

**Regular Meeting
February 11, 2020
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, Assessor/Codes Aimee VanWie, Peter Funk, Dave Scranton, Becky Townsend and Don Townsend.

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 January regular meeting minutes. Supervisor Frey just wanted to clarify that he was reaching out to Chazen and C&S regarding the communications tower.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

JOHN TOWNSEND PROPERTY - Townsend family would like to obtain ownership of a strip of land that separates the John Townsend property into two lots. A value would have to be determined and research as to how it could be done is needed. Would also have to have a public hearing, including a permissive referendum. Yvonne Lutz spoke that she believes that strip is where the deeded lake rights to Seventh Lake for her house are. More research from John Deming will be done. Councilman Brownsell made a **MOTION** to start the process with a public hearing opening at 7:45 pm on March 10. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

4 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED
Councilman Townsend recused himself

PARKS EMPLOYEE –

Brad Fox spoke regarding his position with the Town of Inlet and his love for the job. He read a statement to the Board expressing his wishes to keep his job and why things had happened to cause his termination. Brad expressed that he feels it was a lack of communication and dislike from co-workers that caused any issues. He reminded everyone of how hard he works. Mitch Lee defended the accusations that other employees were not easy to get along with and as hard of workers, as Brad had indicated. Dave Scranton spoke and said he felt that Brad was a huge asset to the town and that he is somewhat mistreated. Supervisor Frey clarified that a portion of Brad Fox's pay included a stipend for helping with coverage of the WWTP. Councilman Brownsell added that others were given this opportunity and did not want the job at the WWTP. Dave Scranton added that he doesn't see an issue with an employee being a few minutes late.

COMMUNICATIONS - There will be a communications meeting 2/12 and many will be in attendance. Would like to get a set timeline for the APA permit for tower on Funk's Hill. Supervisor Frey added there is a number to call to get a refund from Spectrum for the outage that happened recently. There was rumor that the groomer, which had hit a pole outside of Inlet was responsible for the Frontier outage, however, that was not the case.

CAP21 – Cap21 is still working on helping different towns secure highspeed internet. Working to have all underserved areas addressed.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – Park's Supervisor, Mitch Lee provides a report each month that is available online and attached to the agenda packet.

ASSESSOR/CODES - Assessor and Codes/Zoning Officer, Aimee VanWie provides a report each month and is available online and attached to the agenda packet

INFORMATION OFFICE – Publicity Director, Adele Burnett provides a detailed monthly report online and is attached to agenda packet. In addition to past events and information about her department, this report will detail upcoming events.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Hansen reported on the numerous projects that they have been working on, in addition to plowing, sanding, installing springs on truck and Mack going out for repairs. The 284 report was discussed and what projects would be encompassed. Supervisor Frey had thanked the Highway Department for all the hard work with the recent storm.

TRANSFER STATION –

Transfer Station is closed Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays. The hours seem to be going well so far. Keeping up on the sorting. Received two quotes for a new 30 yard container. Fairly close in price, however, specifications on each was discussed. The Board didn't see a real difference in the two. Councilman Levi made a **MOTION** to purchase the less expensive one with WasteQuip at \$5595. Councilman Townsend **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

TOWN CLERK -

Reported revenues for the month of January.

RETIREMENT –

RESOLUTION NO: 01:23 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	01/01/20-12/31/21	22.25
Town Clerk/ Tax Collector	YVONNE LUTZ	8	01/01/18-12/31/21	25
Town Justice	TERA AREY	6	01/01/18-12/31/21	4.06
Board Member	JOHN TOWNSEND II	6	01/01/18-12/31/20	2.72
Board Member	DANIEL LEVI	6	01/01/20-12/31/23	5.50
Board Member	TIM BROWSELL	6	01/01/18-12/31/20	4.33
Highway Super.	SHAWN HANSEN	8	01/01/20-12/31/21	25.62
Court Clerk	GEORGIA LEVI	6	01/01/18-12/31/21 (appointed)	4.06

On this 11th day of February, 2020, 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 11th day of February, 2020 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
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Supervisor Frey spoke regarding his frustration on the retirement system and reporting. Regarding the lack of service hours credited, specifically to the justices after retirement.

NATIONAL GRID – Town Clerk presented a letter from National Grid and an easement needed to move a pole from a neighboring property to partially on the Town property in the ballpark area (road). The Board reviewed the proposed location on a map, however, did not feel comfortable signing the easement until the physically went out to the location to determine the new placement.

SUPERVISOR –

AUDIT – Board had reviewed the Supervisor’s reports for the years and all the funds balances/deficits presented by Yvonne Lutz. Some fund lines were overspent, however, were to be funded by other lines that had funds unspent. Councilman Brownsell made a **MOTION** to allow Supervisor Frey and Bookkeeper to the Supervisor, Yvonne Lutz to make all fund lines whole in accordance with fund balances to present the AUD to the Comptroller’s office. Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **Motion carried.**

MEETINGS - Supervisor Frey mentioned that he would be attending the Climate Smart meeting, in addition to a meeting regarding the reciprocal police contract.

SOCIAL MEDIA – Supervisor Frey spoke regarding social media and continued issues. He asked that if a town employee is replying to something public online to please remain positive. Even if acting in a personal capacity, be mindful that you are a town employee.

TRAILS – Groomers have been out everyday, conditions are still thin in spots. Shawn thanked Town of Webb for allowing them to use snow in Eagle Bay to help with thinning trails. The transition of Chip being in charge of grooming is going well. Dave Scranton asked if the golf course has been open yet and at this time, it has not because they need at least 18 inches of snow to groom. Mr. Corasanti was thanked for the use of his equipment and help on the trails. His equipment worked even better with the conditions currently. Dave Scranton asked what discussions have been had with Mr. Corasanti regarding the easements to start working on the land for the mountain bike trails. He added that we are lucky to have someone like Dave Corasanti to work with. Supervisor Frey agreed that he is wonderful to work with.

PUBLIC COMMENT – Aimee VanWie wanted to state for the record that Frank Abel is a dedicated worker and always looks out for the town employees. She added that he drives a long distance to be here and is always reliable.

EXECUTIVE SESSION – Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to move into Executive session to discuss a personnel situation, Councilman Levi **SECONDED**.

Councilman Schmid made a **MOTION** to move into regular session, Councilman Townsend **SECONDED**.

Employee request to be rehired after termination was denied. He was wished best of luck, he is just no longer a good fit.

A **MOTION** to pay highway bills, Voucher #s 996-1038 in the amount of \$9803.47, as presented was made by Councilman Levi, **SECONDED** by Councilman Townsend

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

A **MOTION** to pay General bills, Voucher #'s 975-1059 in the amount of \$85,542.43 and Wastewater bills, Voucher #s 81-88 in the amount of \$4667.38 as presented was made by Councilman Schmid **SECONDED** by Councilman Brownsell.

5 AYES 0 NAYS MOTION CARRIED

All business having come before this Board, Councilman Levi made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 pm. Councilman Townsend **SECONDED**. Next regular meeting will be held March 10, 2020 at 7:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Yvonne Lutz
Town Clerk