

Regular Meeting HELD VIA ZOOM and LIMITED IN PERSON ATTENDANCE

September 8, 2020

7:30 pm

Inlet Town Board

The Regular Meeting was called to order by Supervisor Frey, at 7:35 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance and an apology from Supervisor Frey for starting a little late and explained the Board was busy working on the preliminary budget.

Present were: Highway Superintendent Shawn Hansen, Gary Zawatski, via zoom Dennis Hudson, Codes/Assessor Aimee VanWie and Becky Townsend.

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

BUDGET – Supervisor Frey mentioned that as the budget stands now, there will be a 0% increase in resident’s taxes if their assessment remains the same.

MINUTES REVIEW – Supervisor Frey asked if there were any additions or corrections to the August Meeting minutes. Hearing none.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

WATER POOLING

A letter from Mrs. Kandor of September 6, 2020 was read in which she expressed again how bad the situation is with the water pooling around her house and into her basement. Pictures were presented to the Board before the meeting. She referred to the problem as “illegal draining” of water, which Supervisor Frey took offense to the term “illegal” and stated that he has been working with Hamilton County Soil and Water to remedy the situation. He thanked Mrs. Kandor for the letter. The full letter will be attached to the minutes. Discussion followed as to what is causing the problem and possible solutions.

MOMENT OF SILENCE – Supervisor Frey asked for a moment of silence for the loss of Bill MacIntyre. He spoke fondly of Bill and expressed that he will be missed.

PERMISSIVE REFERENDUM - The public hearing has remained open for the potential land swap with the Townsend estate. There has been a permissive referendum period open for anyone to express arguments against this land swap. The 45 days will be over before the next Board meeting of October 13, however, the Board will not be making any decisions until the Board meeting of October 13. Supervisor Frey recommended that the Townsend family get together with John Deming to start getting some language that will be used.

COMMUNICATIONS –

Supervisor Frey reported that he is still waiting on Tarpan Towers and our engineers to submit the proposal to the APA. The proposed tower behind the church is moving forward with Verizon.

CAP 21 – There is no update on the COVID Relief Fund.

POLICE –

RETIREMENT PROGRAM – The quote for the police retirement did not change. This will be discussed further during budget meetings. Councilman Schmid explained the reason for needing this retirement program for the police.

LETTER FROM CHIEF - Supervisor Frey read a letter from Chief Johnston to formally thank the Board for allowing Inlet Police staff to assist in the homicide scene. Due to the holiday and unavailability of investigating personnel, the scene had to be secured for extended periods of time.

NEW OFFICER – Supervisor Frey welcomed our new Officer, Chris Shean, who is known also as “Beaner”. Happy to have him.

PARKS DEPARTMENT – Park’s Supervisor, Mitch Lee provided a monthly report attached to the agenda.

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/Tourism 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. She is still looking at having the Fall Festival, however, it will be more like a Farmer’s market. She is discussing having no music and food at this year’s event.

BENCHES – Gary Zawatski pointed out that we still need more benches throughout town. Supervisor Frey stated it is hard to patrol them if too many are placed out.

HIGHWAY

Superintendent Hansen’s report provided is as follows:

- Hauled garbage and recyclables
- Brush pick up was a success
- Striped town hall parking lot and parking lot between the two churches
- Patrolled roads in Plains
- Paved Loomis Rd and backed up shoulders. Thank you to The Town of Long Lake and Hamilton County for sending trucks to haul the blacktop.
- Chip sealed Uncas Rd. Thank you to the Town of Long Lake for sending us a truck
- Spread gravel on Uncas Rd
- Helped county with their paving projects
- Hauled gravel for the new storage facility and got things up to grade. Still have more to go, letting things settle a bit.
- Sealed the Tobie Trail.
- Rebuilt mower deck on John Deere tractor
- Brake job on 205 and installed a starter
- Painted some of our snow removal equipment
- Mowed roadsides and weed wacked.

- **TRANSFER STATION –**
- Open 7 days a week from 8 AM to 7 PM. Closed from 12 to 1 daily for lunch
- There was discussion about the fact that people are coming in right before lunch or before night closing. There was a suggestion that they start closing 15 minutes before closing time so that the employees are able to take their scheduled lunch break without interruption.
- Things are going well. Place is clean. Sorting is being kept up with. Staff is working to

TOWN CLERK -

Reported revenues for the month of August. Town Clerk wanted to stress how important it is for renters to be given their transfer station pass while renting vacation rentals. They are to get it from the property owner.

SUPERVISOR –

HEALTH INSURANCE - There was discussion about the current policy as to only pay 80% of an elected official's health insurance and pay 90% for appointed. Question arose as to why an elected official, that works full time, would only have 80% of their benefits paid. Will be discussed during budget.

TOWN OF WEBB HEALTH CENTER – Supervisor Frey reported that Town of Webb finalized a deal with MVHS, and Inlet's contribution would be \$11,000 to the end of 2020. If residents can increase the number of visits and number of residents that use the facility, the funding help may be able to cease. Even Telemed counts toward the number of visits needed.

CENSUS

Supervisor Frey reported that census numbers are extremely low. If you have not completed it, please do so at www.my2020census.gov. He wanted everyone to respond, even if seasonal.

2021 TENTATIVE BUDGET WORKSHOP

Next budget workshop will be October 13th at 6:30 pm.

TRAILS – Supervisor Frey reported that the trail work being done by Fern Park are nice and Corasanti has posted where he wants people to go and where not to go. He asked that people please respect the private property.

PUBLIC COMMENT –

There was discussion regarding the “rumor” that there is almost 30 new kids at Town of Webb School. Supervisor Frey thought that there were about 23 new students.

Supervisor Frey mentioned he feels the Fall will be very busy and that they overheard people talking at Northern Lights how beautiful Inlet was and how much they loved it. Gary Zawatski had people comment that Inlet is “classy”. Discussion followed.

A **MOTION** to pay highway bills, was made by Councilman Levi, **SECONDED** by Councilman Townsend

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

A **MOTION** to pay General/Wastewater bills, was made by Councilman Schmid **SECONDED** by Councilman Brownsell.

5 AYES 0 NAYS **MOTION CARRIED**

All business having come before this Board, Councilman Brownsell made the **MOTION** to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 pm. Councilman Schmid **SECONDED**. Next regular meeting will be held October 13, 2020 at 7:30, with a Budget working meeting at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Yvonne Lutz, Town Clerk