

December 12, 2017
Regular Meeting
Inlet Town Board

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor Frey at 7:30pm.
Present were Robin Hill, Dave Beck, Shawn Hansen, John Townsend
Officials present were Supervisor Frey, Councilman Levi, Councilman Brownsell, Councilman Schmid, Patty Wittmeyer, Town Clerk

Supervisor Frey asked for the following resolution to fill the vacant seat of the Board by newly elected John Townsend.

RESOLUTION NO: 67.17 APPOINTMENT OF NEW COUNCILMAN

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to appoint John Townsend II earlier then the January 1st. date to begin his term as Councilman for the Inlet Town Board, effective December 12, 2017.

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

Councilman Townsend took his place on the Board for the remainder of this meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

A resident brought up ongoing issues concerning those that like to walk during the winter months. He said he had called NYSDOT since it is a state road, about lowering the speed below 30mph. Supervisor Frey discussed what that would entail. The speed limit was just lowered, leaving few to think they would go even lower. There are logging trucks coming through town at what appears to be much faster then what is posted, sometimes causing walkers to jump out of the way. The Town had looked into getting permission to move the snowmobile/sidewalk in further along Rt. 28 toward the board ramp but has not been given permission by some residents along that route. Councilman Brownsell said he would reopen that conversation to see if it may now be possible. The sidewalks are kept clear where they are not used as part of the snowmobile trail but since there is no other way through Town, other then the sidewalks, there is not much the Town can do. Much conversation followed with Supervisor Frey encouraging residents to call the local DOT offices, discussing the issues and hope that they will come up with a resolution to correct concerns. He said the Planning Board is also sending letters to DOT with concerns on signs, crosswalks and parking along Route 28.

CAP-21

Robin Hill was present to discuss the remainder of the LWRP grant, which needs to be completed by September of 2018. The floating dock, authorized to be placed near the Sixth Lake dam, will be revisited to get this completed. Robin is working to complete the transfer grant, for reimbursement on some of the equipment that has been bought to be used at the recycling center.

DEPARTMENT REPORTS

All are online at inletny.gov

POLICE REPORT

Supervisor Frey spoke of the trip that he, Chief Kalil, Chief Johnson and Supervisor Robert Moore took to Albany. They met with Senator Tedisco and Assembly member Butler over permission to begin, again, consolidation between the two towns' for Police services, across county lines. A letter will be presented to the Governor, explaining the needs and what both Towns' would like from the State.

RESOLUTION NO: 68.17 LETTER FOR SUPPORT

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to approve the support letter by both Inlet and Webb, asking the Governor to support the idea of Police Consolidation across county lines.

5 AYES 0 NAYS

Discussion; this is just to seek permission to consolidate both departments, then the work will begin. A copy of this letter is available in the Clerks' office.

RESOLUTION NO: 69.17 SOLAR SPEED SIGN

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Levi the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to allow for the purchase of another speed sign to be placed at the northern end of Route 28. Shawn Hansen will get the permit from DOT and Chief Kalil will order the sign.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

This new sign will be paid for with funds from the contingency line.

PLANNING BOARD

No one was present.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Hansen reported the department was taken possession of the new Plow Truck with "Pink" plow blades. He was asked what color blades he wanted. He requested pink in honor of Breast Cancer Awareness. The truck had to be calibrated for salt dispensing, then it was ready to go. The guys are plowing, sanding, salting and keeping the sidewalks clear where they can. Shawn thanked me for being his Highway Clerk for the past five years.

TRANSFER STATION

Winter hours are in effect through May 1.

CLEAN WATERS

There have been a few issues at the plant causing the need to order a new pump. A battery back up system, completely relying on batteries has been discussed to stop any future issues when there are black outs and the sensor in the generator doesn't work correctly.

TOWN CLERK

A resolution needed to be sent to the Comptrollers office, notifying them of Justice Marleau's retirement.

RESOLUTION NO: 70.17 RETIREMENT OF JUSTICE

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

WHEREAS: Michael J. Marleau has served as the Town Justice for the Town of Inlet from 1986 to present, dedicating thirty two years to the Court AND

WHEREAS: the Town of Inlet is extremely appreciative of his years of service and wish him well in any future endeavors he may pursue, SO THEREFORE BE IT

RESOLVED, that Justice Michael J. Marleau will be retiring from the bench for the Town of Inlet, effective December 31, 2017.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO: 71.17 RETIREMENT OF HERB SCHMID

On a motion offered by Councilman Levi, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to accept the letter of resignation of Herb Schmid from his position on the Inlet Town Board, effective December 15, 2017.

4 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

Supervisor Frey may reappoint Herb Schmid to the Town Board prior to his new term beginning January 1, 2018.

The Organizational meeting is set for Tuesday, Jan 2, 2018 to begin at 7:30pm.

All newly elected officials will be sworn in at this time.

RESOLUTION NO: 72.17 DEPUTY CLERK

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to appoint Patty Wittmeyer as Deputy Town Clerk for 2018.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Since Supervisor Frey reported that there was public support for a cell tower, a committee was formed to look into the engineering of such a tower, others have come forward with ideas to construct on Town land. Hamilton County has also said that some funding may be available. Much discussion will follow in the coming weeks to try to come up with a plan that may include public or private sector ownership.

Insurance issues on coverage of those hired half way through the year have been discussed. Should they be pro-rated or given full coverage has now become a question for the Board. There is also another retirement issue that the Board needs to discuss soon as more information becomes available to them. A meeting has been set for Tuesday, December 19th at 8:00am for the Board to make their decision on both of these issues. All or any other business will be heard.

The Parks department would like to order a new drag for ski grooming. Mitch has obtained quotes and the lowest was Snowgroomers.net for a Sno-master drag with several additional. The cost is \$2,94475 plus shipping. This item was requested in his budget for 2017.

RESOLUTION NO: 73:17 NEW DRAG

On a motion offered by Supervisor Frey, seconded by Councilman Levi, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to allow for the purchase of a new drag for the ski trails at a cost of \$3,296.62.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO: 74.17 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 8910-8912, 8984-8985,8980-8982,8984-8985,8991 in the amount of \$8,384.37 (Eight Thousand, Three Hundred, Eighty Four dollars and thirty seven cents).

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

RESOLUTUION NO: 75.17 GENERAL AND WASTEWATER VOUCHERS

On a motion offered by Councilman Schmid, seconded by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was ADOPTED by VOTE to pay General vouchers numbered 8810-8813,8898-8899,8900-8901,8908-8913,8924-8940,8942-8958,8959-8972,8973-8978,8983,8986-8990,8992-8995 in the amount of \$94,951.21 (Ninety Four Thousand, Nine Hundred, Fifty One Dollars and twenty one cents). Wastewater Vouchers numbered 8987,8996-9003 in the amount of \$1,984.56 (One Thousand, Nine Hundred, Eighty Four Dollars and fifty six cents).

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

With all business heard, the Town Board adjourned at 8:55pm. A special meeting will be posted for a meeting on Dec. 19, 2017 at 8:00am to reappoint Councilman Schmid and any/all business to come before the Board. The first new year meeting of this Board will be on January 2, 2018 as the Organizational Meeting will begin at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Patty Wittmeyer
Town Board

