \$160,000 at 3.18% with the first payment due in March, 2018.

4 AYES                      0 NAYS                      Motion carried

#### TRANSFER STATION

Hours of operation for the transfer station are 9-12, 1-6, closed for lunch from 12-1. It has repeatedly asked that patrons arrive no later than 10 too, allowing for the employees there to be able to go to lunch at 12 for their hour and then be back by 1. Interviews will begin for a new hire at the facility. Transfer Station permits are available at the Clerk's office with each resident receiving two (2). Residents are being encouraged to pick them up.

#### CAP-21

Final drawings were received from Wolf Engineering for the design of the casino building to be constructed along the channel in Arrowhead Park. The foundation project will be going out to bid soon after receiving approval from NYS DOS. The proposed dock at Sixth Lake Dam that would benefit the handicap, is waiting the approval from Hudson River/Black River Authority as to the exact location they would prefer to see this dock placed.

#### TOWN CLERK

Revenues for the month of July concerning the cottages was \$19,478.00 and to date, sewer payments of \$11,658.00.

The Zoning Board also asked for the appointment of an alternate to their committee.

#### RESOLUTION 42.17 ZONING BOARD APPOINTMENT

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to appoint Jamie White to the Inlet Zoning Board as an Alternate.

4 AYES                      0 NAYS                      Motion carried

Supervisor Frey asked at this time, a moment of silence for Lee Peabody who had passed just last week. Mr. Peabody served on the Zoning Board for many years.

#### SUPERVISOR REPORT

Supervisor Frey informed the Board of a recent conversation he and Mitch Lee had had with a resident of Inlet. This family was interested in private/public cost sharing to facilitate the

construction of a cell tower within the Town. Several companies over the last few years have talked to the Board about a cell tower but had never committed to having it constructed. Several sites were discussed and Inlet Board went as far as building access up on Fern Mountain. Cell service is important to EMS and Police as well as the general public. Grants for this type of project will be looked into closer to see if something may be a fit for this idea. The Board was asked if they would support the idea of cost sharing for this project, hoping that one of the major companies might get on board.

**RESOLUTION NO: 43.17 CELL TOWER SHARING**

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Levi, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to allow the discussion by residents to try to get public/private support for the construction of a cell tower in Inlet.

4 AYES            0 NAYS            Motion carried

Hamilton County needs to enter into an agreement on the purchasing of fuel for the tanks at the Highway Garage. The tanks there are for all departments within the County to stop, fuel and not have to return to their perspective towns for fuel. This facility was made possible through a Fuel Consolidation Project with the County.

**RESOLUTION NO: 44.17 INER-MUNICIPAL FUEL PURCHASES**

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

WHEREAS, Hamilton County has completed Phase I, Phase II, and III of the Hamilton County Fuel Consolidation Projects, AND

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Hamilton County Fuel Consolidation projects were to eliminate unnecessary fueling depots with the County and to encourage all municipalities, school districts and State Agencies to participate and utilize these fueling facilities, AND

WHEREAS, it is necessary to enter into an inter-municipal agreement per requirements of the Department of State, BE IT

RESOLVED, the Town of Inlet Supervisor is hereby authorized to enter into an agreement with Hamilton County for the purchase of gasoline and on road diesel fuel for five (5) years beginning on June 1, 2017 and ending on December 31, 2022 and the said contract be on file with the Town Clerk.

4 AYES            0 NAYS            Motion carried

An agreement with Hamilton County and the Towns within, have decided one contract signed by all Supervisors would be done, instead of each having their own agreement for Highway Services.

**RESOLUTION NO: 45.17 SHARED HIGHWAY SERVICES- HAMILTON COUNTY**

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Levi, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to sign a Shared Services contract with all the Towns in Hamilton County for the Highway Departments.

4 AYES            0 NAYS            Motion carried

Supervisor Frey thanks Tracey Eldridge, Hamilton County Highway Superintendent for drawing up this contract.

A meeting with NYS DOT will be scheduled to discuss possible work to be done on Route 28, through Town.

The Limekiln Lake dock issue was discussed. At a previous meeting concerning the dock, which is sitting on Town owned property, the association was told that if someone came forward and supplied liability insurance on the dock, it could stay. No one came

representing Limekiln property owners so Supervisor Frey requested Aimee VanWie to send a letter to the Association and that the dock was to be removed.

A property line issue with Peter Sala, Channel Road, was discussed. He had requested purchasing approximately, .035 acres from the Town property in Arrowhead Park. After many discussions with legal, a price was presented to Mr. Sala and he agreed. This sale would not change any use of the Park. A Public Hearing will be scheduled for September 12, 2017 at 8:00pm.

**RESOLUTION NO: 46.17 SET PUBLIC HEARING**

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to schedule a Public Hearing for 8:00pm on Tuesday, September 12, 2017 to discuss openly the sale of .035 acres to Peter Sala on Channel Road, Inlet. This sale will be subject to a Permissive Referendum.

4 AYES            0 NAYS            Motion carried

The Inlet snowmobile trail, which now crosses private property, has been closed. The Board is trying to secure another way around to keep the trail going from Gilbert Road to the Ole Barn. Many options have been presented which include property owned by Dave Corosanti. Councilman Brownsell spoke to another property owner along the Gilbert access trail and received permission to use that parcel to connect to Deerwoods Drive. Discussion followed on allowing that to now be the connector trail. Supervisor Frey had promised Richard and Joan Payne, that Deerwoods Drive would not be used by snowmobilers, so he has abstained from any voting on this motion.

**RESOLUTION NO: 47.17 NEW SNOWMOBILE TRAIL**

On a motion offered by Councilman Brownsell, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to continue talks to use access off of the Gilbert Road to Deerwoods Drive as an open trial for snowmobiles this upcoming season.

3 AYES            1 NAYS            Motion carried

Supervisor Frey will be scheduling budget talks with department heads and setting up times for the Board to meet to discuss and pass the 2018 budget. These meetings are all opened to the Public.

The alarm panel in the Town Hall has taken a turn for the worst. It needs to be replaced. The contract for the new panel was received, along with the yearly service charge, which was much higher then what was already being paid. The new panel box will be better equipped to coordinate with Herkimer County on 911 calls.

**RESOLUTION NO: 48.17 TYCO SECURITY AGREEMENT**

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Schmid the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to agree to the contract with Tyco Security for a new alarm control panel at a cost of \$1700.00 with yearly contract costs of \$699.00.

4 AYES            0 NAYS            Motion carried

**PUBLIC COMMENT - NONE**

**RESOLUTION NO: 49.17 HIGHWAY VOUCHERS**

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Schmid, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to pay Highway vouchers numbered 8495-8497, 8544, 8546, 8548-8550, 8553, 8559 in the amount of \$10,017.90 (Ten Thousand, Seventeen Dollars and ninety cents).

4 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO: 50.17 GENERAL AND 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 8374-8375, 8377, 8469-8471, 8472, 8475-8476, 8493-8498, 8501, 8503-8509, 8510-8528, 8539-8543, 8545, 8547, 8551-8552, 8554-8556, 8560-8561, 8564-8566 in the amount of \$66,859.60 (Sixty Six Thousand, Eight Hundred, Fifty Nine Dollars and sixty cents). Wastewater vouchers numbered 8567, 8557-8558, 8562-8563 in the amount of \$8514.44 (Eight Thousand, Five Hundred, Fourteen Dollars and forty four cents).

4 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

All business to come before this Board was heard, the meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.  
Next meeting of the Board will be September 12, 2017.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Wittmeyer

Town Clerk