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INLET TOWN BOARD AGENDA

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TUESDAY October 13th 2020

7:30 P.M. - Call Regular Meeting to order

Pledge of Allegiance

Minute's Review – 9/8/2020 Town Board meeting minutes

See attached pages 2 - 4

Public Hearing – Close hearing from 3/10/20 -Townsend request to remove separation & join parcels

Public Comment – Regional covid-19 staying open issues

Communications -Tower Locations?..... All monies collected are still secure w/Cap21

CAP-21 - Covid 19 relief fund update

Police – Retirement plan changes, Staffing, Surplus Patrol Car

Assessor/Codes, Parks/Building/Information

See attached pages 5 – 7

Highway Department – Fall work schedule, surplus equipment.

Transfer/Recycling - Winter Hours – Saturday, Sunday, Monday, Thursday 8-11:45 ,1-6:45 closed Tuesday Wednesday& Friday

Town Clerk Report – Rental & revenue reports

Supervisors Report - Set 2021 Budget Hearing

– Map & Deed issue on file w/County re: Corrisanti / Gilbert Rd swap

Trails – Mountain bike trail work on Fern park property possible grant funding from Northern Borders

Public Comment –

Executive Session – none

Audit Bills - Highway, General & Sewer

Next Regular Meeting– 11-10-20 – 7:15 Bills & updates, 7:30 Meeting

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

**ASSESSOR/CODES
MONTHLY REPORT
September 2020**

CODE ENFORCEMENT

A copy of the monthly report for permit activity is on file in the Town Clerk's office.

Construction continues to be busy this year, even with the shortage of materials and the cost of those materials being nearly double the price from last year. Many Contractors have work booked through next year and some are booking 2 years out.

ASSESSOR

Barry Baker will be coming down this month to update the RPV4 system, usually the State does this but the State employees are not allowed contact yet. Sales prices of waterfront parcels continue to rise, off water prices remain stable.

Respectfully submitted,

Aimee VanWie

Inlet Parks Dept. Report

Submitted By Mitch Lee Inlet Parks Supervisor.

For September 2020

1. *The Parks Department is happy to welcome a new Laborer Employee; Patrick Quinn Who will start Full time on the 19th of October.*
2. *All preparation and Clean up from the Fall Crafters Market went very smooth.*
3. *Docks are put up on the beach till next season and the water system at Arrowhead Park will shut down on Oct 21st. With the large Park Restrooms closed till May 2021.*
4. *Trail work at Fern Park continues, with those trail in the outer loops getting much needed brush backs.*
5. *This years Town Christmas Tree has been donated by Gary Lee. A large healthy Spruce will be cut and transported to the Town Hall in mid November from Eight Acre Wood on Limekiln Road.*
6. *All remaining benches and picnic tables will be put into storage by mid October and Fencing for Private Properties will commence at the end of the Month.*
7. *The New Furniture for the Meeting Room was all put together and placed accordingly.*

Information Office Report
Submitted by Department Head
Burnett

of the month September 2020
Inlet Tourism Director Adele

1. Balance in **Petty Cash** on September 30 was \$24.39.
2. From April 1, 2020 to September 30, 2020 this office processed 18 **snowmobile permits** for the 2020/21 season, which includes 10 that were sold in March and stickers were mailed to all. The Information Office will continue to sell 2020/21 Snowmobile Permits for the preseason rate of \$80 each until November 15, 2020. Permits can also be purchased at the Town of Webb Visitor Center and online at OldForgeNY.com. **I am still hoping Inlet might be able to offer an online shopping cart for snowmobile permits.**
3. During September 2020, \$0 was collected from 0 businesses for a **co-op ad** in the CAA's 2020 vacation planner; and was given to the clerk to be deposited into the Publicity account 6410.400.
4. During September 2020, \$17 was collected towards the **summer concert series**; and was given to the clerk to be deposited into the Publicity account 6410.412.
5. During July & September 2020, \$960 was collected from 10 vendors to reserve 12 spaces in **2021's "Arts in the Park"** and \$1,595 was collected from 26 vendors to reserve 29 spaces in **2021's Fall Festival**. 27 spaces for 26 "Arts in the Park" vendors and 8 spaces for 7 vendors for Fall Festival were rolled over to 2021. This leaves 25 open spaces for "Arts in the Park" and 31 open spaces (including 10 indoors and 2 food) for Fall Festival, which could equal an additional \$4,355 for 2021.
6. The **Inlet Fall Marketplace** went well. Full report available upon request.
7. Still working on details for **Adirondack Christmas on Main Street**. The main purpose of this event is to encourage shopping in Inlet, and there are still several activities that can take place responsibly.
8. We still have the **New York Shootout** on the calendar for now. Heinrich has been keeping in contact with Albany about how to keep this event open and responsible.
9. The **IABA** has resumed to meeting on the first Tuesday of each month. They will have a location to meet socially distanced in person as well as the option to Zoom in for each meeting. Notes and emails shared from IABA can be found at www.GoInletNY.com. They are now accepting dues for 2021.
10. I will continue to keep **Inlet's Update Page** www.inletny.com/inlet/inlets-covid-19-updates updated with information about who's open.
11. The **Climate Smart Communities Task Force** will resume meeting in October. They have a Facebook page and are on Instagram – Follow them!
12. The **Fern Park Master Plan Committee** is hoping people will be able to join their meetings starting October 20 at 7:00 p.m., and then regularly on the third Tuesday of each month. This group will meet in person at the Inlet Town Hall and also have the option to Zoom.
13. The new **sign for the front of the town hall** building by Luke Langworthy looks great! We are now looking into signs for the bathroom building distinguishing restrooms from changing rooms.
14. **Information Office Window Hours** for October will be: Daily 9:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m., closing at 4:00 on Wednesdays & Thursdays. We will continue to try and not have more than one person in the office for extended amounts of time.
15. **Margie** will continue to fill in when needed.
16. Conversations about **installing webcams** at Fern Park, Arrowhead Park and in front of Inlet Town Hall began in July of 2019. Over the winter season, this was discussed again. In addition to this being helpful for security reason, it will be nice to share the webcam views (of the ice

skating rink, sledding hill/trailhead, lakefront & Legion Square) on InletSnow.com with other area webcams. I am hoping to have an update on this to share with everyone soon.

17. Like **Inlet, NY Information & Events on Facebook** and then subscribe to our events to always know what's going on! Inlet is also on Instagram and Twitter!
18. Some **events & meetings** between this and the next town board meeting:
 - October 14 – Winter Marketing Call with ROOST
 - October 14 – Inlet Common School BOE Meeting @ Inlet Town Hall
 - October 14 – Inlet Barnstormers Board Meeting @ Inlet Town Hall
 - October 17 – American Legion Post 1402 Meeting @ Inlet Town Hall
 - October 23 – Shootout Meeting @ Inlet Town Hall
 - October 27 – Fern Park Master Plan Meeting @ Inlet Town Hall & Zoom
 - October 28 – Inlet Planning Board Meeting @ Inlet Town Hall & Zoom
 - October 30 – Inlet Youth Commission Halloween Costume Contest @ Fern Park
 - November 3 – Election Day – Polls open @ IVES Building
 - November 3 – IABA Meeting @ TBD & Zoom

Dates for the rest of 2020 and into 2021: (all dates are being monitored and will only take place if circumstances allow.)

- October 30 – Halloween Parade & Party @ IVES Building
- November 27-29 – Adirondack Christmas on Main Street
- December 1? – Holiday Open House
- December 12 – New York Shootout
- December 13 – Cookie Swap @ Inlet Town Hall
- December 31 – Champagne Bus
- February 27 – Frozen Fire & Lights
- March 13 – “Let’s Get Crooked!” @ Inlet Town Hall
- May 5 – Community Pride Day
- May 31 – Post #1402 Wreath Laying Ceremony @ Legion Square
- May 31 – Hamilton County Memorial Day Parade @ Inlet
- June 12 – Black Fly Challenge @ Arrowhead Park
- July 3 – Tom O’Carroll @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 4 – Jamie Notarthomas & Fireworks @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 10 – Karen Savoca & Pete Heitzman @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 17 & 18 – “Arts in the Park” @ Arrowhead Park
- July 17 – Dan Duggan & Peggy Lynn @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 24 – Annie & the Hedonists @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- July 30 – “An Evening with the Symphony” @ Arrowhead Park
- July 31 – Inlet Classic Car Cruise & Show @ Arrowhead Park
- July 31 – Live Music @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 1 – Ice Cream Social @ Inlet Public Library
- August 6 – Aloha Friday @ Inlet
- August 7 – 6th & 7th Lakes Improvement Association Picnic @ Fern Park & Fireworks over Seventh Lake
- August 7 – Bill Staines @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 14 – Town of Webb All Class Reunion @ The Ole Barn
- August 14 – Dan Berggren @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 21 – Fritz Henry @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- August 28 – Gwen & Jim Tracy @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- September 4 – The Jam Bones @ Arrowhead Lakefront
- September 18 & 19 – Inlet Fall Festival @ Fern Park
- October 2 – Adirondack Kids Day @ Arrowhead Park