

**October 9, 2018  
Regular Meeting  
Inlet Town Board**

**Bill paying** began at 6:30

The **Regular meeting** began with the Pledge of Allegiance led by Councilman Schmid in Supervisor Frey's absence, at 7:30pm.

**Present** were Highway Superintendent Shawn Hansen, Codes/Zoning Aimee VanWie, Gary Zawatski, Peggy Brownell, Jamie Organski, and Terry Newman.

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

**MINUTES**

Reviewed and accepted.

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**MOMENT OF SILENCE** – Councilman Schmid asked for a moment of silence for Dan Murdock. He was such an asset to our community and will be missed.

**TOWNSEND TRAIL** – Peggy Brownell thanked Shawn Hansen and the highway department for all the work on the Townsend trail, including the blacktop on the section that kept washing out. She asked what the possibility of doing more was. They would not blacktop the sections that had snowmobile use in the winter, nor would they plow the trail. There was discussion about money to make all the improvements and possible completion dates.

**PARKING IN TOWN ISSUES** - Gary Zawatski spoke about the lack of parking spots in Town and the impact it could have on the local businesses. He asked if there was a possibility of moving the tennis court to Fern Park to open that area for parking. The consensus of the Board was that would never be an option, it would ruin our beautiful park. We are looking to extend the parking lot up toward "cottage #4"

to allow for more parking spots. Mr. Zawatski added if we do not add more parking, the town is limited in how much it can grow.

### **CTS**

Aimee VanWie mentioned that CTS is looking for volunteer drivers. They have very few drivers and none from Inlet. Could really use some Inlet resident volunteers.

**YOUTH COMMISSION** - The Youth Commission is also looking for more people to be in the organization.

**POLL WATCHERS** – Councilman Schmid mentioned again need for poll watchers for our elections. If we do not find more people, the polls will be moved to Raquette Lake.

### **CAP 21**

Still looking for an extension on the LWRP grant. Clerk Yvonne Lutz mentioned that she saw that Robin had emailed a few times for status updates, however, have not seen a response.

### **FERN PARK MASTER PLAN**

Group is going to start researching other areas to get ideas 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. Aimee VanWie mentioned that the new enhanced STAR deduction on School taxes is available. If you are currently registered, no action is needed. Mrs. Brownell asked what was different with Enhanced STAR as opposed to regular STAR. Assessor VanWie explained that enhanced is for over 65 years old and have earned less than \$86,000 in the year.

### **PARKS**

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

## **POLICE**

No update on consolidation.

**DONATION POLICE VEHICLE** – A letter was read from Tim Fenton. He has donated \$25,000 to the Inlet Police Department. The department will be using this to purchase a new vehicle. Mrs. Brownell asked where we would get the balance of funds needed to purchase the vehicle. It was explained that there is money in the budget and we will also sell the old police vehicle to help defray the costs.

## **ZBA & PLANNING BOARD**

**MEMBERS NEEDED** Aimee VanWie spoke regarding the need for more members on both Boards. Mr. Zawatski expressed interest, however, added that he would not be in Inlet for Winter season, which is not a problem.

## **HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT**

Highway Superintendent, Shawn Hansen reported that they have blacktopped Seventh Lake Road and thanked residents for their patience. He apologized for the inconvenience it did cause residents.

In addition, some of the work done this month was as follows:

- Hauled garbage and recyclables
- Moved stage from Fall Festival
- Hauled some gravel in MRP for DEC trail crew
- Started preparing plows
- Pulled dock at Fourth Lake boat launch

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.

Transfer station still open 7 days/week. November 5<sup>th</sup>, they will begin the schedule where they are closed two days each week.

New baler is up and running. Still trying to get caught up from when baler was down. Mrs. Brownell asked why other towns bring their recycling here and they do not take care of their own. It was explained that the agreement is that we process the recycling for the towns. Mr. Zawatski asked if recycling is a bigger job then processing garbage. There was discussion on

the process of transferring garbage and recycling. Mrs. Brownell asked if we carefully regulate the incoming garbage and recyclables. She was reassured that we do.

#### **TOWN CLERK**

**Revenue** – Town Clerk revenue for the month of September was \$23,646.00.

**BUDGET PUBLIC HEARDING** – The Public Hearing regarding the preliminary budget will be 7:45 pm on November 6h.

**REGULAR MEETING CHANGE** - The Regular Town Board meeting for the month of November will be moved to November 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm, with bill paying at 6:30 pm.

**NON DISCRIMINATION AND HARRASSMENT** – A new non-discrimination and harassment policy has been added to the employee handbook. Training will be completed for all employees and each employee will have to sign that they read, received and understand the new policy. Councilman Brownsell **MOVED** to adopt the new policy. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

**4 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED**

**ARROWHEAD COTTAGES** – Peggy Brownell asked if the cottages in Arrowhead Park that the Town owns pay for themselves. It was explained that they bring more revenue consistently each year that what they are costing the Town. Gary Zawatski asked if we compete with other cottage rental businesses. It was explained that we try to keep the rental costs of the cottages higher than any other local cottage rental so we are not competing with our residents.

#### **RESOLUTION NO: 35.18 GENERAL/HIGHWAY VOUCHERS**

On a **MOTION** offered by Councilman Townsend, **SECONDED** by Councilman Levi the following resolution was **ADOPTED** to pay

Highway/General vouchers in the amount of One Hundred Five Thousand Fifty Seven and Eighty-Two cents (\$105,057.82)

**4 AYES**

**0 NAYS**

**Motion carried**

**RESOLUTION NO: WASTEWATER VOUCHERS**

On a **MOTION** offered by Councilman Levi, **SECONDED** by Councilman Brownsell, the following resolution was **ADOPTED** by **VOTE** to pay Wastewater vouchers in the amount of One Thousand One Hundred Fourteen and Nine Cents (\$1,114.09)

**4 AYES**

**0 NAYS**

**Motion carried**

**NO EXECUTIVE SESSION**

With all business heard, the Town Board adjourned at 8:20 pm with a **MOTION** made by Councilman Brownsell and **SECONDED** by Councilman Levi. The next regular meeting of this Board will be on November 6, 2018 and will begin at 7:30pm. Bill paying to begin at 6:30 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Lutz  
Town Clerk