

**Regular Meeting
December 11, 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, Janet VanStaalduinen, Butch Hartsig, Bruce O'Hara, Aimee VanWie 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 November 6 meeting minutes. None were requested.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

COMMUNICATIONS

BALLOON TEST – The balloon test with Chazen Engineers and the APA has been postponed due to weather and ice conditions.

COMMUNICATION TOWER – Supervisor Frey expressed how the tower in Inlet is still necessary and the lack of a good signal with handheld radios. The poor signal was evident during the recent Lakeview fire. The signal is significantly better on higher ground, but still poor on lower ground.

JUSTICE –

Supervisor Frey wanted to make it clear that the newly elected Judge, Timothy Schofield did not replace Justice Tera Arey. She remains judge. Timothy Schofield was elected to fill the vacancy left when Justice Shwamle retired in June, 2018. Discussion regarding paperwork involved and the Oath of Office for Justice Elect Timothy Schofield followed.

Councilman Townsend made the **motion** to have Timothy Schofield start the paperwork process, including the opening of the Justice bank account. Councilman Brownsell **seconded**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS

Supervisor Frey welcomed Tim Schofield.

CAP21 –

LWRP - Robin Hill is attending Town of Webb's Board meeting. Still waiting to hear if extension of the LWRP grant will be approved.

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

POLICE –

Because Susan Lockyer is a retired State Trooper and there is one person on the civil service list for patrolman/woman, we need a waiver from the State of New York to have her full time. The State will not grant the waiver again because of the person on the list. Our recent new hire, Matt Terpening is interested in taking full time status. Discussion on school requirements and civil service followed.

A letter was read from Chief Johnston requesting two new computers with all necessary State software from Reversus, Inc. Two officers cannot be working at the same time currently because of the office setup and lack of computers. Supervisor Frey spoke in support of the computers.

Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to purchase the two computers and software at the cost of \$3025.92. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **Motion Carried**

PLANNING BOARD

MASTER PLAN – Still working on Comprehensive Master Plan. Town Employees and Department Heads should be meeting with a Planning Board member to discuss ideas and recommendations for the Master Plan.

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:

Plowing/sanding

Hauling garbage/recyclables

Work on ski trail , Superintendent Hansen thanked the Parks department for all their help

New snowmobile trail work has taken a huge amount of the staff's time and efforts. Shawn Hansen thanked the property owners again for use of their property to make it possible. Councilman Levi stated what a great job they did on the trail in such a short time.

Installed new culvert on Uncas Road

We will be taking delivery on the new Skid Steer. Received about \$21,000 on auction from old one and was only offered \$15,000 on trade in.

Superintendent Hansen spoke on he is making every effort to keep roads snowmobile friendly, however, they are roads first and need to be safe for vehicles. There was discussion regarding the importance of keeping the roads safe.

Winter hours are now in effect.

Will get new pickup sometime by end of December.

TRANSFER STATION

Winter hours are in effect until May - 9-6 closed for lunch. Also closed Tuesday and Wednesday.

TOWN CLERK

Town Clerk reported revenue for the month of November.

TOWN FLAG

Mitch Lee is working on a possible design for a flag and/or town logo.

WILLIAMSON LAW SOFTWARE

Town Clerk presented a software proposal for a new Accounting, payroll and Town Clerk program. Discussion on the shortcomings of our current software followed. Councilman would like to see better numbers on the sewer portion of the program.

SUPERVISOR

“FREE WEEKEND” – Discussion on the free snowmobile weekend January 25-27 followed. The positives and negatives were pointed out and that it only impacts out of State residents. Supervisor Frey expressed his concern that we could lose funding/grants if we do not support this weekend. Councilman Townsend made a **MOTION** that we do what Town of Webb decides regarding this weekend. Councilman Schmid **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **Motion carried**

FCLA SUPPORT REQUEST

Mr. Hartsig of FCLA spoke about the assistance needed to provide and fund stewards at the boat launch to protect against invasive species. Town of Webb pledged \$2,500 and League Club \$1,500. He stated that Inlet had a very high contaminate rate on the boats being launched. There were a significant number of boats in the decontamination station at Rocky Mountain. There are also stewards at the local Marinas. There was discussion on where the funds would come from in the budget. Councilman Townsend made a **MOTION** to give \$2,000 in support of the program for the year 2019. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **Motion carried**

FUNDS FROM TEDISCO OFFICE

Supervisor Frey is still trying to get a firm answer on the anticipated funds for the Townsend Trail from Senator Tedisco's office. Supervisor Frey would like to use the funds for the Townsend Trail because a bike trail between Raquette Lake and Inlet would not be feasible at this time. Councilman Brownsell made a **MOTION** that the grant be used for the Townsend Trail, Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS

HIGHWAY STORAGE GARAGE

Councilman Brownsell made a **MOTION** to pursue obtaining bids for the Highway Storage Garage with Mr. Rhoad's direction. Councilman Townsend **SECONDED**

5 AYES 0 NAYS **Motion Carried**

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING – Held January 3rd at 7:30 pm.

TRAILS

Shawn Hansen asked that the Trails be added to the agenda each month. We still need more snow. Too many wet spots to drag. Lower trail of MRP needs more snow also, it is a mess right now.

EXECUTIVE SESSION

Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to enter into Executive Session to discuss a personnel issue. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

Councilman Levi made a **MOTION** to reconvene the regular session, Councilman Schmid **SECONDED**.

Supervisor Frey discussed his need to work on his control of his temper.

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

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

With all business having come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 8:40pm. Next Regular Board Meeting will be January 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm for bill paying and 7:30 meeting. Organizational Meeting on January 3rd at 7:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Lutz
Town Clerk

