

Regular Meeting  
Inlet Town Board  
November 14, 2017

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Frey.  
In attendance were Tara Arey, Susan Lockyer, Lori Hansen, Aimee VanWie, Ted Christadoro, Pete Klein, Shawn Hansen,  
Officials present were Councilman Levi, Councilman Schmid, Councilman Brownsell, Supervisor Frey, Patty Wittmeyer, Town Clerk

The minutes written for the 10/10/17 meeting, Public Hearing for the 2018 Budget and an emergency meeting were reviewed.

#### PUBLIC COMMENT

Supervisor Frey congratulated those who unofficially won the election. Official results weren't posted yet.

#### CAP-21

Supervisor Frey reported that the Casino building proposed for Arrowhead Park will be addressed again in the spring. It may be sent out to rebid.

#### ASSESSOR/CODES/INFORMATION/PARKS

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Clean Water report given by Supervisor Frey commented that there was a problem when the power went off, the generator stopped working after 2 hours causing a power outlay situation with the panel board. Don Haehl went to the plant, accessed the problem, called Koester employee for assistance. Parts were sent in that day and the plant was again running fine. Discussion concerning issues caused by brown outs need to be addressed, hoping to separate the lines so the power runs off the inverter, with battery backup which will be recharged when the power comes back on.

The waiver from New York State Retirement for Patrolman Lockyer was given for two months.

Continuance depends on the number of applicants on the civil service list, those looking for a full time position. She could reapply should there be no one on the list.

A meeting with Senator Tedisco and Assembly member Butler will take place on Nov. 29 in Albany on the consolidation of departments. They are just seeking permission to consolidate across county lines.

#### PLANNING BOARD

Only a lot line adjustment was approved at the last meeting. Parking issue comments were sent to NYS DOT along with request for improvements. Supervisor Frey has not heard back from DOT.

#### HIGHWAY

Shawn reported the new plow truck should be delivered in two weeks. He visited the dealership to review the additions to the truck. Leaves were swept, cleaned the top of the sledding from trees to make it flat, filled in Jasper Day trail and access to the bridge to allow for snowmobiles, during the "Shoot Out" only, to get to and from the Ole' Barn for the event. Brushing has been done on the MRP trails, snow fence has been put up, signs placed, a new culvert was installed on Uncas Road and the shoulders of the road there were completed. Garbage was hauled and the dock at Fourth Lake was brought in.

#### TRANSFER STATION

The station is on the winter schedule, Thursday – Monday, closed 12-1 for lunch.

#### TOWN CLERK

It was reported that 2 delinquent sewer bills were sent to Real Property Services.

Also, "Thank You" cards were received from KYAC and the CTS van for donations given by the Town.

The PBA of New York is asking the Town of Inlet, as well as all towns within the Park, to support their resolution for statewide increases in staffing of Forest Rangers. The amount of patrolling has increase by 50%, but staffing has not.

RESOLUTI RESOLUTION NO: 72.17 SUPPORTING POLICE BENEVOLENT ASSOCIATION OF NEW YORK STATE, INC., PROPOSAL TO INCREASE DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION FOREST RANGER STAFFING TO A STATEWIDE TOTAL OF 175

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

WHEREAS; NYS Forest Rangers have provided care, custody and control of the Forest Preserve and all DEC managed lands throughout the state since 1885, protecting the valuable natural resources and the people who recreate there, AND

WHEREAS; Forest Rangers are unequaled stewards of the land who are Police Officers, Wild land Firefighters and Wilderness First Responders that patrol these lands year around, AND

WHEREAS; the addition of over 1 million acres of DEC managed lands in the last several decades, with staffing increases has caused the ratio of DEC managed lands per ranger to grow from 1 ranger per 28,156 acres in 1970 to 1 ranger per 53,752 acres today, AND

WHEREAS; the dramatic increase in recreational use on State lands has led to a corresponding increase in the number of search and rescue operations. In both 2015 and 2016, Forest Rangers participated in over 300 incidents annually. Those numbers had not been surpassed in the Rangers' previous 130 years of existence, AND

WHEREAS; Adirondack communities rely heavily on tourism, associated with State land recreation, which gratefully, has been well-promoted by this administration, AND

WHEREAS; Forest rangers are essential to providing a safe and positive recreational experience for tourists utilizing State land, AND

WHEREAS; the current level of Forest ranger staffing, 135 statewide including supervisors, is not adequate to fulfill their unique mission, given the amount of land they patrol and the number of incidents they respond to, AND

WHEREAS; the proposal by the PBA of NYS to increase Forest ranger staffing has wide public and bi-partisan support from local governments, business groups, environmental groups and outdoor recreation clubs for a simple reason: It protects the people from the land and the land from the people, AND

WHEREAS; this proposal represents the best solution to address the increase in public lands and those utilizing it,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED; that the Town Board of the Town of Inlet, does herby support the PBA of NYS proposal to increase Forest ranger staffing to 175 statewide, which is deemed critically important to our Community, State land, the environment and the People of the State of New York; AND

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED; that a certified copy of the Resolution be forwarded to the Police Benevolent Association of New York, 11 North Pearl Street, Suite 1200, Albany, New York 12207

4 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

SUPERVISOR REPORT

The Public Hearing was held for the 2018 Budget. Updates have been completed showing expenditures with no changes in the budget lines. He reported an increase of 3.97%, which is .24 per thousand. As reported back in September, a donation was received by the Town to pursue the construction of a cell tower. A committee was formed, information was shared and more donations are being sought. The Town put \$25,000 on a budget line, adding to the donation, to allow for the process to begin.

It was asked about hiring another Parks employee to help out with the ski trails as it has mentioned, they are in need of maintenance. Discussion followed with Shawn saying that his guys could at times help out, as they have done, the Parks employees could work with volunteers to see that all the trails are clear and ready to use.

RESOLUTION NO: 73.17 2018 BUDGET PASSAGE

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to accept the 2018 budget as presented by the Town Board.

Roll call vote: Councilman Levi AYE  
Councilman Brownsell AYE  
Councilman Schmid AYE  
Supervisor Frey AYE

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

Two copies of this approved Budget will be sent to the Hamilton County Clerk.

The process of allowing Peter Sala to adjust his plot line, through permissive referendum, has closed with no petitions presented to the Board. His lawyer will prepare the final documents, pay for all expenses in reference to this process, thus no cost to the Town of Inlet.

The Library Board has asked approval for a new trustee to be approved by the Board.

RESOLUTION NO: 74.17 TRUSTEE FOR LIBRARY

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Brownsell the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to approve the Library Board choice for new trustee to be Judy Miller.

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

Discussions continue with Dave Corasanti over the land swap concerning the trails. The Planning Board needs to review plans given to them.

PUBLIC COMMENT

It was asked how far the Parks employees have gotten on the ski trails in reference to clean up. His concern is that many areas will need them to walk in as access by machines isn't possible. Supervisor Frey asked about volunteers helping out by letting Parks know where these problem sites are. The trails were being GPS'd, a new sign will be made and trail signs replaced. Sign in sheets need to be used by anyone going out in Fern Park to work on trails. They can be found in the Information Office. It was asked if a letter could be written, thanking residents for allowing trails to be groomed across their properties as it allows snowmobilers to visit businesses in Town.

RESOLUTION NO: 75.17 HIGHWAY VOUCHERS

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Brownsell the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to pay Highway vouchers numbered 8725-8726,8729,8731, 8807-8809,8821-8823,8825-8826,8830-8831 in the amount of \$15,449.46 (Fifteen Thousand, Four Hundred, Nine Dollars and forty six cents).

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO: 76.17 GENERAL AND WASTEWATER VOUCHERS

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to pay General vouchers numbered 8705-8707,8708,8718-8724, ,8727-8728,8730,8732,8791-8794, 8795-8809,8820,8824,8827-8830,8832-8835,8836-8847,8848-8861,8862-8885 in the amount of \$ 72,322.60(Seventy Two Thousand, Three Hundred Twenty Two Dollars and sixty cents). Wastewater vouchers numbered 8886-8897 in the amount of \$20,875.41(Twenty Thousand, Eight Hundred, Five Dollars and forty one cents).

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

The next meeting of the Town Board will be December 12, 2017 at 7:30 pm. All business to come before this Board was heard and the meeting adjourned at 8:25pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Wittmeyer  
Town Clerk