

**Regular Meeting/Budget Public Hearings
November 6, 2018
Inlet Town Board**

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Frey at 7:30 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Present were: Highway Superintendent Shawn Hansen, Robin Hill, Jamie Organski and Terry Newman.

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

MINUTES REVIEW – Supervisor Frey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the October 23rd Bid Opening meeting. Councilman Townsend pointed out that on the resolution for the Highway to purchase the truck cap from Boulevard Trailers for \$1575, Councilman Brownsell seconded the motion. The minutes had incorrectly reflected that Councilman Townsend had made the motion and second.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

MOMENT OF SILENCE - Shawn Hansen asked Supervisor Frey for a moment of silence for Timothy Graham who had passed in October. John Frey spoke about Tim for a moment and expressed his condolences.

COMMUNICATIONS –

BALLOON TEST – The balloon test with Chazen Engineers and the APA is scheduled for November 19th, weather permitting.

TOW COMMUNICATION TOWER – The new Town of Webb Communication Tower is up, however, Supervisor Frey expressed is frustration that there is no emergency generator for the tower during power outages. They did not want torpedo tanks located next to the tower to power the generator. Supervisor Frey expressed how during power outages is often the most important time for emergency communication. He expressed the need for Inlet to have a taller tower to meet the needs for a communication tower. Also, wanted to express that the Town of Webb tower has helped

with signals in Inlet, however, the portable emergency radios are still limited in range and communication strength.

CAP21 –

LWRP - Robin Hill reported that it doesn't appear that the extension for this grant will be approved. The State had wanted to see us go back out to bid for the casino project to reward an extension, however, Supervisor Frey had not sent for bids again until he knew we had an extension. There was discussion if we could submit any other labor or materials under this grant since the last voucher.

PUBLIC HEARING ON PRELIMINARY BUDGET FOR 2019

Councilman Levi MOVED to open the Public Hearing regarding the preliminary budget at 7:45 pm. Councilman Brownsell SECONDED the motion.

The preliminary budget has been posted on the website and has been available at the Town Clerk's office for about 30 days for anyone to review. 2018 Tax rate was \$6.34 and 2019 is to be \$6.49.

Supervisor asked if anyone had questions or would like to speak. No response at this time of the Public Hearing.

DEPARTMENT HEAD REPORTS and INFORMATION OFFICE REPORT – All reports are available in the meeting package or online.

CLEAN WATERS –

CHEMICALS/CLEANING AGENTS - We had a situation again where the PH in the treatment plant was completely off due to some chemicals or cleaning agents being dumped into the system. Supervisor Frey reminded everyone again to please not dump any Drano or similar product into the system. Excessive cleaning products could also cause problems.

POLICE –

CHIEF RON JOHNSTON - Supervisor Frey would like to write a letter in support of extending the contract with Town of Webb for keeping Ron Johnston as police chief for the Town of Inlet. He has done an excellent job.
NEW HIRE – Chief Ron Johnston asked permission to hire Matt Terpening as a new part-time police officer.

Councilman Schmid made the **MOTION** to hire Matt Terpening as an Inlet Patrolman part-time. Councilman Levi **SECONDED** the motion.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

Chief Johnston asked for permission to outfit the new hire, Matt Terpening, with the on-duty firearm at the cost of approximately \$600.00

Councilman Schmid made the **MOTION** to outfit Matt Terpening with the on-duty firearm at the cost of approximately \$600. Councilman Townsend **SECONDED**

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion Carried

Supervisor Frey welcomed Matt.

PLANNING BOARD

MASTER PLAN – Still working on Comprehensive Master Plan. The Planning Board will assign a member of the Planning Board to work with each Department Head to discuss the part of the Master Plan that pertains to them.

YOUTH COMMISSION – The Youth Commission still needs new members.

HIGHWAY AND TRANSFER STATION

WORK BEING DONE -

Just some of the work being done by the Highway Department is:

Pulled 4th Lake Dock

Changed banners on Route 28

Hauled gravel into MRP

Gravel on Uncas Road

Started the new snowmobile trail

Get all vehicles ready for winter

Discussion regarding the new snowmobile trail and work needed followed.

Winter hours are now in effect.

CHANGE IN SPEED LIMIT – the 45 MPH zone is now extended to almost Seventh Lake House. There are flags on the new speed zone signs.

TRANSFER STATION

Winter hours are in effect until May

ST. ANTHONY'S CHURCH

St. Anthony's has requested use of a transfer station bin to take down the garage.

On a MOTION made by Councilman Brownsell, SECONDED by Councilman Levi, permission was granted to St. Anthony's for use of a bin for removal of the garage.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

NEW EQUIPMENT

Superintendent Hansen has a quote for a new skidsteer and a trade-in projection for State bid. There are funds in the Highway Budget pending approval of preliminary budget.

Councilman Townsend made a MOTION to put the old equipment on Auction pending approval of budget and purchase of new Skidsteer. Councilman Levi SECONDED.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

Councilman Levi made a MOTION to order the new skidsteer pending adoption of 2019 Budget as presented in the preliminary budget. Councilman Brownsell SECONDED.

5 AYES 0 NAYS Motion carried

PUBLIC HEARING – TAX CAP OVERRIDE

Councilman Schmid made a MOTION to open the Public Hearing for the Tax Cap Override at 8:15 pm. Councilman Levi SECONDED. Supervisor Frey stated that the New York State Tax Cap is 2% and the Town of Inlet would like to override this tax cap by .37 according to the preliminary budget. This override needs a Majority vote of the Town Board. Supervisor Frey asked if anyone would like to speak regarding this override.

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk reported revenue for the month of October.

BARNSTORMERS

Inlet Barnstormers Club reported that they have put all the signs on Uncas Road to help prevent snowmobile travelers from trespassing on private property or leaving the trail system.

POSTAGE METER

Town Clerk reported that she is trying a postage meter for 3 months to see if it would save money and be more efficient. It saves \$.03 a letter and 39% off packages and large envelopes. In addition, it allows the postage costs to be tracked per department.

SUPERVISOR

FUNDS FOR BIKE PATH

Dave Scranton had written a letter expressing the need for a bike trail from Inlet to Raquette Lake. Senator Tedisco has written a letter that he will give funds to the Town of Inlet for bike and pedestrian safety issues, however, it will not be enough to do something as extensive as a bike path from Inlet to Raquette Lake, nor can we do something at this time because of highway work needed, etc. Supervisor Frey reported that we would like to use the funds for the Townsend Trail and possibility the wall in front of St. Anthony's church to create a safer area for pedestrians and vehicles coming out of the lower parking lot.

HIGHWAY STORAGE BUILDING

We have received plans for the highway storage building and have sent to the Insurance Company and Town Attorney for approval so that we may put out to bid.

THANK YOU

KYAC sent a Thank you for our donation.

TRAILS

Signage has gone up on the trails. Everything looks good.

RESOLUTION #37.18 TAX CAP OVERRIDE

With no public comment or objection, Councilman Schmid made a MOTION to override the New York State Tax Cap of 2%. Councilman Levi SECONDED.

Roll Call Vote

Supervisor Frey AYE

Councilman Schmid AYE

Councilman Levi AYE

Councilman Brownsell AYE

Councilman Townsend AYE

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Townsend made a MOTION to close the Tax Cap Override Public hearing at 8:30 pm. Councilman Brownsell SECONDED.

RESOLUTION #38.18 ADOPT PRELIMINARY BUDGET

Supervisor Frey asked if anyone had questions or would like to speak regarding the proposed 2019 budget. With nobody having questions/comments, Councilman Levi made a MOTION to adopt the 2019 Budget as presented and close the Public Hearing. Councilman Townsend SECONDED.

Roll Call Vote

Supervisor Frey AYE

Councilman Schmid AYE

Councilman Levi AYE

Councilman Brownsell AYE

Councilman Townsend AYE

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

Councilman Levi made a MOTION to pay the Highway bills as presented for the month of October, 2018, Councilman Townsend SECONDED.

Councilman Brownsell made a MOTION to pay the General/Sewer bills as presented for the month of October, 2018, Councilman Schmid
SECONDED.

With all business having come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Next Regular Board Meeting will be December 11, 2018 at 6:30 pm for bill paying and 7:30 meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Lutz
Town Clerk