

**August 14, 2018
Regular Meeting
Inlet Town Board**

Bill paying began at 6:30

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

Present were Highway Superintendent Shawn Hansen, Codes/Zoning Aimee VanWie, Janet Van Staalduinen, Peggy Brownell, John Maestri, Gary and Sue Schafran, Bonnie & Joel Millikan, Bill Faro, Jamie Organski, Julie Meeks, Charlie Frey, Bruce VanMeter, Jim McCumber, Becky Townsend and Jason Pallotta.

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

MINUTES

Reviewed and accepted.

PUBLIC COMMENT

MOMENT OF SILENCE - Supervisor Frey first asked for a moment of silence for three members of our community that have passed that will be greatly missed, which are Shirley Collier, Gerald Burrell "Tater", and Virginia Germer "Ginny".

TOWN EMPLOYEES – John Maestri of Solvay Lane thanked the Town employees for a job well done in keeping the Town clean and looking beautiful with the huge crowds we experienced this summer.

LETTER TO BOARD – EMPLOYEES, BOAT LAUNCH AND SPEED ISSUES - **Julie** Meeks read the following letter to the Town Board:

Thank you to Bonnie Lutz for the in-depth notes every month. I enjoy reading them and keeping up with what is going on.

Thank you to Shawn Hansen and the Highway Department for

allowing a "brush" pick up day. It was extremely helpful to us. What took them less than an hour at my property would have taken me at least a full days work burning the wood. I cannot thank you enough for thinking of us on that decision.

Thank you to Tina and Collin at the transfer station for working hard, always being friendly and accessible, and doing a great job. Visiting them daily is a pleasure and we thank them for their hard work!

Thank you to Mitch for being a valuable resource to the town of Inlet. I send guests down frequently to ask him questions regarding fishing, hiking, and general information and they are always impressed with his knowledge.

Thank you to the Town Board for any role you played in the purchase of the speed sign on the bridge near Crosswinds and for your help in getting the speed limit reduced. Which leads me to why I am here tonight. I am not sure where to turn to for help, so I am starting here. Despite the change in speed, many, many people do not abide by the law in the stretch starting at the bridge and continuing past the 4th lake state boat launch. The hill, entering and exiting town, is the area where most people begin and end abiding by the law. People entering town often heavily apply the brakes as they come down the hill. People leaving town often increase their speed as they reach the top of the hill and carry on at a high rate of speed until they get to Eagle Bay. On almost a daily basis I walk the sidewalk next to the road and I have observed hundreds upon hundreds (trying hard not to exaggerate, but I truly feel that is an accurate estimate) of vehicles traveling at speeds over 30mph. I am not talking about 5-10 mph over the speed limit. I am talking about 20-30 miles over. It is to the point where I am nervous to walk my dogs along this stretch. My nephew was here in July and I was nervous to walk with him as well. The scariest part is when

2 groups of people walking the opposite direction must pass each other and one group is forced near or into the road. Traffic does not seem to care, as most do not even slow down despite the heavy presence of people near or in the road. We can blame it on the tourists, but the truth is, there are just as many local people not abiding by the law. This is purely a safety concern on my part. I feel it is nothing short of a miracle that no person or dog has gotten hit. I am asking for your help in this matter before something serious happens. Even if no accident occurs, people should not feel scared, nervous or agitated walking the streets of Inlet on their way to the gift shops, restaurants, park and ice cream shop. I am asking for more of a police presence in this area. Is it possible for the police to sit somewhere along the stretch on a regular basis and run radar? I certainly am not advocating for tourists or locals to receive tickets, fines, etc... It's possible people need reminders. My own father admits to forgetting from time to time that the speed limit has changed. I know the change is frustrating to people trying to get to work and do errands. I know that the increased tourist traffic adds frustration to those trying to live their daily lives. I know many people disagree that the change took place to begin with. I understand that. I get that. But for those of us that live on that stretch, it's very easy for us to understand why it is necessary and important. I plan on addressing several members of the DOT as well, asking for increased signage. But the problem does not just lie in the fact people do not know the speed limit changes. The problem is people do not care that the speed limit changes. And that is where I need your help.

In addition, I am also asking if there can be an increased police presence at the boat launch on the weekends during the summer and fall season. As anyone who lives in Inlet knows, it is a very, very busy area with hundreds of people entering and exiting on a daily basis on the weekends. Each and every weekend there are various arguments between people who are

trying to launch and bring in their boats. Those arguments often lead to very loud, inappropriate conversations that my guests are subject to listening to. Sometimes there is pushing and shoving. Sometimes even physical altercations. I call the police whenever I can, but often times the people are gone or it is over with by the time the police arrive. I am hoping that an increased police presence during the busy times of 10am - 5pm may help reduce the amount of arguing. I have seen the officers over there monitoring the no parking signs, which is great!

I would just like to add that I think our police department does a wonderful job. I have met the officers that work in Inlet and I think they are hard working people who want what is best for our community. I am in no way complaining about them. I commend the job they do and thank them. I strongly support all police, fire, emt and other folks who risk danger every day just by doing their job. I know they cannot be everywhere at once and I am just pointing out several areas where I think their presence would have a positive impact on our community. Thank you for allowing me the time to talk and listening to my concerns.

There was a lengthy discussion after this letter discussing her Julie Meek's points followed. Supervisor Frey responded that we are doing all we can to address the issues.

TOWNSEND TRAIL - Peggy Brownell informed the Board that there is a program that might interest us with the DOT that while they are paving Route 28 in this next paving project for 2019, that they will help defray the costs of paving the Townsend Trail if they are already in the area and paving. Doesn't know everything about it, however, feels it should be looked into to save money. Discussion followed.

PARKING ISSUES - There was discussion about the parking problem in Inlet. There are many people that work throughout the Town that park on Route 28, where there is a huge need to keep spots open for possible handicap or elderly people. Peggy Brownell wondered if more 15-

minute time limit spaces would be possible? She asked why employees working throughout the Town do not park in public parking lots.

Bruce VanMeter expressed his concern and frustration regarding the parking issues in Inlet. Most importantly, people parking in front of the Screamen Eagle where it is marked that there is no parking, many vehicles in town, especially in front of the Tamarack, clearly over the white line, and people parking on sidewalks especially near the boat launch. He feels we need more enforcement and asked if maybe walking patrols could be an option. Discussion followed and again, Supervisor Frey reported that we are aware of the issues and will look at ways of rectifying them.

COMMUNICATIONS

FUNDRAISING

Fundraising for the Emergency Service Tower is still in full swing. We were awarded the Northern Borders Grant, however, no funds have been received. The Tower committee is working very hard to raise the funds needed. Mr. Millikan reported that we have almost \$200,000, and the goal is \$350,000. The Grant is only for 75% and they will only give funds that they deem applicable to the project. Mr. Millikan stated that any funds that are remaining from fundraising and the Grant after the project will be given to emergency services throughout the area. Still looking for approvals from property owners & APA to proceed with the tower. Mr. Millikan asked if they would start construction in spring. Supervisor Frey stated he is unsure exactly when construction will begin because APA approval can take time. The desired location for the tower is Heroux Hill, Mr. Funk's property. The construction is more likely to start next summer. The award letter for the Northern Borders grant will be put on the Inlet website. The question arose that are people being made aware what will happened to the excess funds, if any, when someone makes a donation to the Communication Tower. Supervisor Frey stressed that the award of \$350,000 on the Northern Borders Grant was a huge surprise and we will be lucky to see the entire award.

CAP 21

Still looking for an extension on the LWRP grant.

The 6th lake Dock project is still on hold because there is considerable work that needs to be done on the dam.

FERN PARK MASTER PLAN

Very low attendance at the last meeting, therefore, there will not be an August meeting. Next meeting will be in September. The survey is still available to take regarding Fern Park and is encouraged.

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

Report is available at Town Clerk's office and attached to agenda each month. There was discussion regarding the lift that has been rented and is still needed. The Board understood that all rental fees being paid would be applied toward purchase price, however, that is not the case. Only one month of rental will be applied toward purchase price. Question was asked where the funds would come from. The LWRP grant money that is not being used for the casino would go toward the lift purchase.

Councilman Townsend made a **MOTION** to purchase the lift if the entire rental cost amount will be applied toward purchase price. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

YOUTH POTTERY - Supervisor Frey pointed out that there is a youth pottery program on August 30th at the library from 5-7 pm.

SPECIAL MEETING - Special Meeting regarding the permissive referendum on the Land Swap will be held on **August 28 at 7:30 pm**. Notices will be posted.

SEPTEMBER REGULAR MEETING RESCHEDULED – The September Regular Board meeting will be rescheduled from September 11 until September 18th at 7:30 pm. Bill paying at 6:30 pm.

POLICE

Still in the middle of the consolidation process. Bill Farber recommended we go to Attorney General's office and have Attorney, Mark Schachner do a formal request for consolidation.

Chief Johnston requested to hire David Iacovissi as a part time patrolman. This officer would also teach the annual firearms training required for the officers.

Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to hire David Iacovissi as a part-time patrolman, **SECONDED** by Councilman Brownsell.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

ZBA

Ray Kopp is the new Chairman. Upon James Payne's retirement, there will be a need for another member on the ZBA. Supervisor Frey thanked Mr. Payne for his years of service and included that he will be missed. The recommendation from the Zoning Board of Appeals is Peggy Brownell to fill the vacancy.

Councilman Townsend made a **MOTION** to appoint Peggy Brownell to the Zoning Board of Appeals, Councilman Levi **SECONDED**

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

PLANNING BOARD

Continue work is being done on master plan update. Still looking for suggestions and feedback. Available online. Would really like all

department head's feedback and also input from employees and residents.

YOUTH COMMISSION

LIFEGUARDS – Supervisor Frey reported that due to the lack of lifeguards, our beach would have to close the 24th. He stressed again that anyone that might be interested next year for a position, to please contact someone in the Youth Commission or Mary Marleau.

HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Highway Superintendent, Shawn Hansen reported the following work being completed this month:

- Hauled garbage and recyclables
- Helped out in the transfer station
- Hauled some gravel in MRP for DEC trail crew
- Doing a full rear brake job on the Western Star
- Did some light ditching on North Star Rd
- Swept downtown and sidewalks
- Striped the parking lots and driveways through town
- Installed white delineator in front of Screamen Eagle to help control no parking zone.

And future work/projects:

- Haul garbage and recyclables
- Keep helping out in transfer station
- Do some road work in the MRP with the county

Superintendent Hansen is looking to get bids on a new pickup truck for the Highway. Looks as if the amount is going to be about \$45,000-\$50,000.

SPEED STUDY – UNCAS ROAD

On a **MOTION** by Councilman Brownsell, **SECONDED** by Councilman Townsend, the following resolution was **ADOPTED**

5 AYES 0 NAYS

RESOLUTION NO. 22.18

REQUESTING A SPEED STUDY ON DIRT PORTION OF UNCAS ROAD WITHIN THE TOWN OF INLET

DATED: August 14, 2018

WHEREAS, excessive speeds have been reported on the dirt portion of Uncas Road in the Town of Inlet by residents, and

WHEREAS, Highway Superintendent, Shawn Hansen has received multiple complaints of excessive speeding on the dirt portion of Uncas Road, and

WHEREAS, the safety of the residents and traveling public is a concern, and therefore, hereby be it

RESOLVED, the Town Board of the Town of Inlet hereby requests and authorizes the Superintendent of Highways to request a speed study for this portion of the Town of Inlet Road by NYS DOT.

TOBIE TRAIL – Received a quote to seal the Tobie Trail from Eagle Bay to Rocky Point and also the areas where the snowmobiles cross between Lutz and Delmarsh property in town. The money will come from the budgeted Townsend Trail money because that project is on hold until the NYS Route 28 paving project is complete. Quote is for \$7,119.

Councilman Levi made a **MOTION** to complete the sealing on Tobie Trail with the estimated price of \$7119. Councilman Schmid **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

TRANSFER STATION – Shawn Hansen stated he tried to find extra help for the Transfer Station, however, was unsuccessful. He has had the Highway crew help keep things running smoothly. Supervisor Frey thanked Superintendent Hansen for providing help to the Transfer Station and Parks Department.

TOWN CLERK

Revenue – Town Clerk revenue for the month of July was \$21,282.50.

Community Transportation Services Contract - Contract and payment were never executed for 2018 contract with CTS for their services to the residents to the Town of Inlet.

Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to execute the 2018 contract with CTS. **SECONDED** by Councilman Levi.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

CHARITABLE TAX DONATION – TAX COLLECTOR SCHOOL

Town Clerk, Yvonne Lutz reported that there is a class available in Canandaigua to learn about the Charitable Tax Donation change that is being introduced in the 2019 County/Town Tax. She would like permission to attend.

Councilman Brownsell made a **MOTION** to have Yvonne Lutz, Tax Collector attend the class on September 17, with one overnight stay in Canandaigua. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

KYAC - Received a request from KYAC to donate. Board stated that we budgeted \$500 for this organization and approved sending them this amount.

RETIREMENT -

RESOLUTION NO: 23.18 REPORTING RESOLUTION

On a **MOTION** offered by Councilman Schmid, **SECONDED** by Councilman Levi, the following resolution was **ADOPTED** by VOTE as written;

BE IT RESOLVED, that the Town of Inlet hereby establishes the following as standard work days for elected and appointed officials and will report the following days worked to the New York State and Local Employees' Retirement System based on the record of activities maintained and submitted by these officials to the clerk of this body;

TITLE	NAME	STD DAY	TERM	DAYMO
Supervisor	JOHN FREY	8	01/01/18-12/31/20	20.75
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector	YVONNE LUTZ	8	01/01/18-12/31/22	25
Board Member	JOHN TOWNSEND II	6	01/01/18-12/31/20	2.72
Board Member	DANIEL LEVI	6	01/01/18-12/31/20	5.50
Board Member	TIM BROWNSSELL	6	01/01/18-12/31/20	4.33
Highway Super.	SHAWN HANSEN	8	01/01/18-12/31/20	25.62
Court Clerk	GEORGIA LEVI	6	01/01/18-12/31/22 (appointed)	8

On this 14th day of August, 2018, I Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk of the governing board of the Town of Inlet, of the State of New York, do hereby certify that I have compared the foregoing with the original resolution passed by such board, at a legally convened meeting held on the 14th day of August, 2018 on file as part of the minutes of such meeting and that same is a true copy thereof and the whole of such original. I further certify that the full board consists of five (5) members and that five (5) of such members were present at such meeting and that five (5) of such members voted in favor of the above resolution.

INWITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the seal of the Town of Inlet.

5 AYES 0 NAYS

Motion carried

Yvonne Lutz
Town Clerk
Town of Inlet
August 14, 2018

COMMUNITY FOUNDATION GRANT IN HONOR OF ALEXANDRA KOGUT – Supervisor Frey read a letter from the Community Foundation informing us that we have been awarded a grant in the amount of \$2196.00 to be used exclusively for Arrowhead Beach Equipment. This grant was given by the Alexandra G. Kogut Memorial Fund at The Community Foundation of Herkimer and Oneida Counties, Inc. Supervisor Frey wanted to thank Mark and Becky Kogut and the Foundation for this charitable grant on behalf of himself, the Youth Commission and the entire board.

SUPERVISOR REPORT

INLET BARNSTORMERS PERMISSION - Inlet Barnstormers have asked for permission to groom Uncas Road. They have groomed Uncas Road in the past years and need permission again this year. Jason Palotta spoke about his concerns regarding the dangers and the fact that private properties are never cleaned up after the season. If the road is groomed, speeds will increase substantially and snowmobiles will drive on the private properties causing safety hazards. He also spoke about vehicles that have gone off the road into the ditch because it is hard to know where the road ends. Many people spoke regarding concerns of the safety issues. The majority of the Board does not feel that it is appropriate to grant permission at this time.

FIRE ALARM SYSTEM – Heads in the fire detection system have been replaced, however, in the quote and replacement they missed 6 sensors/units. We are looking for a quote for those 6 missed.

HEALTH INSURANCE ADMINISTRATION - Upon Mary Marleau's retirement, the Town will need someone to help with health insurance issues and answer employees questions. Supervisor Frey recommended a company he found, Burnham Benefit Advisors to handle these duties. It will not cost the Town anything; Blue Cross/Shield covers their fee.

Councilman Levi offered a **MOTION** to have Burnham Benefit Advisors to handle the health insurance benefits, **SECONDED** by Councilman Schmid

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

PUBLIC COMMENT

Mr. Millikan asked if we have to approve acceptance of the grant paperwork before we sign the paperwork.

Councilman Schmid offered a **MOTION** to approve the grant acceptance and give authorization to Supervisor Frey to sign the paperwork. Councilman Brownsell **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

Peggy Brownell asked if the Inlet Town Board members would be going to the DOT meeting on August 21, 2018 in Raquette Lake. All plan on being there, including Superintendent Shawn Hansen and the Town Clerk.

Mr. Maestri asked about the Laundromat and what the plans were for it. Supervisor Frey stated that Aimee VanWie worked with Mr. Willis to take down the portion that was dangerous and met the definition of an attractive nuisance.

Mr. McCumber asked where the snowmobile on Gilbert Road would go. Supervisor Frey reported that it is staying where it is this year. Mr. McCumber is interested in meeting with Supervisor Frey and Dave Corisanti about obtaining a section of land involved in the land swap.

RESOLUTION NO: 24.18 HIGHWAY VOUCHERS

On a **MOTION** offered by Councilman Levi, **SECONDED** by Councilman Townsend the following resolution was **ADOPTED** by **VOTE** to pay Highway vouchers in the amount of Four Thousand Forty One Dollars and Twenty-Six cents (\$4,041.26)

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

RESOLUTION NO: 25.18 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 in the amount of Fifty Five Thousand Eight Hundred Forty Nine and Seventy-Three Cents (\$55,849.73)

5 AYES

0 NAYS

Motion carried

NO EXECUTIVE SESSION

With all business heard, the Town Board adjourned at 9:15 pm with a **MOTION** made by Councilman Brownsell and **SECONDED** by Councilman Levi. The next regular meeting of this Board will be on September 18th, 2018 and will begin at 7:30pm. Bill paying to begin at 6:30 p.m. There will be a Special Meeting on August 28th at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Lutz
Town Clerk