

April 10,2018
Regular Meeting
Inlet Town Board

The meeting began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Supervisor, John Frey, at 7:30pm.

Present were Highway Superintendent Shawn Hansen, Lori Hansen, Dennis Hudson, Janet Van Staalduinen, Bill Scanlon, Robin Hill, Peter Klein, Bruce O'Hara, and Jamie Organski

Officials present were Supervisor Frey, Councilman Levi, Councilman Brownsell, Councilman Schmid, Councilman Townsend and Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk

MINUTES

Reviewed. No changes or additions.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Bruce O'Hara spoke. He reported that a friend went to the transfer station at 5:40 pm and it was closed. Shawn Hansen apologized and stated he would look into it.

Janet Van Staalduinen complained at the sight of the shower building near EZ Mart and felt that it was a hazard. Supervisor Frey explained that we were aware and Codes Officer Aimee VanWie was issuing notice that something needed to be done.

PHONE SYSTEM

Dennis Hudson gave an update regarding the new phone system that is being rolled out currently and the next few weeks. This system will save a lot of money on our monthly phone bill. It will also allow people to reach employees through their cell phones while away from their desk.

COMMUNICATION TOWER

The location on Mr. Funk's property will not work for Hamilton County's Microwave without a 200' plus tower. Still looking at Corasanti location. There was discussion regarding what options we might have for locations and use of fiber to assist with communications.

Supervisor Frey presented that the County is looking to hire a grant writer to potentially obtain a grant from Northern Border Regional Commission. We would share the costs of the grant application writing with the other towns in the County and our portion would be \$5,000. Councilman Levi asked why we are unable to use CAP21 for this purpose. Robin Hill mentioned that they have never done a partnership such as this.

Councilman Levi made a **MOTION** to contribute an amount not to exceed \$5,000 toward the costs of a grant writer to apply for a grant for our communication needs. Councilman Schmid **SECONDED**.

ADOPTED 5 AYES
0 NAYS

Councilman Schmid added that he felt it was important that we show good faith with the County by doing this.

ENERGY RATES

Bill Scanlon from Constellation, our current energy supplier, spoke that the market rates were very stable except January and July. He recommended that we fix at a rate of \$.04169. This rate would be good from May 8, 2018 until April 16, 2019. This would protect us of any large increase in energy costs and makes it easier to budget.

Councilman Brownsell made a **MOTION** to lock this rate at .04169 for the period of 5/8/18 to 4/16/19. Councilman Townsend **SECONDED**.

ADOPTED 5 AYES
0 NAYS

CAP 21 – LWRP GRANT

Supervisor Frey expressed how important he felt it was that we get an extension on the LWRP grant and that CAP 21 ask for an extension. With the inclement weather and only receiving one bid, which had to be rejected, we were unable to start the project in a timely manner. He is asking until end of May, 2019.

Robin Hill reported that they closed out the Main Street grant with Indian Lake. She recommended that it was better to focus on one application with one town instead of doing multiple towns.

FERN PARK MASTER PLAN

Would like to see new sign for Fern Park

INFORMATION OFFICE

Report is available online and attached to agenda each month

ASSESSOR/CODES

Report is available at Town Clerk's office and attached to agenda each month

PARKS

Councilman Townsend reported that they received quotes on lifts and thought they would need to get together with Highway to discuss the possibility of sharing the costs.

Janet Van Staaldunen asked if the bathrooms at Seventh Lake boat launch will be take care of. Supervisor Frey reported that he was informed that they would be addressed.

LIMEKILN CAMPSITE

Limekiln Campsite is closed currently. Still working on septic/sewer issues.

POLICE

Proceeding with the police consolidation agreement. Currently sharing Police Chief Ron Johnston. Mr. Farber, at the County, is helping with the shared service plan.

PLANNING BOARD

Working on master plan updates and ideas. Working sessions will be done. Supervisor Frey welcomed the public to read the master plan and offer and ideas.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Shawn Hansen reported that his employees did a great job while he was on vacation and thanked them. The New Mack is at Utica Mack for a software update.

All Town/County Road have been posted with a 6 ton weight limit. Propane trucks need a hardship permit to go on the road with the tonnage limit.

Snow signs and snow fence down.

Have the DOT permit for the radar sign for cedar creek. Just waiting on the frost in the ground for the post.

Started to break down the trucks from the winter.

Shawn reported that it really does help to call 1-800-pothole for potholes in the road or the parts in the road damaged by the snowmobiles. The DOT is likely to listen to the public before the Highway Department.

Janet Vanstaaldulen asked who would have the responsibility to put the ground that has been lifted by the plow back. Superintendent Hansen said he would be happy to fix anything they have done.

TRANSFER/RECYCLE

Still on winter hours. After April 30, will be open 7 days.

The bailer had cracks and was repaired

There was something wrong with the skid steer and Tina was caught in it because the arms were stopped in the way of the door.

CLEAN WATER

Supervisor Frey reported that there was a resident in the sewer district that WAS a vacant lot that is now looking to be connected to the sewer system. Councilman Townsend left the room in the chance that he is asked to bid on the work in his personal business in town. Supervisor Frey feels that the Town should pay the expense to pay for the resident to connect because the engineer missed the idea that T's should have been put in for the addition of people with vacant lots when the sewer district was being built. He stated from the valve back would be the property owners responsibility. The cost to add this resident to the system is approximately \$2,000. It was also noted that these residents with vacant lots have been paying approximately \$200/year already and that this should have been done from day one for these users. If a person is not in the district, they would have to pay themselves to be added to the system. This is for only current residents part of the district. Councilman Levi asked if the budget can handle this expense. Supervisor Frey added that the cost of the EDU was being increased at

this point whether we did this or not. Councilman Levi made a **MOTION** to pay the cost of the saddle connection for the vacant land residents within the sewer district and Councilman Brownsell **SECONDED** the motion.

ADOPTED **4 AYES**
0 NAYS **(Councilman Townsend was absent)**

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk asked for permission to sign up with a reservation company called Lodgify for the cottage rentals. The Board felt that there was a benefit for accountability and marketing. Total Town Clerk revenue was \$7050.00 - \$7020 from cottage down payment and \$30.00 from pavers. Town Clerk will be at the annual NYS Town Clerk Conference from April 23rd to April 25th.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

Still working on the land swap. APA asking for a JIF form which Aimee VanWie will work on.

Supervisor Frey and Highway Superintendent Hansen expressed their gratitude toward the grooming staff for a good year and thanked the property owners again for the use of the private property. Supervisor Frey added that we could not run the system without them and thanked the Barnstormers for all their work.

Superintendent Hansen reported that snowmobile trails are closed and they are servicing the groomers.

ELECTION POLL WATCHERS

Councilman Schmid reported that the Election Board is in desperate need of poll watchers. Lori Hansen asked if you need to take a course. Councilman Schmid reported you do, however, they will pay for it.

There is also a need for Democratic and Republican committee members.

RESOLUTION NO: 11.18 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 9404-9423 in the amount of Four Thousand Seven Hundred Thirty Dollars and Eleven cents (\$4,730.11)

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO: 12.18 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 9424-9445 in the amount of Eighteen Thousand Four Hundred Forty Four and Seventy Four Cents (\$18,444.74) and Wastewater Vouchers numbered 9446, 9486-9492 in the amount of Two Thousand Fifty Three and Ninety One cents (\$2053.91)

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

With all business heard, the Town Board adjourned at 9:12 pm with a **MOTION** made by Councilman Levi and **SECONDED** by Councilman Brownsell. The next general meeting of this Board will be on May 8th, 2018 and will begin at 7:30pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Lutz
Town Clerk